### **University Faculty Senate Meeting**

#### **Minutes**

### **December 5, 2014**

**Members & Guests Present:** see *appendix A* for attendance sheet

- 1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Ron Nyhan, President, at 2:00 p.m. in the College of Nursing (NU 202) on the Boca Raton Campus and video conferenced to Davie, Fort Lauderdale, Harbor Branch, Jupiter, and SeaTech.
- 2. **Without changes,** the Senate approved the minutes of the November 7, 2014 meeting.
- 3. Speakers
  - a. **Joe Murray, Director of University Advising Services,** addressed the Senate regarding University Advising Service's new philosophy, "appreciative advising" and welcomed the opportunity to meet with departments to further identify ways to optimize students' educational experiences.

# 4. UPC Consent Agenda

a. No objections from the Senate—Approved by majority vote.

### 5. UPC Action Agenda

- a. University Wide
  - Formation of Sub-committee to <u>UUPC</u> Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Curriculum Committee
     No objections from Senate—Approved by majority vote.
  - ii. <u>Policy Change</u> Freshman Warning No objections from Senate—**Approved by majority vote.**

### b. Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

- i. <u>Program Changes</u> Reduction of hours required for THE 3952 No objections from Senate—**Approved by majority vote.**
- ii. <u>Program Changes</u> Interdisciplinary Studies: Arts & Humanities No objections from Senate—**Approved by majority vote.**
- iii. <u>Program Changes</u> Interdisciplinary Studies: Social Science No objections from Senate—**Approved by majority vote.**

# c. College of Business

i. New Minor – Entrepreneurial Management
No objections from Senate—Approved by majority vote.

## d. College for Design & Social Inquiry

i. <u>Terminate Concentration</u> – Fire Safety Specialization in Public Safety Administration Program
 No objections from Senate—Approved by majority vote.

### e. College of Engineering & Computer Science

- i. <u>Program Changes</u> Civil Engineering
   No objections from Senate—Approved by majority vote.
- ii. <u>Program Changes</u> Geomatics Engineering No objections from Senate—**Approved by majority vote.**
- iii. <u>Certificate Name Change</u> Geomatics Engineering (New title: Surveying and Mapping)
   No objections from Senate—Approved by majority vote.

### 6. UGC Consent Agenda

a. No objections from the Senate—Approved by majority vote.

## 7. UGC Action Agenda

- a. New Course ISM 6127 Data Mining and Data Warehousing No objections from Senate—**Approved by majority vote**.
- 8. No business items.

## 9. President's Report

a. VP for Research – The new Vice President for Research is Dr. Daniel Flynn.

## 10. Open Form with the Provost

- a. Provost Perry gave an update on the Improvement Plan that will be presented to the Board of Trustees on December 9, 2014 and the Florida Board of Governors in January 2015.
- b. The Accountability Report goes in front of the Board of Trustees on December 9, 2014, for approval.
- c. The President and Provost have visited 48 of 61 departments in a strategic planning exercise to obtain unfiltered messages from the faculty.
- d. The provost encouraged Faculty to get involved with advising.

### 11. Good of the Senate Committee

- a. UFS President, Dr. Ron Nyhan, addressed the Senate regarding concerns about SPOT responses. Dr. Nyhan will ask the assessment committee to do an evaluation and bring it to Senate for their review.
- b. Dr. Nyhan discussed the definition of faculty as laid out by the bylaws. He will have the committee put together a report about the pros and cons of the current definition and present it to the Senate next year.
- c. The UFS meeting was adjourned at 3:33pm.

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