

UFC Meeting, October 8, 2014

Members present: Andy Yuengert, Ron Cox, Cyndia Clegg (not as a voting member), Mark Scarberry, Christine Goodman, Ann Feyerherm, Larry Bumgardner, Nancy Harding, Ted McAllister. Administrators: President Benton, Provost Marris, Vice Provost Lee Kats

The meeting began with introductions, and outgoing chair, Cyndia Clegg, reviewed the major accomplishments from last year, including completion and final approval of the Shared Governance Vision Document.

President Benton made a presentation on the financial state of the University.

Provost Marris discussed academic initiatives. He reflected on the strength of Pepperdine's position and brand and talked about exploring more competitive positioning, working with Rick Gibson's marketing department. He also discussed the searches that are in progress for Deans at Graziadio and Seaver.

Elections were held for the position of UFC chair. Mark Scarberry was elected as President, and the runner up, Tom Vandergon agreed to serve as Vice President. Ron Cox agreed to serve as secretary.

Old Business

Nancy Harding and Mike Magasin will continue to work with legal counsel on a disruptive student policy.

President Benton indicated that he would take the needed action to have the speakers' release form revised so as to be more reasonable than the current form.

New Business

Mark Scarberry indicated that the University Tenure Committee's new charter is in conflict with School of Law tenure procedures, with regard to disclosure of documents, such as outside scholarship evaluations, to tenure candidates. Provosts Marris stated that he would work with the chairs of the school RTP committees to resolve the issue.

The Council discussed the desirability and problems of teaching across the schools. One proposal was to have some kind of system in which faculty could "bank" hours.

For the next meeting the Council agreed that the Dean searches and procedures at different schools would be considered.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Cox, UFC secretary (revising notes originally provided by Dr. Cyndia Clegg)