

**Undergraduate Studies Council**  
**10/15/08**

Present: Broderick, Croft, Hall, Jamba, Jaffee, Kaye, Martin, Milatovic, Paulson, Perry, Roberts, Schwam-Baird, Taylor, Wilburn, Woodle

David Jaffee opened the meeting with introductions.

**UNF Reads (Joe Martin)**

Joe Martin reported on UNF Reads! as proxy for Marnie Jones. He said the General Education Council had narrowed down potential choices for the 2009-2010 book to three options:

- o Pink, Daniel. *A Whole New Mind: Why Right Brainers will Rule the Future*;
- o Tenner, Edward. *Our Own Devices: How Technology Remakes Humanity*;
- o Allison, Jay. *This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women*.

Martin said these authors were being contacted to inquire about their availability and speaking fees. He reported that the General Education Assessment Task Force would meet on October 16 to review survey data from students about the inaugural UNF Reads! program.

**Task Force for Undergraduate Advising (Deb Kaye)**

Deb Kaye reported on the status of the Task Force for Undergraduate Advising. She said the group recently met with the council of chairs to discuss the current strengths and challenges of advising. She said the group had not developed a coherent written recommendation, but were beginning the process of achieving this. Kaye said the next TFUA meeting would be October 22.

**Academic Roadmaps (Rachel Broderick)**

Rachel Broderick discussed the function of Academic Roadmaps as a sequencing tool, but not a replacement for other current tools. She reported that the program is in the building and testing phase and she is working with ITS to move this process along. Broderick said she is checking the accuracy of paper roadmaps submitted by colleges, verifying mile markers and communicating with deans and chairs to make necessary changes. She said she plans for APC changes and continued maintenance to the program.

- o Lisa Jamba suggested that with multiple initiatives being implemented concurrently, the Council should consider how to measure the effectiveness of factors influencing retention rates, advising satisfaction, and other issues.

**Strategic Planning Council: Learning Environment Goal (David Jaffee)**

Jaffee provided a handout from the SPC workgroup that is responsible for identifying measures toward cultivating a learning environment that supports intellectual curiosity, academic achievement, and personal growth. Jaffee said the workgroup has reviewed relevant material and plans to identify the University's current status, determine whether current initiatives are working, and identify other measures that could or should be

implemented. He said the SPC workgroup's charge has ties to diversity and community-based transformational learning.

Jaffee said George Kuh's pillars for successful student learning and NSSE data should be considered by the Undergraduate Studies Council when creating and administering new programs. He reported that the University has plans to administer NSSE on an annual basis to gauge successes and weaknesses.

### **Freshman Learning Communities (David Jaffee)**

David Jaffee suggested that the First Year Experience subcommittee evaluate UNF's current first year program. He said that measures to gauge the success of the program should be sustainability and scalability. Jaffee said the FIG program has not been successful when measured by these standards. He would like the University to create a program with sustainability, scalability, and buy-in. He asked all subcommittees to look at ways of improving and modifying existing initiatives in addition to developing new programs.

### **Subcommittee Representation**

The group was asked to review subcommittee representation for 2008-2009, and make changes where needed. It was determined that Leslie Burch and Dan Richard would join the Faculty Advising subcommittee, and Rudy Taylor would join the First Year Experience subcommittee. David asked the chairs of the various subcommittees to call meetings with their groups and report on new ideas or ideas for modifications to existing programs at the November Undergraduate Studies Council meeting.

David Jaffee said he was trying to secure a replacement representative from the writing program and would report on this when determined.

Minutes from the September 17 meeting were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Minutes submitted by Melody Taylor