

**University Faculty Council**  
**Pre-Semester Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 18, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:30am by acting Chair, Anand Rao. The meeting was attended by members of the 2014-2015 UFC to discuss the transition to the new 18-member UFC model and to outline plans for the open forums.

- I. Leadership Council Meeting
  - a. Anand noted that faculty would not be able to attend as the August 19, 2015 meeting was scheduled at the same time as department meetings.
  
- II. Presidential Search Advisory Meeting with UFC
  - a. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, noon-1pm in Lee 412. Anand encouraged members of the UFC to attend the meeting, noting that the search consultant would be in attendance. The search meetings will be used to develop the leadership statement used in the search.
  
- III. Upcoming Open Forums
  - a. Alternative Course Models Report Open Forums (9/3 ITCC, 9/9 Monroe 116) – A lengthy discussion was held pertaining to faculty consideration of the alternative course models report. The UFC will manage the open forums, and Stephen Davies, chair of the working group that produced the report, and Provost Jonathan Levin will attend. The UFC will create a shared google document where faculty can share comments regarding the report. Following the forums, the UFC will distribute an electronic straw poll to all faculty with questions about an alternative course model. The questions will be developed in light of the open forums and the online document discussion. The straw poll results will be used by the UFC to guide any further consideration of an alternative course model.
  - b. Strategic Plan (9/7 Monroe 116, 9/10 Lee 411) – the strategic plan open forums were announced and faculty were encouraged to attend.
  
- IV. Election Procedures. The group discussed elections for all representatives to the new 18-member UFC.
  - a. At-large representatives – There was an error in the election in that none of the positions were staggered, meaning that the three faculty elected to the UFC as at-large representatives will each serve a two-

year term. It was decided that since the election was already underway that it was too late to make any changes. It was also agreed that staggered terms can be set in future elections for at-large representatives.

- b. COB representatives – The College of Business is expected to announce its faculty representatives after its college meeting on August 20, 2015.
- c. COE representatives- The College of Education is expected to announce its faculty representatives after its college meeting on August 20, 2015.
- d. CAS representatives – The CAS Faculty Senate will meet at 1pm on August 18, 2015, to discuss election procedures for representatives of each CAS division. It is anticipated that the CAS elections will conclude by September 1, 2015.

V. UFC Meetings – The meeting schedule was reviewed and discussed. Meetings will be held in the ITCC Digital Auditorium from 3:30-5:30pm on the following dates:

- a. September 4 (Friday) – time and place TBD – special meeting to elect new officers and finalize meeting plans for the year
- b. September 23 (Wednesday)
- c. October 21 (Wednesday)
- d. November 23 (Monday)
- e. February 3 (Wednesday)
- f. February 24 (Wednesday)
- g. March 30 (Wednesday)
- h. April 18 (Monday)
- i. 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of May (date to be determined)– Planning Meeting

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45am.