

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Friday, November 2, 2007
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by President Eric Shaw at 2:05 p.m. The meeting took place in the BOT Room located on the third floor of the Administration Building, on the Boca Raton Campus, and via video conference at the Treasure Coast Campus, the MacArthur Campus, the Fort Lauderdale Campus, and the Davie Campus.

Members Present: Bruce Arneklev, Pierre-Philippe Beaujean, Doug Broadfield, Susannah Brown, Chris Ely, Mary Faraci, Deborah Floyd, Andres Folleco, Jerome Haky, Mike Harris, Fred Hoffman, Ernest Andrew Brewer, Mehdi Kaighobadi, Roy Levow, Stephen Locke, Philomena Marinaccio, Oge Marques, William McDaniel, Abhijit Pandya, Gary Parsons, Howard Prentice, Marguerite Purnell, Dilys Schoorman, Eric Shaw, Leslie Siegel, Lydia Smiley, Eugene Smith, John Valentine, Cynthia Wilson, Leigh McFarland

Guests Present: Michael Armstrong, Diane Alperin, Edward Pratt, Molly Munro, Jeff Schilit, David Correa, Christine Williams.

2. The UFS meeting minutes from October 15, 2007 were approved.
3. Announcements
 - Some changes were made to items 1 and 4 in the Statement of Responsibility. In item 1, the language is narrowed to allow FAU support staff access to passwords. In item 4, the point that disclosure of confidential records to unauthorized persons is prohibited was expanded to allow in the context of professional responsibilities.
 - The Board of Governors (BoG) has approved the two-tier university system following the California model, with graduate school limited to the current 10 state universities.
 - The dates for the presidential debates are likely to be changed. It is believed the dates will be January 25th and 27th but it will not be known until other states decide on their primary dates. Faculty debate tickets are limited.
4. BOT Report
 - The BOT approved terminating the last vestiges of continuing education; all functions and responsibilities have been delegated back to colleges.
 - The BOT approved the College of Graduate Studies.
5. UPC Consent agenda

Approved by unanimous consent.
6. There was a presentation on the Banner system. The discussion included the visibility of the Z number in MyFAU and the information on the “Faculty Service” tab. There was also a discussion about the course listings and the various ways to look up a course as well as the details of a course.

7. Catherine Meschievitz discussed the role of the office of International Programs at FAU which is to expand student study abroad and exchange programs, build international partnerships, and help colleges at FAU internationalize. A copy of the PowerPoint handout is available.

8. UPC Action Items

a. Core Curriculum Committee Formation/Representation

If a college has multiple representatives there is still only a single vote per college.

One of the duties of the Core Curriculum Committee is to establish procedures.

Approved by unanimous consent.

b. The Barry Kaye School of Finance, Insurance and Economics; Insurance Minor

Approved by unanimous consent.

c. Information Technology and Operations Management; Minor & Certificate in Business Programming

Approved by unanimous consent.

d. Marketing Department; adding an elective course to the Advertising track.

Approved by unanimous consent.

9. GPC Consent Agenda

Approved by unanimous consent.

10. GPC Action Items

a. Request to Offer a New Degree Program, Doctor of Nursing Practice in the College of Nursing

Fred Hoffman asked for a brief presentation.

Marguerite Purnell briefly discussed the program.

Approved by unanimous consent.

b. Management Information Systems concentration for MBA program in the College of Business

Approved by unanimous consent.

c. Operations Management Concentration for MBA Program in the College of Business
Mehdi Kaighobadi spoke in favor of the program.

Approved by unanimous consent.

d. Proposed Revision of the MS degrees in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering from the College of Engineering and Computer Science

There was a discussion as to whether or not the proposal was approved by the department. The program was approved by the department.

Approved by unanimous consent.

11. Business Items

a. Bylaws

- Roy Levow moved, and was seconded, to adopt the proposed amendments to the responsibilities for UPC and GPC.
Mike Harris asked for clarification. Eric Shaw stated that this round of voting was only for the amendments. The next meeting will be the final vote on the bylaws. The old bylaws and the new bylaws are on the website.

Motion failed.

- Jerome Haky asked if there will be a representative on the UPC from the College of Biomedical Science. The college has not yet decided. Howard Prentice is finding out from the College of Biomedical Science.

- Mike Harris moved, and was seconded, that a quorum for the Promotion and Tenure Committee will consist of “all committee members but one.”

Approved by unanimous consent.

- Mike Harris asked if the chair wanted to talk about the UFS chair release time being increased from twenty five percent to fifty percent.
Eric Shaw replied that it is definitely needed and he will discuss it with the Provost about making the release time fifty percent.

- b. Resolution in support of Governor Crist’s Energy Policy, attached
The Steering Committee moved the resolution be adopted.

In favor: This is good for public relations and it shows faculty support of Governor Christ when he does the right things.

Against: This is outside the scope of the UFS issues.

Motion by voice vote failed.

12. Collective Bargaining Report

Fred Hoffman stated that there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday November 15th at 3pm. There is a salary proposal from UFF on the table for that meeting.

13. Open forum with the Provost

Diane Alperin stood-in for the Provost.

- Jerome Haky asked if the University had discontinued its recycling program. Diane Alperin said that she could not confirm or deny that but will look into it.
- Lydia Smiley asked about the Statement of Responsibility and access to passwords. Diane Alperin stated that the policy now reads that a user may only reveal a password to IRM support staff.
- Deborah Floyd asked if there will be a public statement available regarding where and how money is being spent on the presidential debate. Diane Alperin stated that the Provost’s Office is not spending any Education and General (E&G) dollars on the event and the question should be posed to the Office of the President.

14. Open forum

- Jerome Haky expressed concern about the Steering Committee taking action on items, such as the core committee, that have already gone through UPC. Eric Shaw stated that

it should have been communicated back to UPC and will make sure that it will not happen again.

- Deborah Floyd moved that faculty get more tickets to attend the presidential debate. Eric Shaw stated that the motion was out of order because UFS cannot vote on items that have not been through the Steering Committee first.
- Fred Hoffman stated that a new Doctoral program is a significant event and should be looked at with more care in the UFS.
- Dilys Schoorman asked for clarification as to who on the faculty will be receiving tickets. Eric Shaw stated that tickets will go to faculty who get involved by either helping with the event or doing a workshop for students.
- John Valentine would like to propose a revision to the resolution for Governor Crist's Energy Policy. Eric Shaw asked that it be sent to the Steering Committee for consideration.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

The meeting was followed by Faculty Club.