
Meeting called at: 9:45 a.m.

Old Business:
   1. Accelerated degrees: Discussion put on hold to address new business.

New Business:
   1. Selection of leadership for Interdisciplinary programs. The new Health science programs (2 of them) that were approved last semester are interdisciplinary in nature and therefore do not have a clear route for selecting leadership. The program proposals included bylaws which outlined who would be included on the advisory committee but left the selection of the coordinator up to the UCF. We need to determine the mechanism by which the coordinator will be selected.

First and foremost we encourage programs to be housed within a department or multiple departments if that makes sense for the program. If that is not possible the committee discussed guidelines for forming the leadership of these programs.

The committee focused on coming up with general procedures to guide interdisciplinary programs through setting up the committees and leadership that would work best for them. Some general ideas:

   • Refer to committees as steering committees and leaders as either coordinator or director.

   • Elect committee members through a process that makes sense for the program. If it’s across several schools this may require using the senate voting mechanism. If it’s within a school then the election could be run by the dean’s office or a single department.

   • Committee should include representatives of all stakeholders. By stakeholder we mean departments and/or persons who teach within the program and/or are otherwise involved in its administration.

   • Committee could also include a non-stakeholder member and/or ex-officio member(s).

   • Committee members then elect the coordinator/director.

   • Proposals for these programs are encouraged to include an outline of bylaws. The first order of business for the committees will be to complete and vote on these bylaws. (Does the senate or another body also have to vote on these if the program crosses multiple schools?)

I. Meeting adjourned 10:52 a.m.

Minutes submitted by M. Barboza