

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
October 3, 2014

Members Present: see *appendix A* for attendance sheet

Guests Present: See *appendix B* for attendance sheet

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Ron Nyhan, President, at 2:05p.m. in the College of Nursing (NU 202) on the Boca Raton Campus and video conferenced to Davie, Fort Lauderdale, Harbor Branch, Jupiter, and Sea Tech.
2. The Senate approved the minutes of the [September 5, 2014](#) Senate meeting as amended.
3. **President's Report:**

VPR Research Search

Seven semifinalists have been interviewed via Skype on the Committee. Results of the Skype interviews are in the President's Office awaiting President Kelly's review of recommendations from the Committee. A list of finalists will be provided on the UFS Senate website.

Candidate's campus visits will include a short presentation with time allotted for Q&A with the faculty.

Academic Planning & Budget Committee

Anita Pennathur, College of Business, has filled the vacancy created by Chris Beetle when he was selected as Chair of the Academic Planning & Budget Committee.

Kim Dunn – New Chair, Athletics Committee

Kim Dunn was appointed by President Kelly shortly after classes resumed this semester. Kim replaces Eric Shaw who served as Chair of the Athletics Committee for many years. Currently, Kim and Ron Nyhan are putting together nominations for the Athletics Committee from the faculty. The Athletics Committee has representation from all Colleges with the exception of Engineering and Computer Science, Honors College, and College of Science. If anyone from those three colleges is available to serve on the Committee, Kim would welcome their participation so that the Committee can have good representation across the Colleges.

Four subcommittees will focus on areas such as:

- Compliance with NCAA rules
- Academics
- Student Welfare
- Finance and Facilities

Kim has worked with key players in Athletics to establish the first Tuesday of each month at 4pm as the standard meeting time. The Bylaws of the Athletics Advisory Board indicate the Committee should meet monthly and although that has not been the case in

the past, President Kelly has indicated that this Committee should meet monthly. There will be full or subcommittee meetings monthly.

Senate Bylaws

There was a change in the Bylaws last year. There are several issues with the Bylaws that need some updating still. Ron welcomed anyone who would like to participate in putting together some changes to the Bylaws. He does not anticipate it to be a large job and volunteers will be requested at the next meeting.

In the interim, faculty has been asked to review the Bylaws as they stand now and share any ideas with Ron.

Facilitating Research for Faculty

Ron Nyhan has asked Chris Beetle to Chair a group of faculty members who will identify barriers in the current process as it exists; Ron emphasized that this is not a form of complaint, however, it is a form of identifying opportunities for improvement. With the VPR Search underway, Ron expressed how timely it is to positively prepare for instances where faculty has experienced trouble but also to come up with some positive recommendations for what changes can be made.

This can be done in the broader sense by not just focusing on DSR, but also by using alternative funding vehicles such as the FAU Foundation.

Please see Chris Beetle or email Ron Nyhan (rnyhan@fau.edu) if you wish to participate.

4. **Speaker:**

Jorge Calzadilla, VP for Public Service

Jorge Calzadilla is from Hialeah, Florida. At the age of 2, Jorge came to the United States from Cuba, He has worked for President Kelly for approximately 17 years at Clemson University. His task there was to build a pipeline to the university; engage the university in every way possible with young people. Jorge's role was to make it as convenient as possible for a university to truly engage the audience surrounding it, and beyond.

5. **UPC Consent Agenda:**

- No objections from the Senate-Approved by majority vote.

6. **UPC Action Items:**

A. University Wide

- i. **New Degree Program** – Bachelor of General Studies
 - **No objections from Senate-Approved by majority vote**

B. College of Business

- i. **Removal of Minor** – Electronic Commerce
 - **No objections from Senate-Approved by majority vote**

C. College of Science

- i. **Program Changes** – Environmental Sciences Certificate
 - **No objections from Senate-Approved by majority vote**

- ii. **Program Changes** – B.S. in Neuroscience and Behavior
 - **No objections from Senate-Approved by majority vote**

7. **UGC Consent Agenda:**

- No objections from the Senate-Approved by majority vote.

8. **UGC Action Agenda:**

A. College of Education

- i. **Program Change** – School Leaders K-12 Concentration (with Certification)
 - **No objections from Senate-Approved by majority vote**

9. **Open Forum with the Provost:**

- The University has been undergoing some changes in Admissions.
- One of the main issues facing Admissions is recruitment.
- Changes are being made to the way FAU gets out to the community – not just in Palm Beach and Broward counties but nationally, out of state, and also internationally through the Navitas Program.
- Provost Perry stressed that FAU needs to do a much better job than it has been doing with recruiting especially in Broward and Palm Beach counties.
- Jorge Calzadilla has a lot of experience in this area as he served in this function at Clemson University. Part of Jorge's role is to develop pipelines for local students to attend FAU.
- Provost Perry thanked Kim Dunn for accepting the role of Faculty Athletic Representative when Eric Shaw stepped down.
- There is a Faculty Admissions Committee that reviews athletes admitted to FAU and the Provost is working on restructuring a subcommittee of the Faculty Admissions Committee to look at athletes.
- FAU now has an agreement with Technion – Israel Institute of Technology. Initially, this will be an agreement of exchanging medical students but there is every option and opportunity that FAU will work with other colleges and units within Technion.
- President Kelly and Provost Perry are looking to increase the number of agreements, opportunities, and MOU's with outstanding institutes and universities around the world. Technion is very happy to be partnering with FAU in this program.
- Metrics were discussed at last Board Of Governors meeting; there are some changes coming to the metrics and the Provost is waiting to see what those changes are and where the University will fall this year in the metrics.
- The legislative budget request included a number of system-wide legislative requests that will help the library in funding e-Journal subscriptions and in building a new library repository where FAU can house books.
- The BOG will go to the legislature again for TEAm Grant funding in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, IT, Financing, Accounting, and middle school teachers. Nursing has also been added to the TEAm funding. Other colleges are urged to look at the TEAm grants and submit applications for funding.

- President Kelly and Provost Perry will meet with every department and College in the University between now and winter break. Departments will be contacted to arrange meetings. The President and Provost want feedback from the faculty on where they think the University should go next; how FAU be put on a national stage, and where should FAU invest.

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.