

University Faculty Meeting

Friday, August 26, 2022

Agenda:

1. Opening remarks (Provost Painter)
2. Student accommodations for online learning (Executive Director Collins)
3. Enrollment: incoming class and 2023-24 planning (Vice President Nault)
4. Strategic Priorities: reimagining the allocation of time (President Roellke)

All Faculty were invited to join the opening 2022-2023 faculty meeting in the Stetson Room where lunch was provided.

The meeting was called to order at 12:08

1. Opening remarks (Provost Painter)

Provost Painter began by thanking everyone for attending and introduced the speakers for today's meeting (Stacy Collins, Dr. Ray Nault and President Roellke). He then offered a welcome to the new full and part-time faculty from all schools and colleges. Returning faculty were encouraged to take some time to meet the new faculty members.

Provost Painter then shared his optimism for the upcoming year and explained that this will be a transitional year as we search for new deans in the College of Law and School of Business Administration. Provost Painter then announced that this will be Sue Ryan's last year serving as the Dean of the duPont Ball Library. He thanked Sue for her years of faithful service as the Dean.

2. Student accommodations for online learning (Executive Director Collins)

Executive Director Collins began by explaining that Career and Professional Development and Academic Accommodation departments are under her supervision. Stacy then introduced Dr. Martha von Mering to discuss online learning accommodations. She explained that an accommodation to attend class virtually (i.e Zoom) can now be granted for very specific circumstances. If a professor is asked for this accommodation, they should direct students to the Academic Accommodation office for assistance and to determine if a virtual class accommodation is appropriate. All virtual accommodation requests are taken very seriously and put through a through process before the accommodation is approved or denied. Generally, temporary online accommodations are not approved. Dr. von Mering explained that this accommodation has recently been made available for pregnant students.

Case law will continue to shape how this accommodation is applied. Listed below is the process for how this accommodation is applied.

- An intake form is completed
- Documentation is then requested
- Academic Accommodation meets with the student
- An email is then sent to the faculty explaining the accommodation request outcome

Stacy then explained that virtual accommodations will consist of “view only” or recorded classroom lectures. The professor is not expected to interact with virtual participants while class is in session.

President Roellke took just a minute to explain that many students are coming to Stetson after attending High School in a virtual format.

Lastly, Provost Painter encouraged all faculty to send all questions regarding accommodations (including virtual accommodations) to Stacy. Follow up regarding virtual accommodations will be forthcoming.

3. Enrollment: incoming class and 2023-24 planning (Vice President Nault)

Dr. Nault began with a presentation 2023 Enrollment and Beyond. The presentation began with a table of Stetsons enrollment history. Ray then asked, “What is a realistic goal for enrollment?” and showed how discount rate has increased to and yield is a 7%. This trend is not sustainable.

Ray then explained that the demographic has changed and there are less 18-year-old students in America; however, the student thought process is not changing. He explained that a student who wants to attend UCF will still want to attend UCF. Ray then finished by showing several slides with describing the incoming class.

4. Strategic Priorities: reimagining the allocation of time (President Roellke)

President Roellke began with an emphatic “Stetson is Back!” He then shared the feedback that he is receiving from his FSEM class. He admitted that the information may be somewhat slanted because his class is providing feedback to the president of the University.

President Roellke then explained that Marketing and Admissions are being merged and placed under a new Vice President and consolidated in the Welcome Center. The current Marketing offices will be turned into a new space for students. He then went on to explain that Chaudoin Hall is currently offline to allow for a through renovation.

President Roellke then changed gears and explained that 70% of students have reported that their mental health has suffered as a result of the global pandemic.

Lastly President Roellke explained that Stetson needs to recognize competition from all areas including Google Grow.

Dr. Melinda Hall then briefly introduced herself as the Faculty Senate president and explained that Faculty Senate meetings are open to all faculty and are available to view virtually.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM