

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
September 5, 2014

Members Present: see *appendix A* for attendance sheet

Guests Present: See *appendix B* for attendance sheet

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Ron Nyhan, President, at 2:05p.m. in the College of Nursing (NU 201) on the Boca Raton Campus and video conferenced to Davie, Fort Lauderdale, Harbor Branch, Jupiter, and Sea Tech.

2. **Without changes**, the Senate approved the minutes of the [April 18, 2014](#) Senate meeting.

3. **Updates:**

- Ron welcomed the faculty back.
- Faculty Assembly representatives were asked to notify Ron of any changes to Senate memberships and/or changes within their Committees.
- Chris Beetle was reintroduced to the Senate as UFS President-elect.
- Chris will attend all Faculty Assembly meetings; he will be available to answer any questions regarding the Senate and to provide updates to the college assemblies.
- The Board of Trustees (BOT) Annual Retreat will take place September 8-9, 2014.
- President Kelly will deliver the 2014 State of the University address on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 10:30am in the Barry Kaye Auditorium.
- The President's address will include information from the BOT Annual Retreat.

4. **President's Report:**

- There will be continued focus on Student Success, Distance Learning, and FAU's relationship with the State Colleges.
- Ron aims to improve communication and coordination and wants to increase the image and importance of the Senate.
- Bob Zoeller, UFF President, was introduced to the Senate.
- Ron intends to increase coordination with the UFF as there are many areas where the interests of the Senate and Union overlap.
- Ron mentioned that the University hired 130 new faculty members; it is one of the best years for the University.
- Ron thanked the Provost Office for aggressively adding to many unfilled positions within the departments.

5. **Speaker:**

Donna Chamely-Wiik – Director, OURI and Associate Scientist, Chemistry

FAU's Distinction through Discovery (DTD) is designed to strengthen and enrich the culture and climate of undergraduate research and inquiry at FAU and use it to make FAU distinguished. For every program DTD impacts, courses are impacted and students are engaged. DTD aims to provide opportunities for students outside of the curriculum; this involves the 4 P's – participation, presenting, publishing, and patenting.

Goals of Distinction through Discovery:

- Establish an undergraduate curriculum
- Expand student co-curricular opportunities for undergraduate research and inquiry.
- Increase support and recognition for faculty and students who engage in undergraduate research and inquiry.
- Enrich and strengthen and institutional climate that supports undergraduate research and inquiry.

6. **UPC Consent Agenda:**

- **No objections from the Senate-Approved by majority vote.**

7. **UPC Action Items:**

A. University Wide

- i. **New Policy** – Academic Recovery
 - **No objections from Senate-Approved by majority vote**
- ii. **Policy Change** – Forgiveness Policy Revision
 - **No objections from Senate-Approved by majority vote**
- iii. **New Policy** – Limitation on Repeated Courses
 - **No objections from Senate-Approved by majority vote**

B. College of Arts and Letters

- i. **Proposal** - Honors in the Major in Anthropology
 - **No objections from Senate-Approved by majority vote**

C. College of Business

- i. **Certificate Changes** - Residency Requirement Change for all Business Certificates
 - **Item withdrawn per College.**
- ii. **Program Changes** – Accounting Degree Program
 - **No objections from Senate-Approved by majority vote**
- iii. **Minor Changes** – Business Law Minor
 - **No objections from Senate-Approved by majority vote**

D. College of Education

- i. **New Program** – Undergraduate Research Honors Program: Effective Integration of Education Impact and Outcomes through Honors Elementary Education
 - **No objections from Senate-Approved by majority vote**

E. College of Science

- i. **New Honors Program** – Honors Program in Mathematical Sciences
 - **No objections from Senate-Approved by majority vote**

- ii. **New Certificate** – Applied Mental Health Services
 - **No objections from Senate-Approved by majority vote**

8. **UGC:**

- **NO ITEMS**

9. **Open Forum with the Provost:**

- Provost Perry welcomed the faculty back.
- Provost Perry congratulated the Colleges for hiring 137 outstanding new colleagues.
- The Provost will continue to focus on Student Success, Distance Learning, and on FAU's relationship with the State Colleges.
- FAU, Broward College, and Palm Beach State College received a TEAm grant from the Board of Governors (BOG) and took receipt of a \$3.5m check.
- Palm Beach State College would like to continue its relationship with FAU through the LINK Program.
- The BOG handed out \$200m in new money to the SUS.
- The metrics are here to stay however, the benchmarks may change.
- The metrics acknowledge the unique mission of each institution.
- FAU did well in the Employment metric.
- The University has hired 19 advisors.
- The Jump Start program launched successfully over the summer.
- 95 programs now have Flight Plans – the University is well ahead on that metric.
- A proposal for a new Bachelor of General Studies degree has been passed.

10. **Good of the Senate:**

- **NO ITEMS**

Meeting adjourned at 4:01pm.