

UGCC Meeting of 2/18/09

Committee Attendees: Marlin (Chair), Davis, Shank, Smith (Minutes)

Committee Absences: Ainscough, Kearns, MJ Jackson

Guest(s): None

Meeting:

1. **Residency Issue:** The committee discussed apparent recent changes at COB Tampa, in which the college will now enforce Tampa students to complete 12 of their 18 major hours (18 of 24 for Accounting) in residence at Tampa. The committee decided, to the extent its decision has any weight on this matter, to maintain the existing requirement of just 30 of the last 60 hours be completed in residence for USFSP business majors. In effect, the committee voted in favor of no change in USFSP COB policy on this issue. The chair will communicate this decision to Dean Franklin, as well as to Cyndie Collins in Academic Advising.
2. **Academic Learning Compacts:** The chair updated the committee on mid-year reports, which are still in the process of being completed. The chair also indicated he, along with Dr. Mary Jo Jackson, will prepare a written summary of the results of the ETS test recently administered to the majors in all disciplines.
3. **General Assessment Issues:** The chair indicated that each discipline should start thinking about and planning for the process of continuous improvement (i.e. “closing the loop”). In particular, each discipline needs to think about reviewing about one-third of the discipline’s courses each year, as well as review and make necessary changes to generic syllabi (e.g. for “principles” courses that are taught by multiple instructors).
4. **Economics Assessment:** Dr. Smith reminded the committee that the general, in-house exam the committee has developed for assessing COB programs, which is normally administered in GEB 4890, needs to also be administered in ECO 3203 (Intermediate Macroeconomics), for Economics majors obtaining their degree through the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Smith will advise the instructor of ECO 3203 to administer the exam (the Economics portion of it only) to students prior to the end of the semester.

Next Meeting: TBA