Faculty Select Panel on Growth and Quality
Meeting Summary, October 8, 2012
9:15-10 a.m., Reed 223


Harrison convened meeting at 9:20 a.m. and reviewed the charge and relevant economic, political, and budgetary contexts within which the group begins its work.

Charge:
1. To conceptualize and facilitate the collection of relevant faculty perspectives on university growth and academic quality. Reduced to its purist form, this charge – if stated in the form of a question – is: what should FGCU be growing into as an institution, and how?
2. To synthesize those perspectives into a focused report reflecting the dominant majority and minority perspectives and contexts.

Contexts: Group discussed reduction trends in state funding, increased political resistance to tuition increases, and intensifying constraints on physical campus space for enrollment growth. Extended discussion focused on panel’s need to educate and solicit feedback and the relationship between the two functions. Additionally, discussion focused on the timeline and comparative merits of tightly focused deadline versus more extended time to engage questions with more complexity. Finally, the group discussed the audience for its work and the importance of both shaping a document by faculty for faculty representing faculty needs and creating a report that will secondarily speak to several related audiences.

Resources: An angel page has been created for the group where many documents and reports have already been uploaded. The group is encouraged to use this space to add additional documents and information as needed. A. Gibbs will provide administrative support as needed and available. Other resources that might involve graduate student learning opportunities are possible as well.

Action Steps: The group agreed that Harrison will convene a second meeting early in the week of Oct. 15 to strategize the process and plan for the group’s work. Consensus opinion held that the group can meet when any four members are present and responding “available” to meeting requests includes availability to participate by phone.

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

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