

Frost School Council Minutes

May 10, 2011

HUB 123

3:30-5:00

Present: Christian Roberson (Chair), Nancy Betchart, Trent Boggess, Terri Dautcher, John Donovan, Gail Carr, Mary Ann McGarry, Dan Moore Ellen Murphy, Eun-Ho Yeo, David Zehr. Dana Ernst (2011-12 member)

Unable to attend: Shawn Hackshaw Mardie Burckes-Miller, Anastasia Deflumeri (student), Melissa Furbish (student), Mark Okrant, James Whiting, Frances Williams

Scribe: Nancy Betchart

Introductions and welcome to Dana Ernst.

Acceptance of April 2011 minutes.

Discussion of Faculty Week Session:

Purpose of the proposed session will be to gather information regarding the Frost School Council's composition and responsibilities. We would like to gather input from faculty as to what this principle policy making committee should be doing to support online education and academic technology, particularly with regard to faculty needs and interests.

Preliminary meeting: Christian, Terri, and Nancy met April 29th to discuss faculty needs with regard to academic technology and online education and how the Frost School Council might be modified to better address those needs. The following ideas emerged:

- Establish a better process for capturing information from faculty about their interests and needs with regard to academic technology.
- Establish a cycle whereby academic technology is reviewed for adoption, use, effectiveness, etc.
- Share information on best practices with regard to the use of academic technology
- Serve as a reporting vehicle
- Provide a forum for discussion among faculty, the 3 Colleges, LTOE, IT, CoGS, UGS, and Frost School
- Serve all faculty including full-time, adjunct, and research faculty
- Recommend strategic initiatives
- Work with administration to establish the role of academic technology and online education in future enrollment plans

Terri and Christian agreed to draft a title and proposal to submit to David Zehr for this faculty discussion session and to lead the session. The title will be something like "Join the Conversation – The Future of Online Learning & Classroom Technology"

There was some discussion regarding who should be on the Frost School Council and it was agreed that representatives from IT and CoGS as well as faculty representatives from each of the new colleges would be appropriate participants in addition to those groups already represented.

Strategic planning process: The Frost School has recognized that there is no specific or direct mention of academic technology, online education or their role in our current strategic plan. The question was raised about the revision process for the Strategic plan that is scheduled to be revised in 2012. The understanding is that there are opportunities for faculty, schools, colleges, departments and others to voice their suggestions for revision and that we may want to be actively involved in working to include the role of academic technology in our next strategic plan.

Next steps: FSC members agreed to respond to an outline and/or description of the proposed Faculty Week session. Christian and Terri volunteered to head this up and lead the session.

Vote on 2011-2012 FSC Chair: Christian Roberson was nominated and elected to serve as the Chair of the FSC during the 2011-2012 year. He graciously accepted.

Next meeting: Sept. 13, 3:30, HUB 123

Meeting adjourned at 4:45