

Arts and Humanities Working Group
Minutes
1.18.06
11 A.M.-1 P.M.
202 Tigert

Attendees:

Donna Cohen
Brigitte Weltman-Aron
Leonardo Villalon
Kirk Ludwig
Alex Alberro
Bob Hatch
Barbara Barletta
John Leavey

John Leavey called the meeting to order at 11:25 A.M.

The minutes of the December 5, 2005 meeting were approved.

Dr. Leavey reviewed the charge of the council and distributed the recommendations from the AAU report on the humanities. One of the main goals of the committee is to assess and increase resources for the humanities and the arts.

The committee discussed the possibility of creating a permanent working group on the subject to help track faculty and graduate development. Graduate recruitment depends largely on the quality of the faculty. The University needs to remain competitive in the quality of faculty and subjects offered.

The committee will benchmark data to determine where humanities departments were 10 or 15 years ago and where they are today. The committee will then determine where the departments need to be to remain competitive. The committee will try to show the Provost that problems associated with the humanities are due to a lack of faculty and resources.

The data will be collected for appropriate departments in the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Design, Construction and Planning; Fine Arts and Education.

Bob Hatch will re-send the AAU document to the committee. The committee members will review the recommendations of the report to determine the most appropriate recommendations for the University.

Kim Tanzer noted that the committee should consider how the arts and humanities can improve the University of Florida and how additional resources will facilitate that improvement when making a presentation to the Provost and the President.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.