

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Friday September 5, 2008
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Eric Shaw at 2:00 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: President Brogan, Bruce Arneklev, Pierre-Philippe Beaujean, Susannah Brown, Valerie Bryan, Bob Cerveny, Eric Chiang, John Childrey, Mary Faraci, Deborah Floyd, Jim Gray, Jerry Haky, Mike Harris, Fred Hoffman, Mehdi Kaighobadi, Ryan Karr, James Kumi-Diaka, Tim Lenz, Joan Lindgren, Stephen Locke, Tom Monson, Abhijit Pandya, Gary Parsons, Ed Petuch, Howard Prentice, John Prichett, Markus Schmidmeier, Leslie Siegel, Lydia Smiley, Dilys Schoorman, Eric Shaw, John Valentine, Julie Honeycutt

Guests Present: David Lee, Michael Armstrong, Teresa Abaid, Deborah Hoban, Jeff Schilit

2. Welcoming Remarks (President Brogan)
3. The UFS meeting minutes from April 25, 2008 were approved.
4. Announcements & BoT report (Eric Shaw)
 - Nancy Blosser replaced Norman Tripp as the Chair of the BoT. Scott Adams will be the Vice Chair and Anthony Barbar was appointed the newest BoT member.
 - The BoG also elected a new Chair: Shelia McDevitt replaced Chair Carolyn Roberts.
 - The BoT approved the core curriculum.
 - The BoT approved the Max Planck agreement for joint collaboration, including joint labs, joint research, joint patent applications, and a lecture series by Planck scientists, starting with Nobel prize winner Dr. Bert Sakmann this fall.
 - The BoT approved a six percent increase in undergraduate out of-of-state tuition to \$29.30/credit hour and graduate in-state tuition to \$12.63/credit hour, totaling almost \$1.4 million in tuition increases.
 - The BoT extended Coach Schnellenberger's contract for 2 years, and added an NCAA Academic Progress Rating incentive.
 - The BoT approved Mike Jarvis as head basketball coach.
 - The opening of the football stadium may be delayed past Fall 2010 because of fundraising and bond market challenges.
 - Net budget reductions are could reach \$15.8 million
 - ACFS elected a new Chair Judith Solano of UNF and Vice Chair Rick Yost of UF.
 - The travel ban to terrorist states lawsuit filed by FIU, ACFS, ACLU and 6 individual FIU faculty members, plaintiffs, v. State of Florida, defendants, was overthrown by a Federal Judge who ruled the ban was unconstitutional. So faculty may conduct research in those countries on private funds, even if there is some University funds used incidentally.

- On behalf of the University Faculty Senate, Eric Shaw was awarded a George Washington Freedom Award from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge for promoting democracy in America by developing 2 dozen workshops on issues involving Americans during the run-up to the Republican Primary Presidential debates here at FAU. On behalf of the Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency, Dr. Kenneth Osgood also received the award.
- Fred Hoffman announced that the Boca Raton Faculty Senate will meet on the 12th of September at 2pm to hold elections for Boca Campus Senate President. An announcement will be going out. There will be a presentation by the Catanese Center for Urban & Environmental Solutions.

5. UPC Consent Agenda (no report)

6. GPC Consent Agenda (no report)

7. Business Items

- a. Fred Hoffman moved, and it was seconded, to ratify Steering/AP&B Committees' approval of emergency change in 2008-2009 academic calendar. The change calls for changing Reading Day to the first day of final exams to free the last day of exams to hold additional graduation ceremonies.

Motion approved by voice vote

- b. There was a call for additional volunteers for the committee for improving attendance records to reduce Title IV financial aid loss. Howard Prentice BioMedical volunteered. Fred Hoffman Science, Mehdi Kaighobadi Business and Tim Lenz A&L have already volunteered, but members are needed from the remaining colleges.
- c. Fred Hoffman moved, and it was seconded, to suspend the rules by to take up the DL SPOT that was circulated but inadvertently not placed on the agenda.

Motion approved by a two-thirds vote

- d. Fred Hoffman moved, and it was seconded, to approve the proposal for changing the dates of the distance Ed SPOT, including changes that were presented by the Steering committee, see Attachment A.

Motion was approved by voice vote

- e. Fred Hoffman moved, and it was seconded, to hold a straw vote to reconsider the decision to construct a swimming pool in the parking lot in front of Science.

Straw vote was approved unanimously.

- f. Pierre Beaujean requested that the faculty read the email regarding export licenses from the President closely and contact sponsored research if they have any questions. It has serious implications to the faculty. Eric Shaw said that he will pass this on to Academic Planning and Budgeting as well as Steering.

8. Collective Bargaining Report

- Fred Hoffman stated that there is a meeting on Wednesday September 10, 2008. The issues of notice of salary and notice of non-reappointment are still being negotiated.

9. Open forum with the Provost

- Emergency planning will occur on Sunday morning on Hurricane Ike

- Budget reductions are still uncertain.
- Tim Lenz commented on the success of the Freshman convocation. It is an activity that contributes to retention..
- Tim Lenz expressed his concern over the higher education changes in the state with private colleges and the public universities and the state college system. He wanted to know if we were developing a strategy for this and he wasn't sure that the President's task force approach was necessarily the best one. The legislature has set in motion its own task force to look at this issue, and it will report in the spring. The Provost acknowledged that a few community colleges have become state colleges but we need more information as we are not sure what their intentions are. The Provost said that he and the President are aware that there is potential impact and they are trying to gather more information so that they can ask the right questions. Enrollment projections are essentially flat and that is what FAU is planning for.
- This coming Wednesday, September 10, 2008 is the BoT committee meeting, everyone is invited.
- On September 16th and 17th is the BoT retreat on the Boca campus. The three presidents of the area community colleges; the Chancellor and Chair of the BoG of the State University system will give presentations. There will also be presentations from:
 - Mike Moriarty – Research
 - Mike Armstrong – Undergraduate enrollment and trends
 - Barry Rosson – Graduate enrollment and trends
 - Ed Pratt – Everything we are doing for student success

10. Faculty Open Forum

- No comments

11. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.