

Minutes from Curriculum and Teaching Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 3:00 pm
Via Zoom

Those present: James Babanikos (chair), Huan Chen, Ann Searight Christiano, Myiah Hutchens, David Ostroff, Eric Esterline, Ted Spiker, Harrison Hove, Judy Hunter

Announcements/Updates

- ADV Chair Dr. Huan Chen last week said her faculty wanted more information on the UF Online Faculty Coordinator positions, and C & T Committee Chair James Babanikos emailed Evie Cummings to get more information. In response, one of her assistants sent him a copy of the “UF Online Funding Model 5.0” which describes the resources available for UFO programs... but has very little on what the UF Online Coordinator position. Babanikos asked for more specific information and will share that with the Committee as soon as he gets it.

Discussion Items

- **UF Online Course Review Process**
 - The university has asked the college to set up a UF Online Course Review timeline so that all courses that are more than 80% online will be evaluated by the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) by the end of the Fall semester 2025. The way the evaluation process works is that instructors will answer about 70-80 questions about the class, which Harrison Hove (who is himself an evaluator at CTE) says that it would take someone about five hours to do. Then an evaluator at the CTE would check those answers and provide feedback.
 - This instigated a number of important questions. Perhaps the most significant is that the vast majority of instructors teaching online courses are adjuncts; adjuncts are not very well paid as it is, and we’re asking them now to do additional work. What is the incentive for them to do so? If the instructor is a full-time faculty member, then that’s part of their teaching responsibility. But if they’re an adjunct, their responsibility was to teach the class, not to do this assessment. Babanikos was going to speak to Spiro Kiouis and Kutonya Sowell about perhaps finding a stipend to pay adjuncts to do this assessment.
 - Babanikos will also follow up with Nikki Lyons at the CTE for more clarification.
- **RTV3593: Multimedia Sports Reporting**
 - The committee approved changing the pre-reqs of this class from “MMC2100 or JOU3109C with a minimum grade of C and approval of Director of Sports Journalism and Communications in conjunction with sports personnel at WRUF-AM ESPN 850” to “RTV 2100 or MMC2100 or JOU3101 with a minimum of C.”

- **CJC Strategic Plan**

- There was some discussion on the CJC Strategic Plan, especially on the plan to “enhance CJC’s recruitment, retention, and placement of diverse and multicultural faculty (faculty part complete), staff, and students.” Spiker suggested that we ask Katrice Graham on the steps the Knight Division is taking to increase the recruitment and retention of diverse and multicultural students, and take it from there.

The meeting ended at 3:45 pm. Minutes submitted by James Babanikos.