

Frost School Council Minutes

September 13, 2011

HUB 123

3:30-5:00

Present: Christian Roberson (Chair), David Berona, Nancy Betchart, Terri Dautcher, Gail Carr, Mary Ann McGarry, Dan Moore, Zach Tirrell, Frances Williams, Cheryl Baker

Unable to attend: Pam Anneser, Trent Boggess, Mardie Burckes-Miller, Dana Ernst, Eun-Ho Yeo, David Zehr, James Whiting, Frances Williams

Scribe: Nancy Betchart

Introductions.

Acceptance of May 2011 minutes.

Discussion: Changes to FSC Mission/Function and Composition

Summary of Faculty Week Discussion Session. Terri Dautcher distributed a summary of some of the discussion points from the faculty week session (bulleted below). Recommendations include the need to address

- Compliance issues e.g., NEASC, Online certification for faculty, Offering courses to students in other states, etc.
- Mechanism for capturing user input from a variety of faculty stakeholders (UG, Grad, Research/Clinical faculty)
- Determining priorities for adoption of various technologies
- Issues related to implementation technology (including training/pedagogical issues)
- Assessment of current technology initiatives
- How to interface effectively with stakeholders beyond faculty
- Determining when task forces are needed to address issues
- The inclusion of Academic Technology and Online Education in the new Strategic Plan
- Mechanisms for interfacing with the budget and planning process
- A new name for Council

Review of Current FSC Charge

Frost School Council has had the responsibility for online education policies and procedures since the dissolution of the Online Education Committee. Discussed the possibility of dissolving ATAG and having the FSC adopt some of the functions including faculty participation and reporting back to the faculty.

Other Issues regarding academic technology:

Faculty need more input on information literacy for students and faculty, e.g., using Moodle, Mahara, and the Library. For example, should students be required to be “certified” in the use of Moodle and expectations for online courses before registering for their first online course?

Faculty need more input on the implementation of technology, e.g., size and placement of smartboards along with processes for introducing and training faculty to use them effectively. Assessment of the effectiveness of adopted technologies.

Questions: Where does the current technology fee go? How are faculty needs/interests addressed?

Next Steps:

It was agreed that a subgroup – Christian Roberson, Terri Dautcher, David Berona, and Mary Ann McGarry would meet to draft a revised mission/function and composition to bring back to the FSC for review before taking to the faculty. Vetting through other constituents/committees, e.g., Provost, Faculty Welfare, Academic Affairs, Academic Technology will be important.

Time Line:

Try to have a proposal to faculty by December.

Next meeting: October 11, 2011, 3:30, HUB 123

Meeting adjourned at 4:45