Faculty Council  
College of Public Health and Health Professions  
October 25, 2010  
BSCH Conference Room HPNP 4170

DRAFT MINUTES

In Attendance: Dr. Mary Ellen Young (chair), Dr. Mary Thigpen, Dr. Joanne Foss, Dr. Jeff Harman, Dr. Babette Brumback, Dr. Bernard Okech, Ms. Emily Pugh  
Excused: Dr. Jamie Reilly  
Absent: Dr. Dawn Bowers  
Recorder: Ms. Emily Pugh

Dr. Young called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

1. Review and approve minutes from September 27, 2010
The FC voted unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

2. Discussion: Teaching peer review policy—Dr. Joanne Foss
The peer review policy was discussed by the Executive Leadership committee and is now policy. When asked if the college is in compliance with a UF policy, Dr. Foss stated the UF does not have a formal policy.

3. Student evaluation of small classes – Dr. Joanne Foss
Dr. Foss reported that UF has decided not to put student evaluations online.

4. Committees: Standing committee assignments 2010-2011—Dr. Mary Ellen Young
All committees are fully established with the exception of the upcoming changes from the epidemiology and biostatistics mergers with the College of Medicine departments. Broader discussion is needed to address Faculty Council and committee representation. The suggestion was made that Dr. Young meet with Dean Hanson to discuss the above as well as constitutional changes.

4. Faculty incentive, recognition/rewards plan: Need reps from each department for committee—Dr. Mary Ellen Young
Dr. Young reported that it is a matter of public record who received incentives. Although Dr. Rus Bauer will remain as chair, the ad hoc incentive committee will need to be reconstituted, given the various changes that have occurred in the college.

5. Dean’s meeting report—Dr. Mary Ellen Young
In consideration that the President is creating a university wide committee to address the National Research Council rankings of graduate programs, the dean is working with the chairs to proactively to assess the programs within the college.

6. Faculty Senate report – Ms. Emily Pugh
The Faculty Senate met October 21, 2010. Areas addressed:
A new RCM blog has been established on the Senate webpage to obtain faculty input. The various Senate councils have posted the issues that each is addressing this year. Information is available on the Faculty Senate website. President Machen reported that UF has partnered with St. Augustine on refurbishing historic 32 buildings and developing academic opportunities. The National Research Council has ranked 5000 graduate programs in the US. President Machen is creating a presidential committee to review the 60 UF programs that were included. The Provost provided data on the impact of minus grades, announced that homecoming will be the weekend of November 4 and 5 next year, reported that block tuition is being considered for undergraduates, and discussed issues surrounding acceptance of student spring and summer cohorts. The motion to include a non-discrimination clause on gender identity in the UF constitution passed. Dr. James Oliverio, director of Digital Worlds Institute, presented on interdisciplinary research that includes fine arts, communication, engineering, and science collaborations. The status of open access was presented by the UF Libraries. An update on the vendor search for distance learning was presented. UF is in negotiations with Compass Knowledge. The Academic Integrity Task Force provided an update and reported that they are preparing surveys for faculty and students to obtain UF-specific data. A discussion board is available on the Provost’s website.

8. Constitution and By Laws Revision – Dr. Mary Ellen Young
Dr. Young reported that the PHHP constitution will need fairly major revisions due to the epidemiology and biostatistics departmental mergers with those of the College of Medicine. Her goal is to draft by laws for the constitution this year as well.

9. New business
There was no new business.

The next meeting of the Faculty Council is scheduled for Monday, November 22, 2010, in the BSCH Conference Room.

There being no further business, council adjourned 6:24 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
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