

**Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 17, 2015
BOT Conference Room, 2pm – 4pm**

Members Present: Ron Nyhan, Chris Beetle, Yolanda Gamboa, Mike Harris, Morton Levitt, Bill Bosshardt, Diane Alperin (non-voting)

Absent: Dilys Schoorman, Gary Perry (non-voting)

Guests: Laura Joella, Amy Broderick, Ed Pratt, Rachel Santos, Frankie Santos Laanan, Pat Maslin-Ostrowski, Deborah Floyd, Katie Burke, Paul Peluso, Myriam Ruthenberg, Charles Roberts, Ethlyn Williams

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm by Chair, Dr. Ron Nyhan.
2. The UFS Steering minutes from [February 10th, 2015](#) were approved with no objections from the committee.

3. President's Report:

- a. Speakers – The Scheduling Committee and Dorothy Russell will be speaking at the next UFS meeting.
- b. The HB4005 Bill to openly carry guns on campus was passed by the Senate of the Florida Legislature. It is moving forward.

4. [UPC Consent Agenda:](#)

- a. Mike has a couple concerns about the College of Education's Leadership courses.
 - Suggested that Political Science Dept. should be consulted
 - The Syllabi for Leadership in the Political Context and Ethics and Power in Leadership refers to USF.
 - Pat and Katie as reps for Educational Leadership both spoke to discuss the concerns.
 - Motion by Mike Harris to pull the following courses from the consent agenda to the action agenda for consultation and correction to syllabi.
 - Leadership and Social Change
 - Leadership in the Political Context
 - Theories of Leadership
 - Ethics and Power in Leadership
 - Motion seconded. Motion carries **without recommendation** from Steering.
- b. Motion to accept consent agenda as amended. Motion seconded. **Motion carries** by majority vote.

5. [UPC Action Agenda:](#)

- a. **College of Arts & Letters**

- Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature (*previously tabled at UFS meeting*)
 - The previous issue regarding course TSL4080 has been resolved. Both colleges have consulted.
 - Motion to move forward with **positive recommendation** to Senate. Motion seconded. Motion carries by majority vote.
- Photography
 - Amy Broderick discussed the changes being made in the program curriculum with regards to the technology.
 - Motion to move forward with a **positive recommendation**. Seconded. Motion is approved by majority vote.
- Bachelor of Music: Performance Concentration, Vocal Option
 - Laura Joella discussed the diction program changes.
 - Motion to move forward with **positive recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries.
- Honors in Philosophy
 - Mike Harris reviewed the program for the committee.
 - Motion to move forward with a **positive recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries.

b. College of Business

- Management Concentrations' Update
 - Ethlyn Williams discussed the updates with the group.
 - Motion to move forward with **positive recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries.

c. College of Education

- Leadership Studies Minor
 - Motion to move forward with **positive recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries.

6. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)

- a. Diane led discussion on M.A. in Music; terminating degree or title change.
- b. Chris brought up concerns with other items that should be on the action agenda.
- c. Motion to move M.A. in Music to action agenda. Seconded. **Motion carries**
- d. Motion to move the MS degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice and Master's degree in Civil Engineering to action agenda. Seconded. **Motion carries.**
- e. Motion to accept consent agenda as amended. Seconded. **Motion carries.**

7. UGC Action Agenda:

- a. MA Degree in Music (*pulled from Consent agenda*)

- The deletion of the MA in music
- Motion to move forward with **positive recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries
- b. MS degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice (*pulled from Consent agenda*)
 - Rachel Santos discussed some of the changes such as adding courses, combining courses, and adding concentrations.
 - Motion to move forward with **positive recommendation**. Seconded. Motion carries.
- c. MS degree in Civil Engineering (*pulled from Consent agenda*)
 - No rep present to speak.
 - Motion to move forward **without recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries.

8. Business Items:

a. Bylaws Changes

- The dissolution of the Committee on Committees
 - Motion to move forward to Senate with **positive recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries.
- The UFS faculty is composed of all full time faculty excluding visiting positions
 - Chris brought up concern with the colleges' bylaws being able to have restrictions.
 - Mike mentioned that opening up the UFS membership to all full-time faculty would mean a possible increase in representatives from each college in the Senate.
 - Motion to move forward **without recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. 2 opposed.

b. **Nomination of Steering Members**

- There are 3 nominations so far: Dilys Schoorman, Kevin Wagner, and Susan Dyess
- Nominations are open until the meeting on March 27th.
- The nominees will be allowed to speak at the meeting.

c. Assessment Committee Recommendation

- Results of the Fall assessment of the Student Perception of Teaching including a draft of the proposed new SPOT.
- Morton Levitt discussed the recommendation in more detail with the group
- Discussion followed about the quality and quantity of the SPOT questions.
- Motion to table the vote until the April UFS meeting and leave on agenda as informational item only for March UFS meeting by Chris Beetle. Seconded by Mike Harris. **Motion carries.**

d. Distance Learning Committee Recommendation

- Recommendation not included in time. Will not be on the Senate agenda.

e. Strategic Plan

- 23 responses to the Forum website.
- No way to post to website anonymously. If there is an anonymous option, then more faculty would feel comfortable posting. However there was concern with anonymous posting is that it may lead to negativity.
- Discussion about the Strategic Plan followed.

9. Open Forum with the Provost

- a. Diane Alperin, Vice Provost, spoke in place of Provost Perry who could not attend. The Provost and company were in route to Tallahassee for a BOG meeting. There was discussion on the rankings. Diane informed that group that we will know by the end of the week. As for funding, we are hoping to know by Monday. The Provost will miss the March UFS meeting. Diane also went over the Dean searches and gave an update to the group. P/T was discussed with the group as well. There was discussion about where faculty can learn about the rankings.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.