

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Friday, February 22, 2008
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by President Eric Shaw at 2:08 p.m. The meeting took place in the BoT Room located on the third floor of the Administration Building, on the Boca Raton Campus, and via video conference at the Treasure Coast Campus, the MacArthur Campus, the SeaTech Campus, the Fort Lauderdale Campus, and the Davie Campus.

Members Present: Bruce Arneklev, Pierre-Philippe Beaujean, Bill Bosshardt, Ernest Andrew Brewer, Doug Broadfield, Susannah Brown, John Childrey, Hillary Edwards-Lithgow, Mary Faraci, Deborah Floyd, Andres Folleco, Jim Gray, Jerry Haky, Mike Harris, Fred Hoffman, Sam Hsu, Mehdi Kaighobadi, James Kumi-Diaka, Roy Levow, Joan Lindgren, Stephen Locke, Bill McDaniel, Abhijit Pandya, Gary Parsons, Ed Petuch, Howard Prentice, John Prichett, Dilys Schoorman, Eric Shaw, Leslie Siegel, Lydia Smiley, Allen Smith, Eugene Smith, John Valentine, Cynthia Wilson, Julie Honeycutt

Guests Present: Diane Alperin, Rozalia Williams, Leslie Terry, Ken Jessell, Ken Orbach, David Lee, Mike Armstrong, Carol Meltzer

2. The UFS meeting minutes from January 25, 2008 were approved.
3. Announcements (Eric Shaw)
 - Rozalia Williams, Director of Multi-cultural Affairs spoke on what the department is doing and encouraged faculty to get to know the department better and to partner.
4. BoT report (Eric Shaw)
 - The BoT will no longer vote on individual tenure decisions. They approved a policy that the President will certify procedures were followed, and the President will make the final decision representing the University and the BoT.
 - In Strategic Planning, the Committee approved a lease agreement with Pine Jog to build the first “green school” in Florida.
 - In Academic and Student Affairs, the Committee recommended approval of the PhD program in Geosciences. It will be forwarded to the Board of Governors.
 - In Audit and Finance, the Committee heard a worst case scenario report of budget cuts that could mean reductions of 1080 FTEs or 2000 students.
5. UPC Consent Agenda
Approved by general consent.
6. UPC Action Items
 - Revisions to the Exercise Science and Health Promotion Undergraduate Program
Approved by general consent.
7. GPC Consent Agenda

Approved by general consent.

8. GPC Action Items

- New M.Ed. in Environmental Education offered by the Department of Teaching and Learning.
 - Carol Meltzer addressed the UFS and introduced the program.
 - Report from Academic Planning and Budget by Roy Levow on the funding of the M.Ed. in Environmental Education. The funding issues are well reflected in the proposal and the committee recommends approval.
 - Eric Shaw stated that we have a letter from Susanne Lapp, Chair of Curriculum, Culture & Educational Inquiry (CCEI) offering her support of the program.

Approved by general consent.

9. Collective Bargaining Report

- A collective bargaining meeting is scheduled February 29th at 9AM.

10. Enrollment Report (Mike Armstrong)

- The BoG is taking a new position that the University should adjust their enrollment plans in accordance with State funding.

11. Open forum with the Provost

- The P and T Committee have made their recommendations to the Provost. All 32 individuals will meet with the Provost to receive the news.
- In October 2007 there was a 6.2 million dollar budget cut. Another 3.2 million dollars will be cut this year. The President as the CEO of the University will be making the decisions.
- In compliance with the budget cuts the University will focus on the preservation of the strategic plan: degree production, access, maintaining FAU as a research university, faculty compensation, faculty welfare and faculty retention. Personnel will be affected.
- There was a question whether the university might be able to save money cutting costs with upper administrative salaries. The Provost said that the information about where the budget cuts are going to be will be shared with the faculty when they happen.
- Dr. Gary Perry is the Chair of the search for the new Vice President of Research. Dr. Perry is currently interviewing search firms to search for the VP of Research. The Provost projects that we will have a new VP of Research by the end of the year.
- There was a question about how the Senate would get information to the Academic Planning and Budget Committee about the budget cuts. The Provost said that he cannot answer that at this time. Dr. Ken Jessell, Co-chair of the budget task force, reported that summer school would continue. The committee is still fact finding, and a mode of communication will be established.
- There was a question: "Is the task force looking to cut expenses without cutting salaries?" The Provost said that the budget is subdivided into categories with firewalls between them. Dr. Jessell said that the university has outsourced lots of services to cut costs in the past and that they are looking at everything and nothing has been decided yet.

12. Faculty Open Forum

- The issue of Academic Regalia was addressed. Doctoral students were told that the bookstore did not allow them to purchase the traditional black robes for graduation without any FAU trademarks on the robes. It was reported that the issue was resolved and the students now have the option to purchase the traditional plain black robes from the FAU bookstore or rent/buy regalia from another source.
- The Senate passed a resolution a year ago regarding academic regalia; the minutes will be located and they will be reviewed.
- It was suggested that the faculty should be more vigilant in following up on the resolutions that they decide on. The Senate President said that Dr. Levow and Dr. Alperin were working on a flow chart to ensure the proper flow of documents and follow-up to the departments.
- The Senate President addressed the structure of UFS minutes. They contain motions and only briefly mention discussion. A faculty member brought up that motions and reports need to have names with them to allow for follow up clarification, if necessary. If a Senator specifically wants something on the record that they said, and it is brief, in select cases the name may be used.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 3:42pm.

14. Faculty club immediately followed.