

Report to the College Assembly from the College Faculty Council
5 December 2007

(1) Introduction of committee members

College Faculty Council Webpage:

<http://www.clas.ufl.edu/gov/comm/faculty.html>

College Faculty Council Members

Chair (2007-2008): John Leavey, English

Behavioral & Social Sciences:

Susan deFrance, *Anthropology* (2007-2009)

Sam Stafford, *Political Science* (2007-2009)

Donald Stehouwer, *Psychology* (2007-2009)

Barbara Zsembik, *Sociology* (2007-2009)

Humanities:

Nora Alter, *Germanic and Slavic Studies* (2007-2009)

John Leavey, *English* (2007-2009)

Carol Murphy, *Romance Languages and Literatures* (2007-2009)

Ann Wehmeyer, *African and Asian Language and Literatures* (2007-2009)

Natural & Mathematical Sciences:

Jean Larson, *Mathematics* (2007-2009)

Ron Randles, *Statistics* (2007-2009)

Ken Wagener, *Chemistry* (2007-2009)

John Yelton, *Physics* (2007-2009)

Ex Officio:

Chair of the College Assembly: Chris Snodgrass, *English*

Chair of the Finance Committee: Alan Dorsey, *Physics* (06-09)

Student Representatives:

1 graduate (2008)

1 undergraduate (2008)

(2) Letter to faculty of 6 September 2007: “Major challenges facing the College this fall are the search for a new Dean, resource allocation, and continued support for shared governance.”

(3) Search for a new Dean:

- (A) Council had discussions with
- (i) the chair of the appointed search committee, Dean Pramod Khargonekar
 - (ii) the Search Committee
 - (iii) the Parker Executive Search Firm
 - (iv) representatives of the three divisions of CLAS: Ann Wehmeyer (Humanities), Ken Sassaman (Social and Behavioral Sciences), and Alan Dorsey (Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences)
- (B) Council proposed and set up electronic voting for election of the Special Advisory Committee for the selection of the Dean. Thanks go to Hana Filip and Chris Snodgrass for their excellent work in bring about this election process, which required establishing the mailing lists for each electoral group from information provided by the chairs of each department, center, and program to the Dean's Office, which then forwarded the information to us. We are continuing to work to straighten out any problems, so please let either Hana Filip or me know of any glitches you experienced.
- (C) The Faculty Council continues to work with both the Special Advisory Committee and the appointed Search Committee on the search for a new Dean.

(4) Resource Allocation

- (A) The Council is becoming familiar with important College and University documents on resources (and the Council would like to thank the faculty members of CLAS who helped prepare these documents):
- (i) Final Report of the CLAS Faculty Committee to Investigate the History and Causes of the College Financial Situation (CCHC)
<http://www.clas.ufl.edu/gov/cdminutes/finalreport.pdf>
 - (ii) Final Report April 20, 2007, of the Faculty Finance Committee
<http://www.clas.ufl.edu/gov/comm/finance/clas-finance-final.pdf>
 - (iii) Finance Committee's Subcommittee 1 Report April 17, 2007
<http://www.clas.ufl.edu/gov/comm/finance/subcommittee1-report.pdf>
 - (iv) Finance Committee's Subcommittee 3 Report April 2007
<http://www.clas.ufl.edu/gov/comm/finance/subcommittee3-report.pdf>
 - (v) Version 2.4 (Draft) of Budget Model Allocation Committee
<http://www.aa.ufl.edu/documents/Budget-Model-Allocation-Reportv2.4.pdf>

(vi) Strategic Workplan for the University of Florida
<http://www.president.ufl.edu/workPlan.pdf>

(vii) Review of University of Florida (UF) Financial Resources Compared to AAU
Public Universities
<http://www.aa.ufl.edu/documents/Delaware-Study-Report.pdf>

(viii) Senate Resolution on Faculty Participation in Budget (Passed in Faculty Senate on
19 April 2007)
http://www.senate.ufl.edu/archives/faculty_senate/2007/April/Budget%20resoulution%20draft%201%20post%20steering%203.pdf

(ix) CLAS Initiatives (to the Strategic Plan)
http://www.clas.ufl.edu/dean/memos/initiatives_1029.pdf

(B) The Council met with the Interim Dean in September, October, and November to discuss such questions as the state of the college and of the college budget (history and present), graduate education, and role of the College Faculty Council.

(C) The Council requested information on sabbaticals and the Salary Pay Plan (SPP) from the Dean's office, and we have not yet received the information requested.

(5) Shared Governance and Organization.

(A) As stipulated by our constitution, the Council met with the Dean once a month to discuss College business.

(B) The website on governance will become separate from the Dean's office on the College's website.