

**College of Education
Faculty Policy Council**

Minutes of the November 30, 2015
Regular Meeting
Location: 158 Norman Hall

Attendance

Attending: Kent Crippen (STL), David Therriault (HDOSE), Elayne Colon (SESPECS), Nancy Waldron (Associate Dean), Hazel Jones (Chair--SESPECS), Joseph Gagnon (SESPECS), Diane Porter-Roberts (HDOSE), Tom Dana (Dean), Anna Puig (HDOSE), Pasha Antonenko (STL), Kara Dawson (STL), Alyson Adams (STL), Paul Sindelar (SESPECS), Glen Good (Dean), Thomasenia Adams (Dean)

Absent: Walter Leite (HDOSE), Mary McLean (SESPECS)

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by to *Approve* by Sindelar.
Second by Antonenko.
Agenda for the meeting approved.

Approval of Minutes-August FPC Meeting

Motion by to *Approve* by Sindelar.
Second by Antonenko.
Minutes from October meeting approved.

Dean's Report-Dean Good

- After three years of declining enrollment in COE's nationwide, we have leveled out.
- Norman renovations remains the University's top priority. President Fuchs is advocating with the state legislature. Board of Governors met with the Governor to speak about Norman Hall with pictures of the building.
- Donor support has not been stronger. Many are estate gifts.
- The University is picking colleges to feature in their next campaign. They have chosen to use the College of Education. They are paying a marketing firm to promote the school. Florida Shines and Here Comes Florida. Engineering and Education are the only two colleges mentioned in the efforts.

Informational Items

Committee Reports

- **Budgetary Affairs Committee**-Did not meet this month due to multiple conflicts.
- **College Curriculum Committee**-The meeting on Nov. 9 was cancelled because there were no items to address.
- **Diversity Committee**-Met today. Doing data mining. Carol Beale met with us to discuss University Goal 1 regarding diversity. We will look at data trends during our next meeting.
- **Faculty Affairs Committee**-Submitted a survey to non-tenure line faculty.

- **Research Advisory Committee**-Met on November 16. Discussed CRIF and decided to keep it. We are going to separate the awards in order to increase the visibility of each one.
- **Technology and Distance Education Committee**-Discussed the proposed policy for training of online and blended learning instructors. Began discussing peer review of online courses.
- **Long Range Planning Committee**-Meeting scheduled for first week of December.

Discussion Items

Recommendation from FPC Technology Committee

Purpose: Required training for teaching online and blended courses is a marker for rankings in online programs. The rationale for implementing this requirement is that strong online programs employ instructors with resources and training to provide quality experiences for online learners. Providing an initial professional development upon hiring will ensure all instructors have (or access to) the knowledge and resources necessary to effectively teach in an online and blended environment.

Proposal: Newly hired instructors, faculty, adjuncts or graduate students of online and blended courses at the COE would be notified by the ETC of initial training options. Initial professional learning opportunities will be made available in face-to-face or online formats. Additionally, at the beginning of each calendar year, instructors will be provided a menu of ongoing professional learning opportunities that can be accessed any time for continued professional learning.

Discussion

The primary focus of the discussion was around making the training required/mandatory (i.e., how will it be managed); should program coordinators be required to take the training, and should the school directors review the proposal. The FPC recommended changing the term “required” and defining blended. It was suggested that the Technology committee review the proposal in light of the discussion.

Adjournment

Motion to *Adjourn* by Sindelar.

Second by Antonenko.

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.