SUMMARY
FACULTY COUNCIL (FC)
MPH Conference Room, HPNP 4142
Friday, February 23th, 2018, 12:30 – 1:30pm

Present: Dr. S. Griffiths, Dr. A. Blue, Dr. G. Hack, Dr. J. Lednicky, Dr. F. Kates, Dr. K. Gerhardt, Dr. C. Price, Dr. S. McGorray, Dr. C. Kreider, Ms. L. Guidi

1. Faculty Ombudsman Issues – Dr. Gerhardt
   a. Dr. Griffiths introduced Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt who shared information on his background with PHHP and UF. He is currently the faculty ombudsperson for the University. An ombudsperson does not represent UF or the Faculty; they only listen to concerns, help explore options, advice on grievance process, and refer to other offices. The ombudsperson is not a mediator and does not settle disputes. All items shared with an ombudsperson are confidential and can only be shared with that person’s approval. Ron Anderson is the ombudsperson for students and staff and is available as a backup to Dr. Gerhardt. Keith Stone from the College of Medicine can be a backup to Dr. Gerhardt if there is a conflict of interest. If a faculty member cannot meet in person, Dr. Gerhardt can be available by phone.

2. Update from the Dean’s Office – Dr. Blue
   a. Dr. Blue reminded the group that there is a PHHP College Faculty-Staff Meeting on Friday, March 2, from 12-1pm in the HPNP Auditorium.
   b. The next ELC Retreat is Tuesday, March 6, as a follow up to the Next Steps to “right sizing” the College. This retreat will focus on the Master’s and Professional programs.
   c. There have been changes to the DSP requirements on due dates for grant submissions. **AP:** The group asked how the grants core will respond to this and what responsibility the core would hold for deadlines. They also asked that Dr. Cottler send a document that could be shared in the departmental faculty meetings with information on the due dates and penalties.

3. Developing Approaches to Help Faculty Improve Teaching – Drs. Blue and Hack
   a. There has been much interest from the faculty to develop individual teaching support and coaching. This initiative would be more involved than straight peer or student review and work in concert with the College’s Teaching Excellence Program. It would involve meeting with faculty members to discuss options and create a plan. Ultimately, someone participating in the initiative would end up with a product that could help with their portfolio. The group decided an end product
would be valuable to faculty members. **AP:** The Faculty Council members would talk with colleagues about the initiative and Drs. Blue and Hack would attend the next Faculty Council meeting. Drs. Blue and Hack are looking for ideas on a name for the program.

4. Faculty Committee Selections
   a. The council members were advised to seek candidates from the departments for vacant committee seats.

5. Faculty Senate Elections
   a. PHHP has one spot to fill in the Faculty Senate. Dr. William McGehee’s term is up, but he is eligible for another term. The group were encouraged to seek faculty members willing to run for election.