

Minutes
College of Education Faculty Council Meeting
Wednesday- January 19, 2011
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Dean's Conference Room
COED 205

Members Attending: Mary Lynne Calhoun, Lyndon Abrams, Stephen Hancock, Lan Kolano, Lisa Merriweather, Laura Veach, Adam Harbaugh, Paola Pilonieta, Michael Matthews, Pamela Shue

1. Call to Order - Dr. Abrams
 - a. Approval of November 10, 2010 Minutes – Dr. Lan Kolano made the motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Laura Veach seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by common consent.
2. Online Course Evaluations – Michael Matthews

Michael Matthews informed the council that the university subcommittee will be piloting a study on online course evaluations for spring 2011. They are looking for departments to participate in the study which would replace the paper evaluations. Stephen Hancock recommended that the evaluations should be made a course requirement with the final grade being released after the evaluation is completed. A web page is being developed which Michael will forward to you so that you can share with your departments for discussion.
3. Resolution on Academic Freedom – Lyndon Abrams

The discussion continued on Academic Freedom protections and do we really need them. There was some confusion if this resolution had already been adopted. It was determined that we should formalize our connection with the university council by changing our bylaws at next month's meeting by making our university representative an ex officio of this council so that information can be brought forth for discussion.
4. Departmental feedback on Conceptual Framework – Mary Lynne Calhoun

A draft of the structure of the Conceptual Framework was presented at last week's faculty meeting. The three elements our graduates will demonstrate are knowledge, effectiveness and commitment. The Dean asked council members to bring the discussion to their department meetings and encourage them to go to the blog and add their comments. There was discussion on more powerful wording to be added to the document. At the February meeting, we will be asked to endorse the framework.
5. Other Business
 - ✓ Budget: The Dean discussed how faculty and staff have been doing more with less resources and the frustration that our students are feeling. With the anticipation that next year may be worse, we are encouraged to support one another in these times. There was discussion that program coordinators and advisors need to show more understanding to faculty for additional students added to their classes. Also the need for recognition to faculty on the additional load. The Dean offered to attend departmental meetings to discuss these issues with faculty.

- ✓ Stephen asked if there has been any further discussion from CMS regarding Masters degrees. With the uncertainty of money, the Dean stated that there has been no discussion on Masters degrees or transitioning to pay for performance.
- ✓ Michael stated that he has been elected to chair the College of Education Honors Council. The Council did not receive any applications from education students. Next year recruitment will start in early fall and will be on the website. The Honors Council has decided to change their bylaws to read that committee members be appointed for 5 years instead of the current 3 years and the chair appointment from change from 1 year to 2 years. He asked for Faculty Council approval. Michael made the motion that these new bylaws be adopted, Laura Veach seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by Faculty Council members.
- ✓ Lan asked on how inclement weather affects online classes when the university is closed. It was determined that she should get clarification from the FITSAC committee.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.