Infrastructure Council Minutes
February 2, 2009; 8-10 AM
Reitz Union Room 283

Attendees: Chuck Frazier
Jane Brockmann   Amelia Dempere
Shelly Foss   Tom Caswell
Ed Poppell
Chuck Frazier   Missing:
Shannon Holliday   John Ingram
Ray Issa   Marjorie Hoy
Rae Jesano   Doug Jones
Bill Millard   Carol Walker
Mark Orazem   Tim Young
Bryan Weber

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM.

The minutes of the January meeting were not available.

The chair announced that IC would need 3 faculty to serve on the Council next year. Current members can volunteer to continue as long as they are currently Senators. Suggestions for new members are welcome. At the next meeting a new chair needs to be selected.

Follow-up on issues that were discussed at the last meeting: IC supported the idea of Green Teams and DeDee DeLongpre will address the Senate to discuss the matter at the March Senate meeting.

IC recommendations on the IT Action Plan will not be included in this month's Senate meeting because the Steering Committee asked that the IC to approve the governance aspects of the Action Plan.

Chuck Frazier and Mark Orazem presented and led a discussion on the IT Action Plan. Frazier pointed out that President Machen requested the ITAP and that he wanted it by February. The Plan was discussed at UF community meetings but that there was never a plan for the Plan to be approved by the Senate. Nonetheless the Senate was informed as they developed the Plan and CF was happy to discuss the Plan today focusing on the governance aspects (even though it had already gone to the President). In particular, the ITAP distinguishes between IT providers and IT users and requires the presence of both on the IT committees. It also recommends IT committees at departmental and college levels. These are the proposals made by the IC to the Senate in January. In addition, the ITAP institutes a decision-making body (VPs) that makes IT decisions at a high level, giving coherence to UFIT. After considerable discussion the IC reviewed and approved the governance component of the ITAP.

Rae Jesano reported from the IT CMS committee that is seeking a new course management system. Vendors from Angel, Blackboard, Sakai and Moodle will make presentations between 18 Feb and 4 March. Sessions will also be available on line along with opportunities to try out the new products. The Committee will survey faculty who attend the sessions for their views and make a recommendation in March. The considerations are such factors as ease of use in gradebook, assignments, testing, compatibility with other electronic systems, uploading and downloading, chat rooms, and tutorials. High on the list are price, support and security issues. One problem is that while the open source systems are cheaper at the outset, an in-house person will be needed to develop software to make the system compatible with UF systems. An announcement has gone to all faculty to participate in this decision.

Amelia Dempere, Chair of the Sustainability Committee, reported on their recent activities. She also announced that DeDee DeLongpre will be leaving her position this summer to take a position elsewhere.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM