

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Friday February 20, 2009
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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: Bruce Arneklev, Charlotte Barry, Pierre-Philippe Beaujean, Bill Bosshardt, Andrew Brewer, Susannah Brown, Bob Cerveney, Eric Chiang, John Childrey, Mary Faraci, Deborah Floyd, James Gray, Mike Harris, Michelle Hawkins, Fred Hoffman, Sam Hsu, Mehdi Kaighobadi, Evangelos Kaisar, Doug Kanter, Ryan Karr, Kevin Lanning, Tim Lenz, Roy Levow, Joan Lindgren, Stephen Locke, Bill McDaniel, Abhijit Pandya, Gary Parsons, Ed Petuch, Howard Prentice, John Pritchett, Dilys Schoorman, Leslie Siegel, Eric Shaw, Lydia Smiley, Julie Honeycutt

Guests Present: Diane Alperin, Michael Armstrong, Clifford T. Brown, Howard Hanson

2. The UFS meeting minutes from January 23, 2009 were approved.
3. President's Report: (Eric Shaw)
 - The BoT will be meeting this coming Wednesday.
 - Tim Lenz and Eric Shaw met with the President and he said that he is open to all suggestions from the faculty.
4. UPC Consent Agenda
Approved by voice vote.
5. UPC Action Items
 - a. Addition of Teacher Certification for B.A. in Studio Art
Approved by voice vote.
 - b. Changes to BS in Geology Curriculum
Approved by voice vote.
6. GPC Consent Agenda
Approved by voice vote.
7. GPC Action Items (There were no items for consideration this month)
8. Athletics Committee Report (Roy Levow)

- The President appointed Derek White, Ria Pocharge, Doug Sepi and Jim Riordan.
 - The Committee heard Craig Angelos' report on the program and his priorities.
9. Academic Planning and Budget Committee Report
- a. Tim Lenz discussed the faculty considering the plans for the future budget reduction planning of the university.
 - b. The faculty may want to put together a list of priorities for the budget reductions especially since the cuts will affect academic programs.
 - c. Please contact any members of the planning and budget committee or make postings on the blackboard.
 - Mike Harris said that the faculty should move quickly if they want a say in the budget and he thinks that a forum would be a better way to discuss it.
 - Kevin Lanning asked if the forum would be open to all the faculty and Tim Lenz said "yes".
 - Tim Lenz said this forum would happen sometime after spring break.
 - Pierre-Philippe Beaujean asked if there is any point in having the discussions since proposals for cuts have already been made.
 - Eric Shaw said that all proposals are tentative and they cannot wait to make suggestions.
 - Mike Armstrong said that there is a working document that was put together with some first cut scenarios. We do not even know how much we will have to cut yet. We are just trying to have a plan ready. The Deans have been asked to report what the effects of those cuts would be.
 - Diane Alperin sent a copy of a document of possible proposed budget cuts to the President of the UFF.
 - Diane Alperin said that there should be a word of caution about the document because they have already received feedback from the Deans and there have already been changes.
 - The question was asked as to how the stimulus package was going to affect us. Eric Shaw said that no one is clear yet.
10. Collective Bargaining Report (Fred Hoffman & Diane Alperin)
- Dr. Hoffman reported that the only thing that transpired since the last meeting is that the impasse hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday February 24, 2009 in the Grand Palm room of the Student Union beginning at 10:00am.
 - A large show of interest by the Faculty of FAU would be appreciated.
11. Guest Speaker (Ken Jessel)
- Ken Jessel spoke about the budget cuts of last year and presented possible scenarios for next year's budget. He reiterated that we are not sure at all what situation we will be dealing with. The best thing to do is put some type of plan in place.

- Ken Jessel said that everything is being done first to keep people from losing their jobs. It may not be possible to avoid any layoffs.
- Ken Jessel reported that the non-academic components always take a larger reduction than the academic side.

12. Open forum with the Provost

- Fred Hoffman asked about an email that was offensive to the faculty was defended by the Provost or if the Provost found out who sent the memo. In particular the memo instructed faculty with offices in the A&L building not to come to campus.
- Diane said she did not know if the Provost was aware that anyone was offended by the memo and she would check with him.

13. Good of the Senate

- Contact Tim Lenz if you would like access to the black board forum for budget input and planning.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.