UUF Executive Committee Summary of 10/26/06 Meeting

Present: Antonio Candau, Kimberly Emmons, Donald Feke, Lynne Ford, Steven Garverick (Acting Chair), Uziel Landau, Miranda Lange, James McGuffin-Cawley, Vassilis Panoskaltsis, Larry Parker, Sheila Pedigo, David Samols, Peter Whiting, Jeffrey Wolcowitz, and Jeff Zabinski.

Steve Garverick substituted for Chair C. Hudak. The committee welcomed two new student members, Miranda Lange and Jeff Zabinski.

SAGES Report by P. Whiting: Feedback from faculty and students is stronger and more positive. Preparing for 95 University Seminars in spring ’07, 55 posted on-line already. Discussing proposal [brought to last month’s UUFCC meeting] for rating competence in writing, on both a short-term and a long-term plan, and discussing it in each school. SAGES Advisory Committee discussing capstone experience courses. Considerable discussion and various suggestions on rating students’ competency. Question on whether ad hoc SAGES Oversight Committee has met yet.

Writing Across the Curriculum: K. Emmons reported that the English Department, in response to the request from the UUFXC to revisit its proposal, will move to set up a new committee to study campus needs, with a focus on progression to improve writing. WSOM and CSE members will speak with their schools’ executive committees.

Don Feke reported on several items:
- the technology fee currently paid only by dorm students will be required of all students; graduate and professional school students are concerned. Discussed need and why it is a separate fee rather than being part of tuition
- Cleveland Scholarship Program agreement to help support enrollment of 50 minority students on campus.
- Update on PeopleSoft and new Student Information System and what reports and information faculty think will be needed and useful
- reported on initial feedback on proposal to refrain from scheduling required classes in the 4:30 - 6:30 time slot: WSOM had one conflict which it has cleared; some CAS faculty have some concerns about constraints on teaching schedules; CSE has some lab conflicts. Feke reported that we are trying to send message to students that co-curricular activities do matter daily.

Tracking Research Experiences: Sheila Pedigo discussed revised form to note such activities on a transcript; further useful suggestions made. Next step will be to take this for a vote at the next UUF faculty meeting.

Lynne Ford for Secretary