Faculty Council College of Education April 4, 2005 Minutes

Members In Attendance: Mary Lynne Calhoun, Jack Culbreth, Tina Heafner, Hal Jaus, Ann McColl, Jeff Passe, Brenda Romanoff, JoAnn Springs, Wayne White, Ed Wierzalis

1. Approval of Minutes

The Faculty Council (FC) approved the draft minutes for the February 2, 2005 meeting.

2. Calendar Proposal

Dean Calhoun shared the college of education calendar proposal.

3. Tech support queries

In response to questions raised at the last meeting, Dean Calhoun reported that limited tech support will be available in the evenings from 5-7 p.m. Currently there is no additional funding for extended lab hours but Dane Hughes is tracking use.

4. Strategic Plan

Dean Calhoun shared the strategic plan that will be posted on the website for input. Dean Calhoun discussed the possibility of creating an advisory assessment committee to look at assessment process. The Faculty Council agreed with Dean Calhoun that the charge to the committee should be clear that there will be faculty review and approval of any assessments —new or revised — recommended by the committee.

5. Class cancellation policies

The Faculty Council discussed the need for clarification on class cancellation policies. With the consensus agreement, Jeffe Passe drafted the following statement to share with department chairs:

The FC recommends that each department develop a policy to guide the process notifying students when class is cancelled or delayed. This policy may result in a single department policy or allowing each professor to develop his or her own policy. The FC suggests addressing such issues as 1) signs on the classroom door, 2) emailing or phoning students, 3) the role of support staff, 4) dealing with off-campus sessions, 5) student expectations when class is delayed and the professor cannot alert students.

6. Election Process

The Faculty Council discussed that no current members have tenure as specified in the bylaws for election to the vice-chair and chair positions. The Council discussed the pros and cons of waiving the bylaws or having newly elected members to the Council serve in these roles. The Faculty Council agreed to hold elections at a specially-called meeting.

Attachments:

Agenda College of Education Calendar Proposal 05-06 2005-2010 College of Education Strategic Plan