

CFR Minutes

CFR Meeting, October 21, 2016

Meeting Time: 9:30 – 11:30

Present: Mike Berger, Cory Bolkan, Nicole Campbell, Michael Curry, Ed Hagan, Laurie Mercier, Stephen Solovitz, and Elizabeth Soliday.

Minutes:

- Minutes from 10/7/16 were approved.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees:

- Pavithra Narayanan will report Senate-related news during Finley's absence.

Reports of Special Committees:

- 21st Century Scheduling Taskforce: Berger gave an update on the group's work. They will be sending out surveys to faculty, admissions counselors, current students and prospective students soliciting feedback.
- Research Advisory Council: There was further discussion of the RFP for research infrastructure including clarification from the VCAA on the funding structure and intent of these grants.

Announcements:

- Curry reported on efforts to reschedule CFR meetings during spring semester. No alternate times would work for everyone. CFR will continue to meet at the same time but will make an effort to wrap up by 11am when possible.
- November 18th Faculty Meeting: There will be a presentation and Q&A with Tena Old, University Ombudsman, followed by a CFR open meeting. Be sure to send possible agenda items to Soliday for this meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- Berger solicited feedback about possible motor pool changes and how changes might impact different units.

New Business

- Chancellor visit. Discussion focused on:
 - The current and future budget situation
 - An update on student enrollment increases
 - A consideration of student housing and information on student housing construction at Tri-Cities.
 - Course scheduling, efficient use of our facilities and blended learning.

Minutes submitted by Nicole Campbell, 10/21/16