

**Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
February 16, 2016
BOT Conference Room, 2pm – 4pm**

Members Present: Chris Beetle, Ron Nyhan, Morton Levitt, Dilys Schoorman, Mike Harris, Susan Dyess, and Kevin Wagner.

Guests: Debra Szabo, Nancey France, Cindy Blum, John Graham, David Wohlsifer, Diane Alperin, Russ Ivy, Michele Hawkins, Mary Ann Gosser, Fred Bloetschen, Yan Yong, Michael Hofmann, Yuan Wang, Gary Perry, Deborah Floyd, and Susan Fulks

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:04pm by Chair, Dr. Chris Beetle.
2. The UFS Steering minutes from [January 19, 2016](#) were approved as amended by the committee.

3. President's Report:

- a. Dr. Chris Beetle announces that election season has begun. The call for nominations will be announced at the Senate meeting. He will be accepting nominations on the floor at the meeting up until the April 1st Senate meeting. Anyone who has been nominated will get a chance to speak at that meeting. The results of the election will be reported at the last Senate meeting. At the April 1st meeting we will open elections for the Steering committee. There are 3 seats opening up and everyone is eligible for reappointment.
- b. Dr. Beetle has asked Dean Carol Hixson to address to the Senate. There are some things that the faculty as a whole might want to engage in and express some opinions on regarding some of the changes in the direction they're moving in and the role of the libraries across the universities.
- c. Lastly, Dr. Beetle addresses an email that went around to faculty this morning in which Bob Zoeller claims a shadow committee advising the President on how to negotiate with the Union. Dr. Beetle discussed this with Bob and explained that no such committee exists, though he is aware of what Bob is talking about. Dr. Beetle goes on to explain that the President did ask a group of faculty for ideas on ways to incentivize the faculty. The group has only met once. They did not discuss bargaining. Dr. Beetle concludes his report.

4. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)

- a. Susan Dyess requests to move the Sexual Health Peer education course to the action agenda.
- b. Dr. Schoorman requests that the Nursing courses be moved to the action agenda for further discussion.
- c. The amended agenda is **approved**.

5. [UPC Action Agenda:](#)

- a. **College of Education**

- *Sexual Health Peer Education*
 - Dr. Dyess is concerned that the content is not as current as it could be. Dr. Beetle explains that the objective of the course is focused on the teaching of sexual health.
 - Dr. Schoorman points out that the bibliography of the course relates to pedagogy of the course.
 - Dr. Dyess will work with Arcadia to contact the Department to request a more robust bibliography with updated information.
 - Ron motions to send forward **without a recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Levitt seconds the motion. After a majority vote, the motion carries

b. College of Arts and Letters

- *Multimedia Studies: Multimedia Journalism*
 - No discussion or objections on this item. Dr. Dyess moves to send forward with a **positive recommendation**. Dr. Wagner seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

c. College of Nursing

- *Honors Program in Nursing*
 - Dr. Schoorman asks for a clarification on the program. Dr. Nancey France explains the program in further detail with assistance from Dr. Dyess. After some discussion, Dr. Schoorman is satisfied with the explanation.
 - Dr. Wagner moves to send forward with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Nyhan seconds the motion. After a majority vote, the motion carries
- *Honors Seminar 1, 2, & 3 in Nursing*
 - Dr. Nyhan moves to consider these items as one item and send back to the Consent Agenda. Dr. Schoorman seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

d. College of Science

- *BS/MS in Mathematics*
 - This item was previously tabled at the last Senate meeting due to no recommendation from UUPC. This item has been approved by the GPC and now comes with a recommendation from UUPC to send forward.
 - There are no questions or discussion. Dr. Harris moves to send forward with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Wagner seconds the motion. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
- *Physics*

- Dr. Harris would like to know how many credits will be increased. Dr. Beetle confirms it is +3 credits. There are 3 fewer lower division credits and 6 additional upper division credits.
- Dr. Nyhan moves to send forward with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Harris seconds the motion. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

6. UGC Consent Agenda:

- a. Dr. Harris comments that the titles for the Social Work courses are impressive.
- b. Dr. Beetle points out that the change in the MS in Mathematics is a reduction in the total number of credits in the program. Dr. Floyd clarifies that's only with the non-thesis option. Dr. Wang confirms that the reduction will make both program options 30 credits. Dr. Beetle requests to pull from Consent Agenda and to be considered on the Action Agenda.
- c. The amended agenda is **approved**.

7. UGC Action Items:

a. **College of Science**

- *MS with Major in Mathematics*

- There is a discussion led by Dr. Wang about the reasons behind the reduction. She answers the Steering committee's questions to satisfaction.
- Dr. Wagner moves to send forward with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Nyhan seconds that motion. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

b. **College of Arts and Letters**

- *English Master of Arts in Teaching*

- Dr. Wagner moves to send forward with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Dyess seconds the motion. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

- *MS in Music Business Administration*

- Dr. Wagner moves to send it forward with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Levitt seconds the motion. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

8. **Business Items**

a. *Outside Activity Form*

- Dr. Beetle goes over the item to the committee and explains three ways to handle it; his preferred way would be for the Steering committee to review the document. Dr. Alperin explains that both Human Resources and the Division of

Research are devising a draft. Dr. Alperin will send Arcadia the revised draft and she will circulate it again.

- This item will go on the agenda for the next Steering committee meeting.

b. *Proposed Revisions to CBA Article 5*

- Back in October the Senate sent forth a resolution to recommend that Article 5.3d, “should either be revised to prohibit only unauthorized faculty speech that explicitly and falsely claims to represent university policy or else eliminated entirely.” The Union proposed to remove it entirely and there has been a counterproposal by the Trustees. Dr. Beetle has been asked by the union whether the counterproposal would satisfy the recommendation made by the Senate. Dr. Beetle feels the Steering committee is the appropriate sized body to discuss.
- Dr. Beetle reads the proposed revision to the committee. There is discussion on the proposed language. The committee agrees that the proposed language is still unclear. Dr. Beetle introduces the language that other state universities are using. Dr. Wagner thinks the FIU language is the best way to go. It’s clear. There is agreement on this from the committee. Dr. Beetle will report this recommendation to use the FIU language as a counterproposal to the Union.

9. Open forum with the Provost

- a. Provost Perry talks about his visit to HBOI and the Jupiter campus. He recommends that everyone try to go see it. Dr. Perry was up there with Dr. Flynn for a meeting with the faculty assembly. Dr. Perry mentions the Pillars that are a part of the Strategic Plan are morphing into institutes. They met at HBOI because it is an established institute and will become the ocean science engineering and environmental science pillar. The infrastructure is already existing there, so it will be a good place to start. Dr. Randy Blakely will be with us in May and will head the Brain Institute which will also be located in Jupiter.
- b. We have submitted the Accountability Report to the Board of Governors. The official, final version of that will go to the Board of Trustees at the March 15th meeting and then will go to the BOG. Once it’s accepted, it will go on the website for everyone to look at.
- c. Questions
 - Dr. Schoorman asks about the reporting between the pillars and research in the colleges. Dr. Perry clarifies that it would be the Institute Directors that would be reporting to the VPR. Dr. Beetle asks a related question regarding where the lines will be. Dr. Perry explains that it depends where the best fit is and how the program evolves.
 - Dr. Wagner asks how the legislation is going. Dr. Perry explains the three LBRs that went up, they were the same as last year. Last year, two of them received money, but we did not get what we asked for. There are requests for expanding the Jupiter campus, a new building on the Jupiter campus, and funding for Tech

Runway. We have focused on developing the Jupiter campus. Dr. Perry discusses the process that's going on right now and the potential money.

- Dr. Schoorman brings up some promises that were made last year regarding a report on the results of some of the changes made. Dr. Perry goes over some of the results from last year's strategies. Dr. Beetle confirms that there is already a plan in place to produce the numbers from those strategies and hopes they will be available by the March Senate meeting, which falls on April 1st.

10. Good of the Steering Committee

- a. There are no items

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.