Faculty Assembly
Minutes
September 9, 2011


Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 12:38pm.

Minutes – The minutes of the April 1, 2011, meeting were approved as submitted.

Announcements – Marsh Lupi said to contact her if interested in joining her writing group.

Anything posted to the first floor bulletin board or monitor will need approval from the Dean’s Office.

The Student Resource Center is now manned by our Federal Work Study students. It is opened 5 days per week. We have added a copier in the Center. The proceeds (5 cents/copy) will go towards the purchase of new books.

Jeff Cornett asked the group for a round of applause for the Dean’s work on NCATE.

Dean’s Report –
New employees in the College were introduced by their chair, director, or supervisor. Marsha Lupi introduced Mr. Nicholas Eastham, Coordinator of Academic Support, Educational Technology Center.

Jeff Cornett introduced the new faculty in the FSE department.
- Dr. Daniel Dinsmore, Assistant Professor, Educational Psychology
- Dr. Carolyne Ali-Khan, Assistant Professor, Educational Foundations
- Dr. Robert Smith, Multiyear Instructor, Physical Education

Karen Patterson introduced the new faculty in the ESDS department.
- Dr. Janice Seabrooks-Blackmore, Associate Professor, Special Education
- Ms. LeWana Clark, Visiting Instructor, American Sign Language
Dean Daniel announced that Dr. Jennifer Kane has assumed the role of Chair of Leadership, School Counseling, and Sport Management.

Jennifer Kane introduced LSCSM’s new faculty members.
- Dr. Danielle Mincey-White, Visiting Instructor, Sport Management
- Dr. Rebecca Schumacher, Assistant Professor, Counselor Education
- Dr. Sophie Maxis, Assistant Professor, Counselor Education
- Dr. Kristi Sweeney, Assistant Professor, Sport Management
- Dr. Luke Cornelius, Associate Professor, Educational Leadership

Cathy O’Farrell introduced Ms. Leigh Ann Houston and Ms. Theresa Wilcox the new clinical educators in the Office of Educational Field Experiences.

Ms. Lori Tetzel has been hired as the OPS office assistant for the Educator Preparation Institute.

The Student Resource Center is now open and being used by students. The addition to our building is progressing with a projected opening date of January 2012.

What’s New
Dr. Sherry Shaw has been named Munoz Presidential Professor.
Dr. Lunetta Williams and Dr. Susan Syverud have been promoted to Associate Professor.
Dr. Katrina Hall and Dr. Lunetta Williams received Undergraduate Teaching Awards for 2010-11.

COEHS Hiring Plans
Chairs are currently working to hire seven full time positions this year. All four departments have at least one search. Search plans should be approved by the end of the month. Most search committees have been formed already. We will wait to see if other positions can be approved for hiring later in the semester (budget dependent).

Priorities for the Year
The NCATE site visit is October 2-5, 2011. Following the NCATE visit, we will need to begin work immediately on implementing new state standards.

School districts are busy implementing new evaluation systems. A COEHS task force is being formed (co-chairs: Jeff Cornett and Cathy O’Farrell) to focus on our work with districts during this process and how it will affect our curriculum.

UNF Capital Campaign Update
“The Power of Transformation” effective dates are 2009-2012. Overall UNF’s goal is $110 million (over $100 million raised thus far). COEHS goal is $5 million (over $3 million raised thus far).

Politics and Public Events Affecting our Work
US News and the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) are surveying more than 1,000 schools of education across the country. The project will rate the quality of teacher training
programs currently producing over 200,000 teachers every year. AACTE surveyed over 200 colleges of education on this data project. Only 1% of schools who responded said they are actively willing to participate in the project. Regarding our own data request, we sent them a statement some time ago for what it would take for us to gather the rather large amount of data they wish from us. We have heard nothing from NCTQ since submitting this estimate to them.

Governor Scott’s Agenda (and Rick Perry’s Seven Solutions)
Possible Amendments to Teacher Evaluation Bill
Student Learning Gains Data

Rick Perry’s Seven Solutions for Higher Education
1. Measure quality - The plan would calculate a cost-benefit analysis for professors. How much are they paid? How many classes do they teach? How many students?
2. Recognize and reward teachers - This is merit pay for professors. The plan calls for the top 25 percent of professors to earn a bonus. Top bonuses would be $10,000 per class.
3. Separate budgets for teaching and research - Splitting the pots of money would make it clearer how and why professors are paid.
4. Require evidence of skill for tenure - For instance, a professor would have to earn a rating of 4.5 on a 5-point scale to be eligible for tenure. OR, a professor might have to teach at least three classes a semester, with at least 30 students each, for a set number of years before becoming eligible.
5. Results-based contracts with students - This is a good faith estimate for students. Students would have to sign a document outlining the school’s class sizes, teacher evaluations, SAT scores of incoming students and other data.
6. Funding in the hands of students - This proposal would take out the middle man in public funding. The Texas Public Policy Foundation argues students will make the best decision if they get the money directly. Critics contend this creates a voucher system for colleges.
7. Create results-based accrediting alternatives - This proposal would gradually move schools away from traditional accrediting and create a national body to evaluate college claims and actual results. Colleges that cannot fulfill their recruiting pitch could be investigated for fraud.

New Business – Jennifer Kane asked to faculty to complete the ballot and drop it in the ballot box for the vote on the chair evaluation format. The results of the vote will be sent out electronically.

Elections for Faculty Assembly President, Vice-President, and Representative on Executive Committee for LSCSM – Sue Syverud was elected to serve as Faculty Assembly President. John White was elected to serve as Vice President of Faculty Assembly.

Chris Janson was elected to serve as the LSCSM representative on the Executive Committee.
Elections for College Screening Committee for the Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching Awards – Katrina Hall, Lunetta Williams, and Starlet Wilder were elected to serve on the undergraduate screening committee. Candice Carter, Janice Seabrooks-Blackmore, and Jason Lee were elected to serve on the graduate screening committee.

Elections of College Representatives to serve on the University Selection Committees for both Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching Awards - Katrina Hall was elected to serve on the committee for the undergraduate teaching award and Lunetta Williams was elected to serve on the committee for the graduate teaching award.

Elections of College Representatives for the University Selection Committees for Distinguished Professor Award, Outstanding Faculty Scholarship Award, and Outstanding Faculty Service Award – Wanda Hedrick was elected to serve on the University Selection Committee for the Distinguished Professor Award. Sophie Maxis will serve on the Selection Committee for the Outstanding Faculty Scholarship Award, and Chris Weber will serve on the Selection Committee for the Outstanding Faculty Service Award.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.