

Dean's Report to the College of Education's College Council

January 19, 2007

New Business

1. National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) – Results of the 2006 NSSE survey from freshmen and seniors at USF St. Petersburg are now available. In addition to results from our university, student responses are compared to comparable institutions nationally. We have been asked by Academic Affairs to review the results and determine how we would like to respond to these data.

Old Business

1. Defining Teaching Obligations/Faculty Roles and Responsibilities. –Mark Durand has asked the deans to work with each of our college faculties to discuss teaching obligations and, concomitantly, teaching assignments. The broader discussion comprises Faculty Roles and Responsibilities.

- A Faculty Forum was convened on December 5 for the faculty to discuss these issues.
- I have prepared a draft for discussion at the January 19 College Council Meeting. Based on the discussion at the College Council meeting, I will prepare a revised draft and send it out to the COE faculty for additional review and comment.
- The final version is due to Mark Durand on March 1. After his review and approval, we will implement our new policies beginning in the fall of 2007.

2. Faculty Searches --

On-going faculty searches. The pool of candidates for all three faculty searches in Science Education, Reading Education, and Educational Leadership have been approved by Mark Durand. Science Education has submitted to me their list of finalists to bring in to interview. Once this group of finalists has been approved to bring in to interview by Academic Affairs, we will be scheduling interviews. The other two search committees are narrowing down their pool of candidates to groups of finalists.

New faculty search. We have been approved by Academic Affairs to search for a tenure-track faculty member to serve as Assessment Coordinator for the College of Education. This position is currently filled by a person in a visiting line. Joyce Nutta will be chairing the search.

