



# Faculty Governance Council

Minutes from September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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**Members:** Dr. Richard Segal (Chair and Senator, PD), Dr. Mike Katovich (Senator, PD), Dr. Karen Whalen (Senator, PTR), Dr. Ken Sloan (MC), Dr. Tony Palmieri (PC), Dr. Earlene Lipowski (POP), Mr. Tom Munyer (PTR), Dr. Mike Meldrum (PD), Dr. Carinda Feild (Distance Learning – St. Pete), Dr. William Millard (Dean's Office), Diane Beck (Office Member)

**Absent:**

**Guest(s):** Rae Austin, Yeh-Hyon Cho, Angelica Bohl, Joseph Tully

✚ **Accept Minutes from the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting:** The meeting began with the minutes from the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting being accepted.

✚ **Election of FGC Chair, 2013-2014 Academic Year:** Members of the committee had nominated Drs. Whalen and Lipowski. Both members respectfully declined the nomination due to other commitments they currently hold with the college. Members quickly did a second round of nominations and voted Dr. Meldrum and Mr. Tom Munyer as candidates. The committee then unanimously agreed that Dr. Meldrum will serve as chair of the committee with Mr. Tom Munyer as assistant chair.

✚ **New Faculty Orientation:** The New Faculty Orientation Program was drafted by the Dean's Office and presented to the committee. Members were asked to review the program and send any revisions to the Dean's Office. After all revisions are made, the chair of this committee will bring back a completed program to our next meeting.

✚ **Update from Dr. Beck Concerning Response to ACPE:** Dr. Beck gave an updated on the outcome of the ACPE visit. She explained that ACPE expects our college to make progress on certain issues within the next two years. Outside firms have been hired to help evaluate staffing issues and provide feedback.

✚ **Update from Dr. Whalen about Curriculum Committee Matters:** Dr. Whalen updated the committee on an issue that was brought up to the Curriculum Committee, which is the grading scale currently being used by our professors. Currently the University of Florida guidelines states that professors have the liberty to implement their own grading scales. Some students have raised a concern about how different professors have very different grading scales and how some might choose to not use the minus grade system for example. The committee looked at the possibility of having professors give a list of their grading scales for certain courses and explain why they choose that particular grading system. Members did unanimously agree that a minus grade scale should be implemented in all courses college wide.

✚ **Follow-up on Roll-out of Exam Pilot-Soft:** Currently there are a couple of courses being taught this semester, which are using this pilot program. Feedback will be expected from the instructors teaching those particular courses. The feedback will be presented to this committee at a later meeting.

✚ **Additional Item:** Members have been asked to bring a copy of their teaching schedules in order to facilitate the scheduling of future meetings. The new Dean of our college, Dr. Julie Johnson will be asked to attend one of the upcoming meetings. She will be briefed on the agenda items for that meeting and then asked to provide feedback on those items.

✚ **Dean Johnson accepted the invitation to speak with the council and will attend the second hour of the October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the issues brought up by the council.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:50am. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.**