

**University Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Friday October 1, 2010**  
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Tim Lenz at 2:00 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: Diane Alperin, Philippe d Anjou, Bruce Arneklev, Pierre-Philippe Beaujean, William Bosshardt, Ernest Andrew Brewer, Clifford Brown, Lester Embree, Mary Faraci, Deborah Floyd, Penelope Fritzer, Stuart Galup, Jerry Haky, Mike Harris, Michelle Hawkins, Fred Hoffman, Mehdi Kaighobadi, Evangelos Kaisar, Ken Keaton, Kathryn Keller, David Kumar, James Kumi-Diaka, Tim Lenz, Morton Levitt, Stephen Locke, Bill McDaniel, Kanybek Nurtegin, Ron Nyhan, Abhijit Pandya, Howard Prentice, Edward Schwerin, Leslie Siegel, Lydia Smiley, Jane Strudwick, Robert Trammell, Beverly Warde, Julie Honeycutt

Guests Present: Leigh McFarland, Michelle Brown, Lyn LaVigne, Bill Miller, Sharron Ronco, Richard Granata, Mara Schiff, Ed Pratt, M. Pendakur, Norman Kaufman, Rosalyn Carter

2. The UFS meeting minutes from September 10, 2010 were approved as amended.

3. President's Report: (distributed electronically)

-The Board of Trustees and the President believe FAU's revenue base is not adequate to support current programs. The preference is to broaden the revenue base rather than cut programs. The question remains how to broaden the revenue base. The discussion focuses on a comprehensive plan that includes increasing FTEs, funded research, tuition increases, a more active enrollment strategy, etc. The discussion of increasing FTEs has not included a specific target. The discussion has included a commitment to increasing admission standards.

-At the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates meeting, a member of the Board of Governors discussed block tuition. There was concern that block tuition at universities such as FIU and FAU, where a significant number of students are part time students, would in effect require more of our students to pay a premium for their education. Fred Hoffman said that when we had block tuition at FAU, it was not unfair. Students paid for courses by the credit hour up to 12. After that they paid the block rate which was only a little more and could take as many credit hours as the student wished.

-Tim Lenz encouraged Faculty to attend as many presidential inauguration events as possible. You can log on to the Inauguration link and RSVP for the events. Deb Floyd commented that the names of the speakers in the symposium

that she is organizing, will be released shortly, one of them being President David Armstrong from Broward College. There will be a question answer session at the symposium as well as refreshments.

4. UPC Consent Agenda

**Approved by general consent**

5. UPC Action Items

- a. Revision to Second Baccalaureate Degree Requirements (with technical amendment changing “courses to credits”)

**Approved by general consent**

- b. Revision to Minor Requirements (same technical amendment)

**Approved by general consent**

- c. Change in Name of Undergraduate Certificate

**Approved by general consent**

6. Tim Lenz called for a discussion of policy for increases in minimum GPA for admission to the major.

-Jerry Haky reported that the Undergraduate Programs Committee discussed and recommended approval of a policy that requires showing departmental/program need, showing how the change increases more timely graduation, and providing a plan to advise the students who’s GPAs make them ineligible for the major. Dr. Haky stated that the policy would not be applied retroactively.

-Dean Rosalyn Carter said that it was a violation of due process to remove the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice proposal from the agenda today, especially because of another proposal that was submitted after their proposal. There was a discussion of SACS accreditation.

-Dr. Gordon Bazemore, Director of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice explained the reasons for the proposed increase in GPA.

-Michelle Brown was concerned that the proposed 2.5 GPA for criminal justice majors would adversely affect student athletes. About 50% of the student athletes would be ineligible. She noted that several student athletes that have graduated with lower GPA’s in the Criminal Justice program have been very successful in law enforcement.

-Diane Alperin said that President Saunders was concerned about the impact on the large number of students with GPAs between 2.0 and 2.5. Many colleges do not have a program for those students. This is an issue that affects University goals.

-Deborah Floyd stated that FAU must consider the changing landscape of higher education and the options that students have to finish their degrees at the new State Colleges.

-Tim Lenz stated that the issue of department/program GPA standards is appropriate for the the senate and should be brought from the UPC.

-It was moved and seconded to suspend the agenda to consider the proposal from CCJ.

**Approved by general consent**

-A vote was taken on the proposal increasing the GPA required to enter the CCJ program to 2.5

**Approved by voice vote**

-There was a motion and it was seconded to continue the agenda.

**Approved by general consent**

7. GPC Consent Agenda

**Approved by general consent**

8. GPC Action Items: None to consider this month.

9. Business Items:

- a. Reconstructing the Assessment Committee. –Bill Bosshardt said that he was the last active chair of the committee. He said it is been about 5 years and it does need to be looked at again. He said that he will not be on the committee again and the Committee on Committees needs to address it.
- b. Midterm grade reporting was passed back to the UPC.

10. Guest Speakers

- Dr. William Miller, Director of Libraries brought everyone up to date on the economic situation with the libraries.
- Deborah Floyd asked what faculty could do to help with the situation at the libraries.
- Dr. William Miller said that open access journals would be part of the solution.
- Dr. Sharron Ronco, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Analysis addressed the senate and spoke on enrollment statistics. She said that the first time a college student enrolls 95% of the time they attempt 12 credit hours. Most of them do not complete that many credit hours and many never attempt that many at a time again. However from that time on they are categorized in that co-hort. The transfer students never make it into the graduate rate. Also, students that transfer out to complete the degree at another institution are also not counted. If all of these categories were added together the graduation completion rate would be over 80%.
- Diane Alperin said that Senator Bill Nelson sent them a letter notifying FAU that it was awarded a 5 year grant (1.5 million) to increase graduation/success. Both Sharron Ronco and Ed Pratt have worked hard obtaining that grant and are to be congratulated.
- There was a discussion of the meaning of statewide and national data on student success.

11. Collective Bargaining

- Fred Hoffman reported that the UFF and the University Administration are making every effort to complete the process of ratification of the collective bargaining agreement which covers most issues for most issues for the years 2009-2012 and salary 2009-2011. The faculty should receive electronically on

Monday a ballot which can be downloaded and printed. It must be inserted into a plain sealed envelope, which is placed in an outer envelope. It must be signed on the outside and turned into a designated repository by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Also hard copy ballots and envelopes will be distributed by the mail system. A hard copy is necessary to be counted. Once all members of the faculty bargaining unit have had the opportunity to vote, ballots will be counted. If the faculty vote to ratify the agreement, it will go to the Board of Trustees for action in October and implementation as soon as possible.

12. Open forum with the Provost

-Diane Alperin encouraged the faculty to participate in Inauguration events.

-The faculty from the College of Engineering and Computer Science said that they did not feel that the Dean followed the Bylaws properly for determining the new Chairs for the merged departments within the College.

-Diane Alperin said that selecting the Dean was the business of the Provost's office. The selection of the Chair is by the Dean with consultation of the faculty. Initially that was done. She acknowledged some miscommunication.

-Pierre Beaujean said that one of the issues is the timing. Frequently the decisions were made at the last minute so that the faculty could not respond to it. There is an issue of trust. Faculty does not have time to study the bylaws all the time. The faculty would like to be able to trust the administration to abide by the contract that they have agreed to.

-Fred Hoffman stated that the college bylaws were not followed. And asked whether the actions were taken to make the mergers official according to the bylaws.

-Diane Alperin said that a letter was sent out to have the units dissolved and that was approved by their faculty assembly.

-Abhijit Pandya commented that the Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science has consistently not followed the bylaws.

-Diane Alperin said that it is the faculty's responsibility to be aware and follow the bylaws but the administration should be aware of them as well.

-Tim asked Pierre Beaujean to put the concerns of the Department of Ocean Engineering into words and bring it to the Steering Committee.

13. Good of the Senate:

-There was a discussion of costumed individuals on campus and concern about campus security. Faculty were encouraged to report such sightings.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm