

Council of Chairs & Coordinators

May 12, 2008

Meeting Notes

PRESENT: Brian Keliher, Chris Hill, Christi Vicino, Chuck Passentino, Craig Everett, Craig Milgrim, Donne Leigh, Helen Liesberg, Jane Nolan, Janet Gelb, Jeff Lehman, Jennifer Carmean, Jenny VandenEynden, Jim Symington, Joe Braunwarth, Joel Castellaw, Laura Burger, Linda Snider, Lorenda Seibold-Phalan, Mary Rider, Oralee Holder, P.J. Ortmeier, Patty Morrison, Paul Vincent, Priscilla Rogers, Ross Cohen, Sheridan De Wolf, Shirley Pereira, Sue Gonda, Susan Working, Sylvia Montejano, Virginia Dudley, Zoe Close.

RECORDER: Patricia Morrison

I. Ground Rules for CCC meetings – Patty

Patty stated a need for “meeting ground rules” to keep meetings on track. After discussion, the group agreed to the following rules: 1) We will stick to the time allotted for each issue/presentation, 2) We will allow the presenter to finish before asking questions, 3) If we have more questions, but no more time, we will choose one of the following options: a) Upon a majority vote, we will continue with the discussion rather than move on, since we deem it important enough, b) we will address it in a CCC forum e-mail if it is pertinent to many people, c) we can ask the presenter separately later, d) We can address it in the next 2nd Monday meeting, or e) We can have a 4th Monday meeting.

II. Budget Consolidation – Shirley Pereira

Shirley distributed hand-outs from the Cost Savings Committee that showed 3 and 5% budget cut scenarios. Since most were derived from departments’ inputs, the results were not surprising. We will know more about the scenario that must be chosen around May 14, when the May revise is known.

Some members made the point that although it was decided that classes would only be *consolidated* (that is, to remove ones that typically do not fill), there may, in fact, need to be actual *class cuts*, if there seems to be nowhere else to find the money.

Other instructors asked for a little leeway with cutting the newer (and thus often under-enrolled), experimental/innovative classes.

Others brought up the issue that if sections were indeed cut, a lot of reshuffling of adjuncts might need to be done in order to honor adjunct longevity. Problems would occur when faculty who were promised classes did not get them, and also because department chairs, being 10 month, may not be able to get paid in the summer to work through these problems.

We will wait and see what the May revise shows, and then handle problems and concerns from that point.

III. Commencement Issue – Mary Rider

After much spirited discussion, it was decided that department chairs would let their faculty know that we are not boycotting Grossmont Commencement – it is ok to go, or not, as you decide. Should some of your faculty wish to go who did not order Regalia, department chairs should notify Chris Hill about them by the end of this week (Friday May 16) and Chris will look into finding Regalia.

IV. Students leaving class to pray – Mary Rider

The matter must be dealt with carefully – Zoe will consult a UF attorney.

The next CCC meeting will probably be the 2nd Monday in September 2008. Room TBA.
Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

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