

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Friday March 19, 2010
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Tim Lenz at 2:05 p.m. in the BOT Room on the Boca Raton Campus and video conferenced at the Treasure Coast Campus, the MacArthur Campus, the SeaTech Campus, the Fort Lauderdale Campus, and the Davie Campus.

Members Present: Edgar An, Bruce Arneklev, Pierre-Philippe Beaujean, William Bosshardt, Ernest Andrew Brewer, Valerie Bryan, Lester Embree, Mary Faraci, Deborah Floyd, Joseph Furner, Stuart Galup, Peggy Goldstein, James Gray, Anthony Guneratne Jerry Haky, Mike Harris, Michelle Hawkins, Wes Hawkins, Fred Hoffman, Doug Kanter, Kathryn Keller, David Kumar, James Kumi-Diaka, Kevin Lanning, Tim Lenz, Stephen Locke, Bill McDaniel, Tom Monson, Gary Parsons, Abhijit Pandya, Ed Petuch, Howard Prentice, Deborah Raines, Markus Schmidmeier, Dilys Schoorman, Eric Shaw, Lydia Smiley, Allen Smith, Jane Strudwick, Beverly Warde, Julie Honeycutt

Guests Present: Yashwant Bhagwanji, Jim McLaughin, Ellen Ryan, Arlene Kaplan, David Lee, Woody Hanetin, Linda Johnson, Larry Liebovitch, David Binninger, Dora Leventouri, Dora Leveytouri, Dan Kaly, Audra Lazarus, Michael Armstrong, Hue Miller, and Tony Abata, Roy Levow, Linda Johnson, Manjunath Pendakur.

- David Lee asked for a point of personal privilege to commend Tim Lenz for his work on the behalf of the UFS in the presidential search and presented him with a token of appreciation.

2. The UFS meeting minutes from February 19, 2010 were approved as amended.
3. President's Report: An electronic report was distributed to members of the UFS. Lenz commented on the presidential search. He thanked faculty for all the comments on the candidates. He explained that the selection process was over but the opportunity for faculty governance to participate in decisions about the direction of FAU's development is just beginning. He commended the Chair of the presidential search committee, Nancy Blosser, for leading a search that allowed the applicants to be considered on their merits, thereby easing faculty concerns about a political search. Lenz also explained that his questions of candidate Dr. Terry Hickey were not intended as criticism of UCF's growth model, but rather questions about whether that model would work for FAU.

Lenz announced that a committee has been created to organize celebrations of FAU's 50th anniversary during the academic year 2010-2011. The legislation authorizing FAU was passed in 1961.

4. UPC Consent Agenda

Approved by general consent

5. UPC Action Items

- a. Catalog changes for its Bachelor of Arts degree with major in Criminal Justice

Approved by general consent

- b. New minor in Business Law

-In response to a question whether the change included any new courses or expenses, Lenz replied that it did include a new course but that the proposal was approved by Academic Planning and Budget Committee.

Approved by general consent

- c. Changes in Management major from the Management program.

Approved by general consent

- d. A revision to the bachelor's degree program from the Dept. of Exceptional Student Education

Approved by general consent

- e. Revision to the course requirements for the Environmental Studies Certificate

Approved by general consent

6. GPC Consent Agenda

Approved by general consent

7. GPC Action Items

- a. Executive Certificate in Public Procurement

In response to a question about what public procurement is, Lenz explained that it is government purchasing/contracting.

Approved by general consent

- b. Master's Examination for M.S. in Mathematics

Approved by general consent

- c. New Degree Program: Master of Science in Medical Physics (MSMP)

Approved by general consent

- d. Masters of Education in Early Childhood Education

Approved by general consent

- e. Professional Science Masters in Business Biotechnology

-David Binninger said this is an interdisciplinary program for people that are interested in Science and can work in the business offices of science based companies.

Approved by general consent

8. Business Items: Changes in the Code of Academic Integrity

-Dean Ed Pratt explained that the changes are intended to strengthen the commitment to academic integrity by clarifying terms, specifying consequences of violations, and making faculty aware of the policy. Doing so will increase the value of an FAU degree. It was noted that the language replaced “academic irregularity” with “academic integrity.” In response to a question about whether a student could avoid disciplinary action by refusing to reply to a faculty charge, it was explained that the timelines described in the Code operate regardless of whether a student does not reply to a charge.

-Fred Hoffman moved to amend the code by inserting clarifying language that was distributed to the Senate. (Please see the attached document). The move was seconded. The amendment was discussed and **approved by general consent**. The Code as amended was approved by general consent.

9. Open forum with the Provost

- Wes Hawkins has been helping Diane Alperin with the P&T committee this year. By mid-April Wes Hawkins, Diane Alperin and John Pritchett will have met with all the candidates for promotion and tenure.
- AP&T workshop scheduled for April 16th, 2010. There was a workshop in January with new employees. The workshop in April is for people submitting portfolios.
- SPOT items that are used in the consideration of promotion and tenure cannot be changed by the P&T committee because they were selected by the Assessment committee, but if the committee wants to meet again and change it they can. In response to a question about faculty notification of P&T decisions, Diane Alperin said that she met with the University P&T and the Deans and she is in the process of setting up the meetings. She will meet with everyone by the end of the semester.
- The state higher education budget continues to change, but cuts are not expected this year. There may be cuts next year so it is reasonable to plan. The new president has been involved in budget discussions by conference call and she intends to be here by June 1st, 2010.
- In response to a question whether the University of Miami’s decision to not allow another medical education class to begin here at FAU this year will affect the funding of the medical education program, it was explained that the proposed budget did not include first-year tuition for fall 2010 because that tuition went to UM under current arrangements.. The medical faculty will be involved in medical education curriculum development.
- In response to a question about the status of the medical education proposal, it was explained that the proposal was approved by a BOG committee and is scheduled for the next full BOG meeting. There was a question about the proposal to rename the College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs the College of Design and Social Inquiry. Diane Alperin said that CAUPA has been involved in a visioning and renaming of their College for two years and she will let someone from the College explain the process and where they are. Dean Roselyn Carter said that

there has been some unhappiness with the current name among the faculty for several years. During the visioning process they decided to change their name to provide a more appropriate identity, because the current name is so long it is an acronym, and because the name is hard to fit on signage so there are practical reasons to change it. The majority voted on Design and Social Inquiry.

- Linda Johnson, Chair of the Art Department, opposed the name change because there is a great deal of design (e.g., graphic, art) that is not taught in that College. It is a misrepresentation of what design is. Farshad Araghi, Chair of the Department of Sociology, opposed the new name because it implies that the College of Design and Social Inquiry is where social science is done. A member of the CAUPA faculty explained that CAUPA is where social science is done. There was a lengthy discussion of the merits of the proposed name.
- Diane Alperin said she was following the University's policy on name change, and that the renaming had been presented to the UFS Steering Committee and President Lenz. Lenz replied that the renaming had been informally discussed prior to the Steering Committee meeting. The Steering Committee position is that the renaming should be presented to Steering and placed on the UFS agenda for action. He stated that the renaming, like the COECS reorganization, is a matter of general academic policy that should be brought to the UFS for action subject to presidential veto. The administration's position is that such matters are internal to a college therefore the UFS does not have authority over them.

10. Good of the Senate:

- Manjunath Pendakur, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, gave a presentation on an Anthropology project in Ecuador in order to showcase a valuable Arts and Letters program.
- Ed Petuch alerted faculty to proposed legislative changes to the State retirement program that may adversely affect retirement benefits of education employees.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm