

University Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

November 6, 2015

NU 202, 2:00PM – 4:00PM

Members and Guests Present: See *Appendix A* for attendance sheet.

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Chris Beetle at 2:01pm. The meeting was held in room NU-202 on the Boca Raton Campus and was video conferenced to Davie (DW 108), Fort Lauderdale (HE 608), Harbor Branch (LE 235), Jupiter (SR 200), and Sea Tech (ST 209)
2. **With positive approval**, the Senate approved [October 9, 2015](#) UFS minutes.
3. **President's report**
 - a. Dr. Beetle announces that Dr. Meredith Mountford will be taking the place of Dr. Yolanda Gamboa. Dr. Mountford was the only nominee and thus a vote was not necessary. Dr. Beetle thanks both Dr. Mountford and Dr. Gamboa for their time.
 - b. Dr. Beetle reviews remaining committee vacancies. On the Community Engagement Committee, there are vacancies for the College of Science and the College of Medicine. Dr. Beetle asks those colleges to please send nominations to fill those spots. He also announces vacancies for the Distance Education Committee. Those vacancies are with the College of Education and the College for Design and Social Inquiry. A Senator from the College of Education interjects to say that Ann Musgrove is the representative for the Distance Education Committee.
 - c. Dr. Beetle gives an update on the SPE policy. The Provost's committee has met three times. The committee is looking at all the comments that came in and has made progress towards a second draft. It is preliminary and the committee is still deliberating. The Provost is still accepting comments and those can be sent to [Arcadia Betancourt](#).
4. **Speakers**
 - a. Dr. Donna Chamely-Wiik presents to the Senate about the latest developments in Undergraduate Research. Dr. Chamely-Wiik talks about the four goals that Undergraduate Research has: more research intensive curricula, more co-curricular undergraduate student opportunities, faculty and student recognition and support, and a change in the culture and climate of the university towards undergraduate research.

Dr. Chamely-Wiik talks to the senate about the curriculum grants program and how it can benefit faculty members who bring research into their curriculum. She shows a side by side comparison of the grants funded and the courses impacted since 2012. She also does this by college. Dr. Chamely-Wiik also shares with the Senate the amount of students that have been involved in undergraduate research and the steady increase since 2012.

Dr. Chamely-Wiik informs the Senate about two upcoming funding opportunities to relay back to their faculty. The first one is, a summer undergraduate research fellowship. It is an immersion experience for one undergraduate student to get paid to work with a faculty member over the summer in an intensive, advanced undergraduate research project. The second opportunity is the Undergraduate Research Grants program. The deadlines are Nov. 15th and April 15th.

Dr. Chamely-Wiik discusses the different ways that OURI is trying to help students with professional development. She mentions workshops that cover various topics such as how to get started in undergraduate research, how to get into graduate school, how to apply for a grant, and how to present your findings. She encourages the Senate to spread the message to students.

Dr. Chamely-Wiik talks about the ways faculty are recognized for their support. For example, the Distinguished Mentor of the Year (DMOY) which comes with a \$2500 reward and is recognized at Honors Convocation. The call will go out on February 19th. Dr. Chamely-Wiik encourages faculty to nominate someone they may know or themselves for this award. She also talks about the Undergraduate Researcher of the Year award and encourages faculty to encourage their students to apply.

In 2017, FAU will be hosting the Florida Undergraduate Research conference. There will be an excess of about 400 students on campus that day for a regional symposium. This will be a good opportunity to showcase what FAU has to offer. Dr. Chamely-Wiik also goes on to talk about the recent endorsement from UUPC to start certifying research intensive undergraduate courses. She concludes her presentation. There are no questions from the Senate.

5. [UUPC Consent Agenda](#)

- a. No objections from Senate – **approved by majority vote.**

6. [UUPC Action Items](#)

- a. College of Business
 - o *Finance Major*
 - No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - o *Management Major*
 - No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

7. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)

- a. No objections from Senate – **approved by majority vote.**

8. [UGC Action Items](#)

- a. College of Engineering and computer Science
 - o Ph.D. in Ocean Engineering

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

b. College of Arts and Letters

○ Reading for Comprehensive Exams

- Dr. Beetle explains why this item comes to Senate with no recommendation; no one was available at Steering to answer why this course went from 3 credits to 1-6 credits. Dr. Manjuanth Pendakur moves to approve this request. Dr. Mike Harris seconds the motion.
- Dr. Jerry Haky asks the representative from the department of English why the change in credits. He explains that it parallels the thesis credits. The MA exam is an option track as an alternative to the MA thesis. So the 1-6 hours mirrors the MA thesis option.
- No further discussion on this item by the Senate. It is **approved by majority vote.**

c. College of Science

○ MA in Geography, MS in Geology

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

d. College of Nursing

○ Doctor of Nursing Program

- Dr. Fred Hoffman would like to know the reason behind removing the GRE from the admission requirements. Dr. Bulfin, a rep from the College of Nursing, answers Dr. Hoffman's questions explaining that there is no research to suggest the GRE being predictive of student success in Nursing Graduate programs. She explains that our post-graduate enrollment is decreasing because students can go to other universities without having to think about the GRE.
- Dr. Meredith Mountford asks the Senate as a whole whether or not they think this is a direction that FAU is moving; not requiring the GRE for certain programs. There is a brief discussion on this. Dr. Beetle suggests saving this topic for the Good of the Senate.
- There is no further discussion on this item by the Senate. It is **approved by a majority vote.**

e. College of Education

○ M.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction

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

9. Open forum with the Provost

- a.** Provost Gary Perry gives an update on BOG meeting at FIU. The proposal for a Doctorate in Social Work was approved by the BOG. Dr. Perry applauds Social Work dept. and Dr. Michele Hawkins.

Dr. Perry mentions that he and Dr. Vicki Brown have been serving on a special task force for the BOG on developing a strategic plan on distance learning. That plan was presented at the BOG meeting and was approved as well. He talks about the impact this will have not only on FAU, but on all 12 state universities. Dr. Perry has been asked by the board to nominate a member from the university to serve on another committee, the Post-Strategic Plan Committee, on the implementation of this plan.

Dr. Perry informs the Senate that there was a change in the performance model. The scale will now go to 100 points, instead of 50, and the penalty box is anything under 51 points, instead of 26 points. The other changes they made involve Metric 1; this measures how many students get jobs at a certain salary after graduating. They've now upped the salary to \$25k. The Board also talked about whether they will move it to two decimal points or one decimal point; the consensus was one decimal point. Finally, for this year, they've introduced four tiebreakers.

Dr. Perry announces that Dr. Diane Alperin has decided to step down from her full time position as Vice Provost. Dr. Perry thanks Dr. Alperin for all of her service to the university. Dr. Paul Hart will be joining the Provost's Office from the College of Business as an Associate Provost.

Dr. Meredith Mountford asks if we will be changing our email service from Outlook as well as the online learning platform (Blackboard). It is clarified that the email change is a migration from Outlook Exchange to Exchange 365. Regarding the second part of Dr. Mountford's question, Dr. Perry confirms that the Board is looking into a single Learning Management System (LMS) for the whole state to use. Dr. Perry believes this will be an opt-in request and not required for all state universities to use. If the Board chooses an LMS that's different from Blackboard, Dr. Vicki Brown mentions we will look into the cost of migration and see if it's something we should do, especially if in the long term the Board will require a unified system.

Dr. Dilys Schoorman asks the Provost about annual evaluations and annual assignment. Dr. Perry explains that the annual evaluation will be on the previous year's assignment.







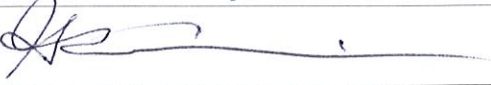
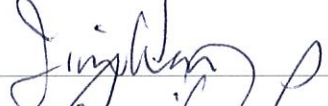
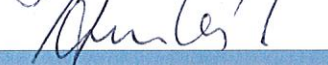


10. Good of the Senate

- a. Nothing at this time.

11. Meeting adjourned by Dr. Chris Beetle at 2:50 pm.

UFS Attendance Sign-In

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College		Name	Signature
Arts & Letters	1)	Adam Bradford	
	2)	Pat Darlington	
	3)	Marshall De Rosa	
	4)	Mary Faraci	
	5)	Yolanda Gamboa	
	6)	Mike Harris	
	7)	Tim Lenz	
	8)	Manjunath Pendakur	
	9)	Kevin Wagner	
	10)	David Williams	
Business	1)	Patrick Bernet	
	2)	Bill Bosshardt	
	3)	Gary Castrogiovanni	
	4)	Kim Dunn	
	5)	Jim Han	
	6)	Anita Pennathur	
Design & Social Inquiry	1)	Bruce Arneklev	
	2)	LeaAnne DeRigne	
	3)	Hugh Miller	
Education	1)	Yash Bhagwanji	
	2)	Meredith Mountford	



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	3)	Philomena Marinaccio	<i>Philomena Marinaccio</i>
	4)	Dilys Schoorman	<i>D. Schoorman</i>
	5)	Robert Zoeller	<i>Rob Zoeller</i>
Engineering	1)	Evangelos Kaisar	
	2)	Hari Kalva	
	3)	Davood Moslemain	<i>D. Moslemain</i>
Honors College	1)	Kevin Lanning	
	2)	Miguel Vázquez	<i>M. Vázquez</i>
Medicine	1)	Kathleen Guthrie	<i>Kathleen Guthrie</i>
	2)	Morton Levitt	<i>Morton Levitt</i>
Nursing	1)	Susan Dyess	<i>Susan Dyess</i>
	2)	Cynthia Archibald	
Library	1)	Larry Mello	<i>Larry Mello</i>
	2)	Allison DeLuca	
Science	1)	Fred Hoffman	<i>Fred Hoffman</i>
	2)	James Kumi-Diaka	
	3)	Steve Locke	<i>Steve Locke</i>
	4)	Daniela Popova	<i>Daniela Popova</i>
	5)	Evonne Rezler	
	6)	Markus Schmidmeier	
	7)	Lianfen Qian	<i>Lianfen Qian</i>

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Faculty Assembly Heads		
A&L	Kevin Wagner	
BUS	C.M. Sashi	
D&SI	TBD	
EDU	Michael Frain	
ENG	Amir Abtahi	
HON COL	Miguel Vázquez	
MED	Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi	
NUR	Joy Longo	
SCI	Jerry Haky	
LIB	Lauri Rebar	
Committee Chairs		
AFDPC	Marshall De Rosa	
APBC	Ron Nyhan	
Admission & Retention	Rupert Rhodd	
Assessment	Nancey France	
Distance Education	Mary Cameron	
Graduate Council	Paul Peluso	
Honors and Awards	Evangelos Kaisar	
Library Advisory	Carol Hixson	
P&T	Pradeep Korgaonkar	

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Research		Arlene Fradkin	
UPC		Jerry Haky	<i>JH</i>
GPC		William McDaniel	
Senate President		Christopher Beetle	
Past President		Ron Nyhan	
Non-Voting Members			
President		John Kelly	
Provost		Gary Perry	

Guest Sign-In Sheet - November 6, 2015

Dept.	Name	Signature
Exceptional student	Gwen Carey	<i>[Signature]</i>
Geosciences	Zhixiao Xie	<i>[Signature]</i>
Acad Aff	Diane Alperin	<i>[Signature]</i>
LLCL	Marissa Almante	<i>[Signature]</i>
COB-Mgt	Ethlyn Williams	<i>[Signature]</i>
THEATRE	Yvan G. FANDET	<i>[Signature]</i>
VAAH	Emily A. Fenichel	<i>[Signature]</i>
Library	Ethor Fenichel	<i>[Signature]</i>
Library	Carol Hixson	<i>[Signature]</i>
EDCRM	Meredith Montford	<i>[Signature]</i>
CDSE	Wes Hawkins	<i>[Signature]</i>
Provost's office	Michèle Hawkins	attended