Minutes
Academic Council
Monday, November 15, 2010
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Campus Board Room – C306

Members Attending: Dr. Robert Anderson, Dr. Bonnie Jones, Dr. Elizabeth Larkin, Ms. Rhonda Moraca, Dr. Terry Osborn, Dr. Jane Rose, Dr. Jay Schrock

Invited Guest: Ms. Kelly Robbins

Recorder: Ms. Dina Kathman

1. Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2010 Meeting
The Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the November 1, 2010, meeting.

2. SACS Visit
Dr. Bonnie Jones discussed possible areas that the SACS on-site committee members may be asking about during their visit November 17-19. In particular, she noted UFF changes, governance updates, and assessment issues.

Ms. Kelly Robbins attended the meeting to provide an overview of what the committee members may be focusing on in connection with the assessment plans and reports. Likely areas are communication and critical thinking (undergraduate).

3. Academic Programs Committee Update
Dr. Elizabeth Larkin reported that there are no updates from the APC at this time.

As a reminder, Ms. Rhonda Moraca noted that, when in doubt, changes to courses should be run through the APC for approval – even if it means just placing it on a consent agenda. That way, it ensures that the communication loop is consistent.

4. Faculty Senate / Faculty Advisory Council Update
Dr. Larkin reported the following:

Faculty Senate
- The Faculty Senate is having a follow-up meeting on 11/19 to finish the agenda from 11/1.
- Various subcommittees are working on by-laws and the campus mission.
- The election of the Faculty Senate President was resolved. Dr. James Curran will take over for Dr. Michael Richard beginning in January 2011. In the meantime, Dr. Curran will work to become familiar with the business of the Senate.

Faculty Advisory Council
- The Sarasota campus has three faculty representatives on the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC): Elizabeth Larkin (President), James Curran, and Ross Alander. Drs. Larkin and Curran are also each serving on other system councils - Dr. Larkin on the Academics and Campus Environment Advisory Council, and Dr. Curran on the Finance and Audit Advisory Council. The USFSM
campus currently has no representation on the Health Sciences & Research Committee. Those four spots are filled by three members of the Tampa campus and one member of the St. Petersburg campus.

- The FAC is working on determining which awards will be system wide and which will remain in Tampa only. This year, there will be no system wide awards - all will be separate. Also, the individual colleges/school will need to continue to offer staff and student awards for their areas.

  Dr. Jane Rose asked that this issue be kept “on the table” insofar as the funding piece is concerned since some of the awards provide for a monetary prize. Dr. Jones agreed to address again before the end of the semester.

5. **Next Meeting**
The next Academic Council meeting is scheduled to take place Monday, November 29, 2010, 2:00-4:00 p.m., in the Campus Board Room.