

Ybor City Campus Learning Council Minutes for 5/21/2010

The Learning Council met at 1:30 pm in FAC 226. In attendance were:

- Linda Prescott, co-chair;
- David Liller, co-chair;
- Jack Evans, Dean, AS program;
- Susan Miletta, faculty member;
- James Harrod, coordinator of tutoring services;
- Luz Lono, faculty member;
- Cicely Jeter, SGA president (guest)

Linda conducted the meeting and started by reviewing the minutes. She announced that faculty member Jody Weaver had approached her about starting a faculty mentoring program. Linda said she will be working with Bonnie Finsley-Sattlefield at Plant City regarding the Faculty Mentoring Program to develop a survey and guidelines since Plant City already has an informal mentoring program.

Linda announced that a survey of Learning Council members revealed that the third Friday of the month at 1:30pm was the most popular meeting date and time among the members.

A discussion about the tutoring services and its role in the upcoming renovation of YLRC's first floor into an academic success center ensued. James Harrod discussed some of the special challenges faced by the tutoring center, including getting tutors for specialized subjects given the relatively low pay involved. Harrod also demonstrated how students could track their college progress, including the classes they need to complete their programs, but using FACT.org. The council members discussed ways of making FACT.org better known among students and giving it a more prominent place on the HCC website.

David reminded attendees that individuals involved in the academic success center effort were traveling the HCC Brandon Campus on Friday, May 25 to review the center there.

Cicely asked about for more details about the function of the learning council. A discussion about the need for a faculty seminar regarding classroom management and attendance recording ensued, followed by a discussion on the need for faculty seminars and better interaction between fulltime faculty and adjunct faculty. David said he was planning to have a workshop for Ybor City Campus adjunct faculty to go over routine procedures that sometime escape the notice of adjunct faculty, and the idea of faculty mentors for adjunct faculty was discussed.

Linda ended the meeting with a discussion of FIGS, short for Faculty Interest Groups. The wiki-like system would allow more faculty interaction and would provide a forum for learning council members

to discuss ideas and provide information on topics of interest. Linda said she was continuing to work on the FIGS concept and would report back at a future date.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45.