

FAUS-COE Research Committee.

May 14th, 2007

Minutes

Present: Jenny O'Sullivan [co-chair], Lorraine Cross [co-chair], Charles Dukes [ESE rep], Gail Burnaford [DTE rep], John Hardman [Henderson rep], Ira Bogotch [secretary and EDL rep], My-Duyen Thi Nguyen [committee GA]

1. Minutes of the last meeting, April 16 were approved with two minor changes [date and spelling].
2. Dr. Burnaford reported that this coming weekend she and others will be exploring continued funding on the FIPSE grant in which Henderson faculty are participating using Action Research. She also reported that graduate students in her pilot Action Research course are close to receiving IRB approval for their individual research projects.
3. The April 21st “writing for publication” workshop designed by Dr. Burnaford was very successful. The committee agreed that this event should be repeated periodically as more teachers become engaged in research.
4. Ms. O’Sullivan reported that for 06-07 the committee had responded positively and concretely to the research needs identified by the Henderson faculty’s survey on research. This will be reported back to the Henderson faculty in August during their professional development workshops beginning 07-08.
5. Drs. Bogotch and Burnaford reported on meetings held in the past two weeks with Executive Director Glenn Thomas and COE faculty from IT&R, the latter called by Associate Dean David Kumar.
 - a. It was clarified why and how the position of Research Coordinator and the Committee’s proposal for a Researcher-in-Residence position were two *different* initiatives that both should go forward to the COE administration.
 - b. It was agreed that on-going communications with ALL COE faculty, beginning with faculty in IT&R, should continue throughout the summer months. The goal for these discussions is to have a proposal for an ACTION RESEARCH course for graduate students in the COE completed by August, 2007 which would go forward to the Committee on Graduate Programs in the Fall. A Spring 08 date is anticipated for the next offering of Action Research as an official course. A final draft of the course syllabus is near its final completion. Meetings with both faculty and administrators will be scheduled. The committee anticipates collegial conversations throughout the design and implementation processes.

6. The FAUS-COE Research Guidelines which are to be posted on the web are now in final readings. Copies have been sent to Slattery, Pine Jog, Henderson, and the COE Dean. Once additions have been made by May 30th, the document will proceed for readings by the COE faculty and the Henderson Faculty as well as other interested parties. Approval of these research guidelines are anticipated no later than early Fall 07.
7. Nominations and Elections for committee officers were postponed until Fall 07 so that Department Chairs, Henderson, Pine Jog, and Slattery may consider new assignments to this committee.

Minutes prepared by Ira Bogotch, Secretary

If I may, I would like to thank everyone who has worked on this committee and send my best wishes to you all for a restful/adventurous summer vacation. For me, this committee's work has been one of the highlights of my tenure here at FAU.