

CFS Governance Council Meeting  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008  
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
MHC 1329

**Attending Members:** René Anderson, Shirley Baer, Sharon Denninger, Norin Dollard, Sandra Dwinell, Kathleen Ferreira, Robert Friedman, Heather George, Michael Greeson, Ray Miltenberger, Janis Prince Inniss, Tim Weil

**Absent Members:** Ruby Joseph, Don Policella

**Guests:** Teresa Nesman, Tom Massey, Martin Kledzik, Dabaram Rampersad, Bryon Neff, Kim Crosland, Amber Gum, Greg Teague, Tracy-Ann Gilbert-Smith, Marilyn Cureton (note taker)

**Call to order:** The meeting of the CFS Governance Council was called to order by Kathleen Ferreira, Chair.

**Review of minutes:** The November meeting minutes were distributed for review. The minutes were approved with modifications.

**Agenda Approval:** There were no changes to the meeting agenda.

**Committee Reports:**

*FMHI Faculty Council* – Norin Dollard stated the Council didn't have quorum for their most recent meeting. Attendees identified issues to discuss at next month's meeting.

*Institute Council* – No report.

*CFS Leadership Team Meeting* – The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

*RO/RI Workgroup* – No new updates to report.

**Unfinished Business:**

*CFS Governance Council position statement* – The statement was sent to the CFS Chair who forwarded it to Dean Gonzales. Dean Gonzales' response was positive.

*FMHI Compact Planning Process* - Bob Friedman stated that a 9-member FMHI Compact Planning Committee has been established and their first meeting was on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The committee discussed the identity, role, and structure of the Institute in the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences. The next meeting is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> and will address important issues such as the centralized functions and roles of the institute. Amber Gum added to the discussion, suggesting that we first identify the value of the institute - what is unique and special about it – before we identify the structure.

Bob asked that feedback be communicated to either of the three CFS members on this committee. In addition to Bob, committee members include Patty Sharrock and Sharon Hodges. The notes from the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be sent out to the Institute.

**Guest Discussants:**

Greg Teague, Chair of the MHLGP Governance Council, Tom Massey, Chair of the FMHI Faculty Council, and Amber Gum, AMH Representative attended the meeting per an invitation from the CFS Governance Council. Topics included the FMHI and BCS structures, Faculty Assigned Duties, and RO/RI issues. The group discussed issues unique to the three FMHI Departments such as 9 versus 12-month faculty appointments, grant funded support staff, and use of soft money for faculty and staff in

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support of our research activities. Tom stressed the importance of and need for clear communication between the department councils. The group discussed possibilities for connecting the councils such as a council of councils.

**New Business:**

None.

**Reminders/Announcements:**

The next meeting will be held on January 7th. Communications will provide the note-taker and snacks.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.