COE Faculty Assembly Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2014
Dean’s Conference Room
10-12 pm

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am by FA President Mountford

Attendance: Meredith Mountford, President; Yash Bhagwanji, Secretary and CCEI; Kelly Emelianchik-Key, Counselor Education; Carol Tessel, Archivist and CSD; Mena Marinaccio (ex officio and T&L), T&L (phone); Mary Lieberman, EDLRM (phone), Robert Zoeller (ESHP), and Connie Hutchison (guest)

Welcome

Motion to approve September 12, 2014, FASC meeting minutes made by Dr. Marinaccio and seconded by Dr. Tessel; unanimously approved.

Future meeting dates:

Executive Committee Meeting
• Directly following FASC meetings (noon-1pm) in Dean’s Conference Room
• January 16, 2015; and March 13, 2015

Faculty Assembly Meetings
• November 14, 2014; January 30, 2015; and March 20, 2015; 10am-12am, Boca Ed 313 (teleconferenced)

Please contact Dean’s Office if joining by phone in the future. If unable to attend in future FASC meetings, please let Dr. Bhagwanji (ybhagwan@fau.edu) know about replacements for department representatives; this way any needed communication can be forwarded to the department replacements by Dr. Bhagwanji.

Please consult with department faculty and bring forward any issues; please notify Dr. Mountford (mmountfo@fau.edu).

Please compile information about faculty and student achievements and send it to Dr. Bhagwanji (ybhagwan@fau.edu) – will be shared at the next FA meeting and become part of the minutes.

Announcements
• Flyer for 11/14/2014 Faculty Assembly meeting
• UFF Executive Committee meets from noon-2 pm following this meeting
• Dr. David Kumar has been selected to serve on the U.S. Census Bureau’s National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations
• Dr. Zoeller was commended for promoting the involvement of faculty in salary differential study
• Message to emphasize – FAU President’s success is dependent upon the involvement of faculty

Old/Continuing Business
• Approval of March, 2014, FASC Minutes- tabled to next FASC meeting
• Representation on UFS; the following motion to revise the COE FA Constitution was made by Dr. Mountford and seconded by Dr. Zoeller:

Section 3. Officers and Election Procedures of Officers
A. The Officers
1. The President
   Add: f. The President or his/her designee will serve on the University Faculty Senate
2. The Vice-President
   Change from: b. The Vice-President will serve as one of the College of Education seats on the University Senate
   To: b. The Vice-President shall accompany the President to all Senate meetings

Motion was unanimously approved.
New Business

- UFS Report (October 3, 2014) – An undergraduate General Studies degree program was approved; guest speakers included Peter Hull, VP for Public Affairs, and Jorge Calzadilla, VP for Public Service; search for VP for Division of Research – interviews have been completed
- Faculty is invited to observe negotiations between UFF and administration
- Chris Beetle, UFS President-Elect, will be a guest speaker at the next COE Faculty Assembly meeting
- Online SPOTS – low response rates may be perceived as student disenfranchisement, validity and reliability issues, problematic if faculty evaluation and salaries tied to online student evaluations
- Role of IEA – it provided support for students to conduct survey research, but was eliminated by the past administration; ask FA whether to bring it back
- Research Task Force seed grant – ask Dr. Torok for updates
- ELRM request for change in the Graduate Faculty Status application process – Dr. Lieberman will take it to COE GPC for consideration

Departmental & Committee Reports

- Department sharing
- Appreciation was noted for FAU President Kelly’s visits to departments to seek input
- Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry – Dr. Dilys Schoorman was the keynote speaker at the COE SAC Research Symposium, and spoke about “Building Blocks: Foundations for Practice”; many CCEI students presented at the symposium as well (Courtney Beers, Rebecca Lewis, Allyson Hall, Jillian Berson, Masbelis Salah, and Jennifer Childs); Dr. Dilys Schoorman, Dr. Rosanna Gatens, and Dr. Traci Baxley will be presenting a total of four presentations at the National Association for Multicultural Education conference in Tucson, in collaboration with CCEI doctoral students Julie Hector, Sarah Smetzer Fox and Dominic Grasso; Dr. Bhagwanji presented three papers at the North American Association for Environmental Education conference in Ottawa, Canada
- Teaching and Learning – Dr. Eileen Ariza has been chosen as a Fulbright Alumni Ambassador by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), a department of the Institute of International Education (IIE). Dr. Philomena Marinaccio accepted the 2014 Faculty Talon Award presented by Provost Gary Perry. Drs. Willems and Gonzalez-DeHass published a chapter, “Case study instruction in educational psychology: Implications for teacher preparation”, in Exploring Learning and Teaching in Higher Education published by Springer.

Items to be brought to the Dean

1. Budget and outlook on new hires
2. Revisit Graduate Faculty Status application process
3. Online SPOTS – issues and possibilities

Closing

Adjourned 12:04 pm – Dr. Tessel made motion, seconded by Dr. Marinaccio.