

Faculty Policies Minutes---October 1, 2007

Attending: Jim Benedict, Rob Bledsoe, Tom Colbert, Tom Crute, Charles Jackson, Wayne Mixon, Stephanie Myers, Carol Rychly, Robert Smalley, Debbie van Tuyll, Steve Weiss. Guest: Bill Dodd.

Minutes of the September 24 meeting were approved as corrected.

Bill Dodd was present to give the committee an update on a requirement by the Board of Regents for an Instructional Delivery Plan. This 3-5 year plan is to outline the institution's plan for delivering external instruction to students. External instruction refers to programs conducted at a remote site, e.g., off-campus or on-line. The plan applies only to complete programs, i.e., the entire degree can be obtained "externally." Any unit that is even considering implementing an external program was urged to be part of this plan. It does not commit the unit to such a program, but will fast-track any programs that are developed. To receive approval for an external program not part of the Institutional Delivery Plan (IDP), the institution must revise and have the IDP reapproved before the program can be approved, thus delaying its implementation. The Chancellor is expecting the system to grow by 40% by 2020, with most of this growth occurring at comprehensive institutions like ASU. Since "brick and mortar" funding cannot keep up with this growth, external programs might be a way to accommodate increasing enrollment.

The Mentor/Mentee lunch has 67 people planning to attend including 11 from FPC. FPC is asked to come early, if their class schedule allows.

FRFD proposal was once again edited. Benedict and Rychly will be sure all changes are incorporated and the proposal is given to the FRFD committee for comment.

Cullum definitions were discussed, particularly the virtues of a broad versus a narrow topic description. There was also discussion about how interdisciplinary it should be or whether it would do better if closely tied to a course. The possibility of defining it sufficient for a publishable lecture series was also discussed. No decision was reached. The committee was tasked to continue thinking about it.

Weiss will bring the snack next week.