Faculty Council
College of Public Health and Health Professions
Minutes
August 27, 2012
CHP Conference Room HPNP 3170

Faculty Council Members Present: Afsar Ali, Joel Bialosky, Dawn Bowers (chair), Robert Cook, Lisa Edmonds, Jeff Harman, Arlene Naranjo, Emily Pugh, Mary Ellen Young

Others present: Dean Michael Perri

Faculty Council Members Absent: Joanne Foss

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm
2. Dean Perri provided an update including:
   a. Information about the “Florida Virtual University” which will offer large scale online courses. Current programs will be grandfathered in; new programs that are in the pipeline need to complete the approval process quickly.
   b. Review of PhD programs. Report will be released at President’s state of the university presentation at Senate.
3. Minutes from July 30, 2012 were reviewed and approved.
4. Robert Cook was elected vice-chair and will serve as chair in the 2013-14 term.
5. Further discussion was held about the T&P issues, including the potential increase from 7 to 10 years and consistency with the College of Medicine. If there is not a strong feeling from the faculty that this is desirable, FC may advise the Dean to table the idea. FC members agreed to discuss with faculty in their respective departments and report next meeting.
6. Naranjo gave an update on Biostatistics. The interim chair has stepped down and a new interim chair will be appointed by the Dean. The chair search committee is reactivated. If this search is unsuccessful, a search firm may be employed.
7. Young presented a draft of a shared governance faculty survey to be conducted this year. Suggestions were made for wording changes. An updated draft will be presented next meeting.
8. Bowers gave an update on the committee assignments for this year and what slots still need to be filled. Shared governance at the departmental level, especially related to committee assignments was discussed. Ali provided information about the Diversity Committee. Recommendations were to bring “best practice” suggestions for departmental shared governance to the next meeting.
9. Bowers reported on improved visibility of Faculty Council on web site.

New business:

10. Bowers reported on faculty involvement in the presidential search. She attended one of the forums and said that the importance of having an experienced leader from an AAU university was stressed.
11. FAR issues were discussed including the length of the FAR and vagueness of items. It is necessary to convert information for chair letters and T&P. Process could be clarified and streamlined.
12. Motion to adjourn was moved and seconded at 6:25 pm.