Leadership Council Meeting  
Wednesday, April 27, 2016  
Conference Room G-23

Present:  Dean Kennedy, Rob Branch, Janet Buckworth, Barbara Crawford, Kathleen deMarrais, Cynthia Dillard, Brian Glaser, Anne Marcotte, Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, Cindy Vail, Scott Ardoin, Laura Bierema, Denise Spangler, Karl Newell, Andy Garber, Ralph Knapp, Jen Williams, Anne McDonald, Jack Parish.

Dean Kennedy opened the meeting at 2:00 PM.

Scott Ardoin provided Faculty Senate updates. Scott provided information on the Senate’s new plan for term lengths and responsibilities for the President and related positions. Janette Hill stepped down as incoming President. Ellen Evans will serve as Faculty Senate President for academic years 2016-17 and 2017-18. On April 19, 2016, the Faculty Senate unanimously approved the Extended Leave procedures without amendment. Faculty Senate discussed minimum class size requirements and will continue to access and review data as part of its ongoing discussion of this topic. Faculty Senate briefly discussed the observation that faculty are having to do more individual recruitment and marketing for some of their classes. This discussion will continue during the 2016-17 academic year.

Anne McDonald thanked the Department Heads for their work and support in implementing edTPA. Anne provided academic year 2015-16 student performance data on the edTPA. Dean Kennedy commented that the UGA College of Education has the highest pass rate on edTPA of all University System of Georgia institutions. Anne reminded everyone that Georgia’s passing scores on edTPA will continue to go up over the next two academic years.

Denise Spangler provided information on the Extended Leave procedures. Dean Kennedy asked for a vote of the Leadership Council on the proposed procedures. The Leadership Council unanimously approved the Extended Leave procedures as presented.

Karl Newell asked Department Heads to provide him with feedback on the three major events coordinated through the Research Office — the COE annual research conference, the Research Colloquium Series, and the proposal and grant writing workshops. Karl asked specifically for feedback and suggestions on ways to encourage more participation in these events by faculty and graduate students. Karl asked that feedback be provided to him by May 13. The feedback received will be aggregated and further discussed at the May 25, Leadership Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 PM.