

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Friday September 10, 2010
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Tim Lenz at 2:00 p.m. in the BOT Room on the Boca Raton Campus and video conferenced at the Treasure Coast Campus, the MacArthur Campus, the SeaTech Campus, the Fort Lauderdale Campus, and the Davie Campus.

Members Present: Diane Alperin, Edgar An, Bruce Arneklev, Jonathan Bagby, Pierre-Philippe Beaujean, William Bosshardt, Ernest Andrew Brewer, Clifford Brown, Valerie Bryan, Philippe D'Anjou, Lester Embree, Esiobu Nwadiuto, Mary Faraci, Deborah Floyd, Penelope Fritzer, Peggy Goldstein, Jerry Haky, Mike Harris, Michelle Hawkins, Fred Hoffman, Mehdi Kaighobadi, Evangelos Kaisar, Ken Keaton, Kathryn Keller, David Kumar, James Kumi-Diaka, Tim Lenz, Joan Lindgren, Stephen Locke, Bill McDaniel, Tom Monson, Kanybek Nurtegin, Ron Nyhan, Abhijit Pandya, Ed Petuch, Howard Prentice, Markus Schmidmeier, Dilys Schoorman, Edward Schwerin, Leslie Siegel, Lydia Smiley, Jane Strudwick, Robert Trammell, Beverly Warde, Julie Honeycutt

Guests Present: Leigh McFarland, Ellen Ryan, Von Ellen Rieder, Mike LaRocco, David Lee, Rosalyn Carter

2. The UFS meeting minutes from April 23, 2010 were approved as amended.
3. President's Report: (distributed electronically)
4. UPC Consent Agenda
Approved by general consent
5. UPC Action Items
 - a. Revision to Baccalaureate Degree Requirements
Approved by general consent
 - b. Revisions to University Policy on Double Majors
Approved by general consent
 - c. Revision to GPA for Criminology and Criminal Justice Majors was removed from the action agenda at the request of the Dean of the College for Design and Social Inquiry with the understanding that the proposal will be placed on the agenda for the October meeting. There was an extensive discussion of academic issues and the need for a policy concerning the increase in GPA requirements for admission to a major.
 - d. Revision to GPA for BSW Majors
Approved by general consent

6. Business Items:
 - a. Education Trust data on SUS graduation rates. There was extensive discussion of the data on six-year graduation rates for first-time-in-college students which showed FAU ranked last in the SUS. The discussion included criticism of the meaning of the data, because the Education Trust doesn't take into consideration important differences in the student population. Faculty familiar with IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education System) data discussed ways to interpret the numbers. It was noted that FAU had already implemented certain policy changes (raising admission standards; increasing advising; increasing student life experiences; increasing dorm residences) that are associated with increasing graduation rates but are not yet reflected in the Education Trust data.
 - b. UFS membership and constitution amendments. The adoption of the constitutional amendment eliminating campus senate membership in the UFS has created some confusion about membership elections. The situation should be clarified after this transition year is over.

7. Guest Speakers

- Dr. Gitanjali Kaul explained that she will be working immediately on the SACS accreditation project, and also revising and updating the strategic plan.
- Mike LaRocco, a Coordinator for Administration and Development, distributed information on athletics and encouraged faculty to contact him if they have any questions about football tickets.

8. Collective Bargaining

- Fred Hoffman reported that the collective bargaining process resulted in a salary agreement that will be presented to the faculty for a ratification vote. If the faculty ratifies the agreement it will be presented to the Board of Trustees for their approval. The salary agreement provides for an across the board retention raise of 1% and provides funds for merit and merit based market equity raises each totaling approximately 1% of the salary base.
- Norm Kaufman said that he felt that both sides presented their positions well. He said that all the articles in the Collective Bargaining Agreement will be posted on the Website. He also mentioned that there was an increase in the number of fully paid sabbaticals.

8. Open forum with the Provost

- Diane Alperin thanked the faculty for their support. In response to a question about whether the faculty club will now have to use Chartwells, Alperin replied that the policy has not been determined yet. In response to a question about the status of the current searches going on at FAU she said that the search for VP/Research is being chaired by David Kian and Barry Rosson. The search for Provost is being chaired by Dennis Crudele and Valerie Bristor. Each of these will probably use a search firm. Search for Executive Director of HBOI is being

chaired by John Wiesenfeld. Search for Dean of the College of Nursing is being chaired by Manju Pendakur.

9. Good of the Senate:

-There was a request that the UFS discuss whether College Bylaws are being complied with, and the role of the UFS in ensuring that they are. Tim Lenz asked for the request in writing and he will put it on the agenda for the next steering meeting to clarify the issues.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 3:57pm