COE Leadership Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 24


Needs of online course support

The council engaged in a discussion about sources of support that would facilitate the development of, refinement of, and consistency of online courses within the college. A need was expressed for some external consultation to gauge the consistency and appearance of online courses, ensure that the courses are accessible to learners who need accommodations to participate, and to provide a general review of the courses for programs that would like to uptake such a review. The consensus was this need was short–term support for mature programs. Ralph Knapp indicated that the Office of Information Technology has a number of resources including having faculty use room 206 to create videos for courses, providing support for building ELC shells for courses, and general consultation about best practices for online course and program development. It was noted that general resources (http://faculty.online.uga.edu/design‐development/) and resources for accessibility for courses (http://faculty.online.uga.edu/design‐development/compliance/) are available. The Center for Teaching and Learning and the Office of Online Education can also consult on accessibility issues.

SRG Update

Melanie Peiper gave an update about the last SRG meeting. A focus of that meeting was on staff/faculty relations. A committee has been formed to provide some support and resources for positive relationships. A discussion was held about how to better encourage positive interactions, respect for the work of staff, and what the role of college leaders is in supporting challenges in interpersonal relationships between staff and faculty. The group indicated a climate survey to gauge the extent of concerns might be helpful. Another suggestion was that a proactive approach to meeting with staff to hear concerns might also be helpful. The SRG invited faculty to this Friday’s Chili Cook-Off.

Faculty Senate Update

Jim Garret reported that there was not a quorum at the last Faculty Senate meeting. The senate decided to table the request for an item on diversity to be included on the course evaluation and to gather more information on how better to develop inclusive environments and document these strategies in teaching. Jim also noted that the timeline for gathering information for annual administrative feedback might need to be moved earlier in the spring semester. Jim will send the current surveys and allow administrators to suggest any revisions to the surveys. Jim also updated the council on the faculty senate’s discussion of service time. The senate indicated that the senate’s role in these discussions is complete and that departments should now be working on incorporating their operationalization into their promotion and tenure criteria.

Updating Leadership Council Operating Procedures

A discussion was held on operating procedures for the Leadership Council. The group decided that members could, at their discretion, invite substitutes to attend the meeting when a member will be absent.
Fall COE Meeting Follow-up
Denise Spangler will share a summary of the information that was collected at the COE Fall meeting in COEFyi.

Brief Update from One USG Changes
Andy Garber provided an update on a change that will occur on December 16 with personnel position codes. On that date, position codes will be switched to the codes that the University System of Georgia uses. UGA has been using its own system that is mapped onto the USG codes.