

## MINUTES

### Faculty Senate On-Line Review Committee

Oct. 17, 2011

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In attendance: Steve Bernstein, Jose Longoria,, Brian Peterson, Lorna Veraldi

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes of the Sept. 19, 2011 meeting were approved.

The committee discussed the draft Strategic Plan circulated via email by Brian Peterson. Among those issues discussed were tuition and fees and whether the university can or should continue to charge extra fees for online courses.

The committee also discussed the appropriate role for the Committee and the Senate. Should the committee recommend that the Senate formulate policies mandating and policing online curriculum and evaluation methods, or rather should the Committee and the Senate see its role as informing faculty of ongoing research and working with faculty and administration to assure an appropriate level of support so that FIU could continue to improve and expand online teaching? The committee discussed issues including academic freedom, section size, the availability of teaching assistants, the role of technical support staff and the question of whether FIU should begin to require that students take at least a portion of their courses online. Peterson agreed to revise his proposal in light of the discussion and to circulate a revised proposal for the Strategic Plan to committee members prior to the next meeting.

-The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2011, at which time the committee would continue its discussion of the Strategic Plan and, if possible, hear a report from Committee member Delano Gray concerning the HEH online graduate program in the College of Business.

At 2 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.