COE FACULTY ASSEMBLY Minutes  
Nov 1, 2019  
10-12 PM

Future FASC meeting date: Jan 10, & April 3, 2020  
Future FA dates: Jan 24, April 10 2020


Jupiter & Davie – Dr. Mays, Dr. Nichols, Dr. Krzemienski, Moffet.

Announcements

We will continue to have office of research welcomed to our meeting to discuss ways to pursue and obtain grants.

We need COE representative for Academic and Due Process Committee—Senate committee—comes together when there is an issue. Asking for nominations.

We would like to have University COE committee reps share at FA. (P/T, Research, Library, etc.)

Guest Speakers

Alice Miehl, Jeanne Viviani and Angela Clear  
Office of Research Development (ORD)  
Their office assists in developing research and funding for faculty. Shared services they provide—(opportunities, search, editing, early career). Questions were asked regarding the interdisciplinary research process. Initiative was trying to pull people in and ORD felt it was successful. ORD agreed to host a funding meeting, the COE faculty expressed support for this. During the meeting, Dr. Mountford suggested a longer interdisciplinary research grant development session following the next Faculty Assembly meeting. This idea was generally accepted by the assembly and Dr. Mountford agreed to try and get something set up with the Office of Research and Development.

Office of tech development Dana J. Vougliois, Esq. – interim director

Part of division of research. Intellectual property.

Goal – legal protection of IP that comes from research. Second goal is commercialization. Patents – protect, processes, machines, etc. Must be real or useful.

Copyright – a work of authorship – music, plays, architecture – anything with a creative element. Facts are not protected – the way they are expressed is. It provides you the right to sue for infringement. Faculty do not have to pay for these services.
Trademarks – designates a source for good or services like the M for McDonalds or Tiffany blue. It denotes a particular standard of quality. Designed to protect the consumer. It has to be used in commerce. Her office only handles trademark for something with a technology component. If there’s nothing to commercialize. Office of trademarks and licensing – Dexter Lamont – for this service you would pay.

Technology transfer. Facilitate commercialization of research.

1/3 $ to inventor, 1/3 college/department, 1/3 FAU corporation.

Textbook Adoptions –

Geoffrey Johnson – Director of Academic Planning
Katarzyna Kielbasa, Assistant Director, Business Services
Arnoldo De Jesus – Bookstore manager

Textbook Affordability and Compliance ---Discussed adoption compliance. Deadlines for required and recommended textbooks to bookstore each semester is 45 days before semester starts. FAU requires all textbooks to bookstore at least 60 days, unless course was added after deadline (Oct. 15-Spring, March 15-Summer, April 15-Fall). Discussed textbook affordability resource via website. Faculty need to complete form if they use self-authored materials. Reviewed textbook adoption dashboard. Powerpoint from this presentation will be sent out to faculty. Question was asked about Summer deadline and considering moving it later. Response was if most of the texts are compliant, that is fine. Annual deadlines do not have penalty from FAU, as long as it is made before 45 days. Question was raised about ebook initiative from library. Reiterated 45-day hard deadline. Question about issues with system and new/old editions. Bookstore rep. said we cannot do this at this time but thanked for feedback and would take into consideration. Question about affordability for COE and if it is really a problem. Response was that they will be tracking the cost. There are no caps on textbook price.

Discussion regarding e books and availability via the library. Required texts are the only materials that have to have cost reported to FAU and state. Adoption rate looks at required and recommended. 20% of students purchase books here at FAU. Follett works with some publishers to offer less expensive texts via different programs. FAU looking into joining Affordability Counts program. Bookstore (Follett) has PowerPoint to share. Reminder some students do not have choice but to shop with bookstore. Bookstore will share Powerpoint as well.

Dr. Ramasamy – Document for lab space assignment. Spaces all over the campus will be subject to this evaluation. Research space will be provided to those with grants of 100,000; however, the document will be revised. There is space within the building that the Dean’s office will still have control over. There was concern over space issues in Jupiter – even with funded projects. Some space changes in
Jupiter were specifically due to efficiency of use of classroom spaces. They still need to identify what is considered research space – the document is not meant to cover office space or classroom space. An issue was raised with the fact that there was no information regarding space that graduate students use for research.

**Old Business**

Dr. Frain - some departments have 40/50% and some 100% use of ResearchGate. People are concerned with use of ResearchGate as a measure of productivity. Potentially using an impact factor from ResearchGate for P & T. What measures of productivity are evidenced based?

Move to extend the meeting at 11:54 – Dr. Schoorman.

Approval of minutes - Dr. Darling’s name needs to be capitalized. Dr. Zainuddin’s name is misspelled. There are grammar errors and spelling errors. Dr. Darling moved to approve and Dr. Peluso second with changes suggested.

Senate report – we are almost always fully represented. BA of general studies (BGS) will be discussed in meeting on Monday. Preeminent and university of distinction proposals. Discussed taking AI & data science to a platform. It was brought up that some classrooms do not have locking doors. There is a reorganization in CDSI but some professors did not feel they were part of that conversation.

UFF-FAU – holiday party is Dec 14th at Farmer’s Table.

Graduate Assistants. – GTA’s will be funded, GA’s won’t be funded and GRA’s they prefer a grant. You cannot just transfer your GA’s to GTA’s. They want to give GTA’s insurance. Taking GA’s away will affect faculty working conditions and is part of the CBA.

Please Email department reports to Josephine. In order to ensure department accomplishments, get the broadest dissemination possible, it was agreed that FA reps will have their department accomplishments to Josephine Elliot by the Wednesday following all regular FA meetings now and in the future. These are intended to be departmental, not individual accomplishment reports. Individual departments should decide for themselves how they wish to disseminate individual faculty and student accomplishments.

Dean – Still working on budget, once finished will initiate budget committee. A second conference trip will be supported for non-tenured professors. It will be a research expenditure. Software – Getting software licenses for qualitative studies. Looking at ResearchGate factors etc. is not comparable across disciplines. He disagrees with move to decrease outside letters.

Motion to adjourn – 12:28pm.