

Faculty Advisors and Faculty Documents: Now that the legal process between UFF and the university has concluded we have to look at how our faculty advisors fit into faculty governance and the promotion and evaluation processes. While the FPED and Faculty Governance Document were essentially unaltered while the status of advisors remained under examination, the in-unit faculty advisors have been shifted into a new reporting structure. Since in-unit advisors are not longer part of a college/school reporting structure, we need to figure out how to allow advisors to participate in faculty governance, as well as make adjustments to the FPED to ensure for advisors an equitable process for evaluation and promotion. Faculty Senate leadership have already met with some advisor representatives to talk about possible alterations to the Governance Document. I also anticipate coordinating some efforts between administration, advisors, and our Faculty Affairs Team to work on the FPED soon.

Training Program for Chairs: Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs, Tony Barringer, shared preliminary plans for a training and development program for department chairs and directors at a recent Academic Affairs Leadership Team meeting. It is envisioned as a multi-session program that will cover a wide variety of skills like conflict resolution, budgets, the CBA, hiring and recruiting, having difficult conversations basic roles and responsibilities of department chairs. The program is still in the early stages and facilitators and leaders are still needed. If you or a colleague is an expert in an area that could be of use in this program, please get in touch with Dr. Barringer.

Workday Student: Project teams have been hard at work getting new workflows set up in Workday. I have attended several customer confirmation sessions (demonstrations) in the past week or so. I don't touch most of those areas that were discussed, so I couldn't tell you how the systems look at this point, but I can say that I have nothing but respect for all of the people that have been working on this implementation project. I plan to have Mary Banks, CIO, come to Faculty Senate later this semester to talk with us about the timeline for Workday Student, as well as other technology updates.

AVP of Research Candidates: Please participate as you are able in the open forum presentations that remain for the candidates for Associate Vice President of Research and Sponsored Programs. This is an important position that will help shape what research looks like and is supported on this campus for years to come.

Wednesday, February 23rd 1:30-2:45pm Seidler Hall, 114

Friday, February 25th 1:30-2:45pm Seidler Hall, 114