

**Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
November 24, 2015
BOT Conference Room, 2pm – 4pm**

Members Present: Chris Beetle, Ron Nyhan, Dilys Schoorman, Mike Harris, Susan Dyess, Kevin Wagner, and Meredith Mountford

Guests: Dan Flynn, Ed Pratt, Nancy Poulson, Susan Fulks, Mihaela Cardei, Janet Blanks, Michele Hawkins, Diane Alperin, Russ Ivy, Yan Yong, Karen Hooks, Paul Peluso, Donna Chamely-Wiik, Rainer Steinwandt, Jahyun Goo, Fred Bloetscher, Debra Szabo, Gary Perry, Kathryn Johnson, and Desmond Gallant

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Chair, Dr. Chris Beetle.
2. The UFS Steering minutes from [October 27, 2015](#) were approved with no objections from the committee.

3. President's Report:

- a. Dr. Chris Beetle announces the speakers for the Senate meeting: Dean Heather Coltman and Dr. Michael Horswell. They will be discussing the Peace, Justice, and Human Rights platform.
- b. Dr. Meredith Mountford brings up issue on the email migration. Dr. Beetle explains that he spoke with Jason Ball about this issue and Jason explained the migration is intended to be transparent. No one seems to have any major issues so far. Dr. Mountford informs Steering that 2010 and earlier versions of Outlook are the only versions being affected by the transition. After a brief discussion it is decided that this will not go on the Senate Agenda.

4. Open Forum with the Vice President of Research

- a. Dr. Dan Flynn gives an update to the Steering committee. Dr. Flynn discusses Dr. Jason Hallstrom and his work on the sensor technology program. He is currently recruiting faculty. He has 3 programs within the institute; Smart Cities, Environmental Sciences, and Health and Wellness. There are about 40 faculty members in line with this pillar and they are busy pursuing major NSF funding. Dr. Flynn talks about Dr. Jim Galvin heading the Healthy Aging pillar. Currently he is pursuing a U54 grant to try to build out a presence in health related research within the community. Dr. Flynn then goes over the neuroscience pillar. An offer has been extended to Dr. Randy Blakley and accepted to head this pillar. He will be bringing with him 3 RO1's, 2 large Foundation grants, and a P57 grant. He will be centered on the Jupiter campus and will also be co-recruiting with Chairs and Deans. He will also bring in 4 NIH funded faculty, who will be bringing about 6 RO1's. For the Ocean and Environmental Sciences pillar, an ad will go out after the Thanksgiving Break and the search committee will begin. All the pillars are moving forward. The platforms all have Steering Committees.

Dr. Flynn talks a little bit about the research infrastructure. Miriam Campo was hired for Grants Management. Currently she is looking into a new software that will replace GrantsERA. We are currently on track to submit 560 applications. Looking forward to 2016, the big push is going to be building out our ability to do patient based studies. Dr. Flynn says his next goal is to implement education as research. He also will be focusing on the First Wave program. Dr. Flynn will be sending data to Dr. Beetle about metrics. Dr. Beetle suggests Dr. Flynn come to the Senate. Dr. Dan Flynn answers questions from the Steering committee.

5. **UPC Consent Agenda**: no objections from Steering; the consent agenda is **approved by majority vote**.

6. **UPC Action Agenda**:

a. **College of Arts and Letters**

- *Bachelor of Music Education*
 - Motion to send forward to Senate with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. After a majority vote, motion carries. .
- *BA Theatre, Design/Technical Concentration*
- *BA Theatre, General Concentration*
- *BFA Theatre, Performance*
 - All three items in Theatre were considered as a unit.
 - Dr. Ron Nyhan moves to send forward with a **positive recommendation**. Dr. Kevin Wagner seconds.
 - Dr. Mike Harris asks Des Gallant how many credits are involved in getting the degree. Des and Kathryn Johnson explain that this degree was in the catalog incorrectly so it appears like there are decreases in some and increases in other. Overall, these proposals aim to correct what is existing in the catalog.
 - Dr. Beetle calls for a vote. The motion passes.

b. **College of Business**

- *Business Core Requirements for ITOM*
 - Motion to send to the Consent Agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.

c. **College for Design and Social Inquiry**

- *Public Procurement Certificate*
 - Dr. Schoorman motions to move the Consent Agenda. Dr. Mike Harris. After a majority vote, motion carries. .

d. **College of Engineering**

- *Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering*

- Dr. Harris mentions the process in which this proposal was sent forward. He brings up Dr. Fred Hoffman's objection to the process. Dr. Ron Nyhan clarifies that, regardless of the objection, there was a majority vote to send this proposal forward. Dr. Harris just wanted to make sure there was a note of the objection and process.
- Dr. Nyhan moves to send this forward with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Seconded. After a majority vote, motion carries. .
 - *Preprofessional Engineering Program*
 - *Civil Engineering*
 - *Computer Engineering*
 - *Computer Science*
 - *Electrical Engineering*
 - *Geomatics Engineering*
 - *Mechanical Engineering*
 - *Ocean Engineering*
- Motion to treat remaining items as a block and send forward with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Seconded. After a majority vote, motion carries. .

7. **UGC Consent Agenda:**

- a. Dr. Meredith Mountford has questions about item number FOL 6880. This item is pulled to the Action Agenda. There are no other objections from Steering; the consent agenda is **approved by majority vote**.

8. **UGC Action Items:**

a. **College of Arts and Letters**

- *FOL 6880 Advanced Research Methods in LLCL*
 - Item was pulled from Consent Agenda.
 - Dr. Meredith Mountford has a question regarding the course and its similarities to existing courses.
 - After a brief discussion, Dr. Kevin Wagner motions to move back to Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Schoorman. After a majority vote, motion carries.
- *MA in Comparative Literature*
- *MA in French*
- *MA in Spanish*
- *MA in Linguistics*
- *MA/MAT in French & Spanish; MA in Comp. Lit. and Linguistics*
- *MAT in French*
- *MAT in Spanish*

- Motion to treat the remaining items as a unit and to send forward with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Seconded. After a majority vote, motion carries.

b. College of Business

- *Certificate in Big Data Analytics*
 - Dr. Mountford motions to send forward with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Wagner seconds. After a majority vote, motion carries.
- *Master of Accounting Concentration in Prof. Acct.*
- *Master of Accounting Concentration in Digital Acct. Forensics and Data*
- *Master of Accounting Catalog Course Desc. For ACG 6175*
 - Dr. Dyess motions to treat remaining three items as a unit and move forward with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Seconded. After a majority vote, motion carries.

c. College for Design and Social Inquiry

- *Public Admin Exec. Certificate*
- *Public Procurement Exec. Certificate*
 - Dr. Ron Nyhan motions to group the items and send forward with a positive recommendation from Steering.

d. College of Engineering and Computer Science

- *Graduate Certificate in Big Data Analytics*
 - Previously approved for College of Business.
 - Motion to send forward with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Seconded. After a majority vote, motion carries.
- *Graduate Certificate in Cyber Security*
 - Dr. Wagner moves to send forward with a positive recommendation from Steering. Dr. Nyhan seconds. After a majority vote, motion carries
- *Corrosion Certificate*
 - Dr. Dyess motions to send forward with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Wagner seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

9. Business Items:

a. [Research-Intensive Course Description](#)

- Dr. Beetle explains this is for undergrad courses. We heard more about this at the last Senate meeting. Dr. Ron Nyhan moves to send it to Senate with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Harris seconds. Dr. Dyess points out one minor detail about the proposal; there is a Track-changes correction in the document that didn't get caught. Dr. Chamely-Wiik offered to review the

document one more time and correct the change. Dr. Harris and Dr. Nyhan both thank and commend Dr. Chamely-Wiik for her efforts and job well done. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

10. Open forum with the Provost

- a. Provost Perry addressed the Steering Committee. He provided an update on his meeting with the Governor's Cabinet. The meeting was hosted on the Jupiter campus. Later that day, he met with Atwater, the commissioner of agriculture, and senior management from Scripps and Max Planck. They had a very lively discussion and a good meeting.

Provost Perry moves on to talk about FAU Day in Tallahassee. There were 6 teams to spread out and talk to senators. Dr. Perry mentions that FAU is the darling of Tallahassee. He says they are well aware of how FAU has improved in the metrics.

Provost Perry shares with the group, the Governor often talks about FAU and how FAU "gets it". We are at the top of the list of degrees that produce in areas of special emphasis. Dr. Perry hopes this will aid in our funding requests.

Dr. Mountford asks Dr. Perry if he heard anything about the guns on campus bill. Dr. Perry said they didn't discuss that in particular, but it has passed the House and is moving to the Senate. Dr. Nyhan adds that the Open Carry will most likely pass as well.

Dr. Harris informs the Provost of issues that have occurred using Workday. Specifically, Dr. Harris is having trouble with student travel. The process is long and slow because he was told students must be hired as an employee before they can receive funds for travel. Dr. Beetle also has heard about some issues from his faculty as well. Dr. Perry suggests a point of contact for the faculty to submit their issues regarding Workday. Arcadia will look into starting a discussion board on Blackboard. This will be added to the Senate agenda.

Dr. Harris asks the Provost about the metrics. Dr. Perry goes on to discuss a brief update. There is some discussion on the admissions numbers. Dr. Perry suggests having Jorge Calzadilla speak to the Senate.

11. Good of the Steering Committee

- a. None

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.