

Council on Research & Scholarship

Wednesday, August 25, 2004

HPNP Building, Room G105

Attendees:

Saeed Khan
Jim Rodrigue
Mary Ann Burg
Charles Smith

Absent

Karen Parker

Discussion:

Members reviewed information presented at the recent Faculty Senate orientation meeting. In particular, examining the organizational structure, which outlines linkages between policy council, the Faculty Senate, and various committees. Some clarification is needed regarding the process by which committees will report to the policy councils and how policy councils will communicate with the Faculty Senate. Moreover, it is not clear whether policy councils will have any direct communication with UF administration, other than through the Faculty Senate.

Several additional questions were raised and discussed. Most of these issues deal primarily with processes. There seems to be some overlap in function across councils- who will determine which policy council has primary responsibility for matters that are overlapping, who will monitor such processes? Are policy councils supposed to establish policy or simply receive policy issues and recommendations from committees, or both? This is an important issue regarding how reactive vs. proactive policy councils are intended to be. How should policy councils interface with UF administration?

We reviewed several issues and topics to determine their relevance to our policy council. We will continue to examine these issues at the next meeting.

Actions:

None

Recommendations:

- As planned, Saeed Khan will meet with other policy council chairs and President Machen and report back to us. Our next meeting will be scheduled at that time.
- Saeed Khan will meet with Vice President for Research, Win Phillips and report back to the Council members.

- Policy council should formally request reports from those committees that have been determined to be relevant to functions. These committees were identified at the last meeting and their chairs should be sent a letter requesting their most recent report.
- The policy council should begin to identify existing policies that
 - 1.) Serve to facilitate the institutional goal of being a research 1 University, and
 - 2.) Serve as barriers to institutional goal of being a research 1 University.
- Policy council members should review the results of the recent faculty survey to identify prominent issues that are relevant to our discussions.

Minutes submitted by Jim Rodrigue