

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Friday January 22, 2010
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Tim Lenz at 2:15 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: Edgar An, Bruce Arneklev, Charlotte Barry, Pierre-Philippe Beaujean, William Bosshardt, Philippe D'Anjou, Ernest Andrew Brewer, Doug Broadfield, Valerie Bryan, Eric Chiang, Marshall DeRosa, Lester Embree, Deborah Floyd, Penelope Fritzer, Joseph Furner, James Gray, Anthony Guneratne Jerry Haky, Mike Harris, Fred Hoffman, Mehdi Kaighobadi, Kathryn Keller, David Kumar, James Kumi Diaka, Stephen Locke, Bill McDaniel, Abhijit Pandya, Gary Parsons, Ed Petuch, Howard Prentice, Deborah Raines, Markus Schmidmeier, Dilys Schoorman, Eric Shaw, Lydia Smiley, Khaled Sobhan, Jane Strudwick, John Valentine, Beverly Warde, Julie Honeycutt

Guests Present: Deborah Hohan, David Lee, Sharon Crawley, Mike Armstrong, Niki Wilson, Sharron Ronco

2. The UFS meeting minutes from December 4, 2009 were approved.
3. President's Report: (Tim Lenz)
-(please see attached report)
4. UPC Consent Agenda
Approved by general consent
5. UPC Action Items
 - Revisions to Writing Across Curriculum Committee Guidelines. The revisions are intended to increase writing. There was a discussion of whether writing rubrics should determine academic policy or whether academics should determine rubrics (with support for the latter).
 - There was a discussion of what the requirement that writing be "argument driven" meant for courses where argument driven writing was not currently emphasized. It was moved and seconded to change the word "argument driven" to "thesis driven" papers.
 - The amendment was **approved by voice vote**
 - The amended revisions were approved by voice vote**
- a. New Risk Management Certificate Program
Approved by voice vote

- b. Termination of the Insurance Minor and Certificate
Approved by voice vote
 - c. Termination of the B.A. Geology Track: General Liberal Arts
Approved by voice vote
6. GPC Consent Agenda
Approved by general consent
7. GPC Action Items
- a. Proposed Change to Catalog: Certificate of Risk Management
-Fred Hoffman said that this is a new certificate and not just a catalog change.
Approved by voice vote
 - b. Request to Modify MHA Admission Requirements
Approved by voice vote
 - c. Proposed Changes to ESHP Graduate Program
-Fred Hoffman had a question about the arithmetic. The number of credits is reduced.
Approved by voice vote
8. Business Items
- Guidelines for Course Syllabi – Ed Pratt explained that there is a great deal of variability particularly in undergraduate syllabi. UFS Steering approved a committee to establish criteria for course syllabi.
 - Fred Hoffman asked about the last sentence of paragraph 1.
 - Marshal DeRosa said that he was concerned with any changes in the university requirements for a syllabus and asked what the penalty would be for a professor who did not comply with the guidelines.
 - Ed Pratt said that the syllabi need to be clear so there is less likelihood of students appealing. The faculty approved guidelines are to promote uniformity and assist faculty, not to infringe on academic freedom.
Approved by voice vote
9. Guest Speakers
- Sharron Ronco explained that the student satisfaction survey is an in-class survey administered with the cooperation of the faculty. The response rate is about 90%. The results indicate no downturn in academic satisfaction. Students are less satisfied with the services such as parking, web access etc. There is very little change over time in student satisfaction with anything to do with faculty. Student comments are categorized and sent out to deans for discussion or action. The Trustees reaction to some of the results is to request action or a fix. This is what happened with advising, and administrative action is already underway. Diane Alperin has asked for feedback from administration for what can be fixed.
- In response to a question about the top three complaints, Sharron said that number one is parking, number two is food (availability not quality), and number three is advising. The survey revealed increased satisfaction in student government.

-Tim Lenz said that the Board of Trustees were concerned with the flat trend lines which they considered no increase in satisfaction.

-Ed Pratt discussed honors education at FAU, noting that while there is no formal proposal for changes, honors has been a top priority of President Pritchett. Honors should be made available to more students. Every major university has a vibrant honors program. More should be done for the very best students as well as others. The hope is to expand the honors program on the Boca Raton campus, require students to be in residence for the first year at least and possibly two, and encourage more departments to have an honors program in place. There was a discussion of resources for expanding honors.

10. Collective Bargaining

-Fred Hoffman said that they are still bargaining and there is nothing to report.

11. Open forum with the Provost

- Diane Alperin reported that at the January 20th meeting the BOT voted to terminate FAU's joint medical education program with University of Miami.
- President Pritchett said the program here started with State funding of over 4 million dollars, the degree was a UM degree. Also the Schmidt donation was given to build Biomed. The idea was that the students would spend 2 years here and then the last 2 years at UM. Eventually the program was expanded to have all 4 years here at FAU. The legislature contributed more money to accomplish that goal. FAU has all of the facilities and most of the faculty. There was an agreement with Boca Raton Community Hospital that had to be withdrawn due to the economic downturn. There was a bridge agreement with UM that expires June 2019. FAU had three options: One, continue the agreement with UM; two, make an agreement with another University; and three, transition the current program to one solely run by FAU. The decision to pursue an independent medical education prompted a question about what makes FAU different from other medical programs. The answer is the unique partnership with Scripps. The Administration met with Richard Lerner who was enthusiastic about the proposal, and Scripps has given FAU a letter of intent to partner with FAU in a dual MD/doctoral degree. Dr. Pritchett met with Gov. Crist and Chancellor Frank Brogan. They supported the proposal. The proposal was presented to individual FAU Trustees and all supported the proposal. FAU administrators are currently meeting with members of the Board of Governors. Dr. Pritchett met with Donna Shalala and she agreed with the actions of FAU and offered to submit a joint press release. The BoT has authorized FAU to construct a proposal and the proposal is complete. Dr. Friedland had his faculty committee meet. The graduate program committee is the next step. The action will be taken on the 27th of January. The Faculty senate must approve the proposal because it is a curriculum issue. Then it goes to the BoT for approval. The time frame is moved up because it must get to the

BoG and legislatures simultaneously. John emphasized that it is not a new program, the program already exists. It will not cost another penny and now the tuition will come here instead of UM. Also the tuition will be more feasible for the students here at FAU.

- Jerry Haky asked about the collaboration with Scripps. John said there are two dimensions of the collaboration with Scripps. About 20% of the students will be entering an MD and PhD program. The MD will be ours and the PhD will be Scripps and they will be completely responsible for the PhD program. The more exciting piece is Richard Learner's promise to make available the Scripps faculty and program. All students in the program will have interface with what is happening at Scripps. They will see the medicine of the future. No other State University will have that piece. That sets FAU apart.
- Fred Hoffman asked about the philanthropy. There is a worry that like other programs there is a great need to increase entrance requirements, what can be done to support the biggest programs while this program is being developed.
- John Pritchett said that he did not see competition with this program.
- Deborah Floyd asked given the timeline if there is a special meeting of the senate scheduled.
- Dilys Schoorman asked if we will have the accreditation piece in hand before admitting students. John said we must have accreditation in hand before admitting students.
- Penelope Fritzer asked what hospital will the hospital work be completed at. John said several hospitals will be used. It will be community based. Mike Friedland pointed out that Harvard owns no hospital, it is completely community based.
- Marshal DeRosa asked if other medical schools such as Nova Southeastern were contacted. President Pritchett said that the administration did not feel that it was necessary to talk to Nova Southeastern because it has a school of osteopathy. Uof F has no interest in setting up anything new in this area. The political bases have been covered.
- Mike Armstrong said that we already have agreements to share the library resources of Scripps and other places.
- There was concern that the program will have a cost. Mike Armstrong said that FAU will use a lot of community based physicians. John Pritchett said that money was already appropriated to support the program and we are not currently using all of it. So there is room to grow.

12. Good of the Senate

13. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm

