

**University Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Friday, October 12, 2007**  
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by President Eric Shaw at 2:15 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, Bill Bosshardt, Doug Broadfield, Susannah Brown, Bob Cerveny, John Childrey, Mary Faraci, Jim Gray, Theodor Haerry, Jerome Haky, Mike Harris, Michele Hawkins, Fred Hoffman, Sam Hsu, Mehdi Kaighobadi, Roy Levow, Joan Lindgren, Stephen Locke, William McDaniel, Abhijit Pandya, Gary Parsons, Angela Rhone, Eric Shaw, Leslie Siegel, Lydia Smiley, Eugene Smith, Khaled Sobhan, John Valentine, Cynthia Wilson, John Pritchett, Leigh McFarland

Guests Present: Michael Armstrong, Diane Alperin

2. The UFS meeting minutes from the September 7, 2007 were approved.

3. Announcements (Eric Shaw)

*General*

- The FAU UFS has a new homepage currently under construction. The web address of the page is [www.fau.edu/ufsgov](http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov).
- The FAU Boca Raton campus will host the presidential debates on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. For both dates, classes on the FAU Boca Raton campus that meet at 2pm or later will not be able to meet in person on campus. The faculty is encouraged to use alternative assignments for those dates.
- The Security and Confidentiality Statement of Responsibility is still being reviewed.
- The FAU Sustainability Committee will sponsor an event called sustainability day which will coincide with the national sustainability day on Wednesday, October 24, 2007. More information is available at [www.fau.edu/missiongreen](http://www.fau.edu/missiongreen).

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- The Chancellor has proposed a two-tier university system to the Board of Governors following the California model. Under the proposal FAU would be in the first tier along with nine other SUS universities.
- A power struggle is developing between the Board of Trustees & Board of Governors. The Board of Governors has proposed to take over the decision authority on new master programs and the hiring of the president of each university.

Issues at other SUS universities

SUS issues

- Some institutions have issues about the ownership of faculty developed of electronic courses. We may want to review our policy on this issue.
- Another issue is the policy on joint faculty and student publications. Diane Alperin stated that the Office of Graduate Studies at FAU is looking into it.

- The University of Florida is still offering a seven year sustained performance program raise of 9% for full professors. This might be something that the UFS may want to encourage the UFF and Administration to include in bargaining agreements.
4. BOT report (Eric Shaw)
    - There was a Board of Trustees retreat September 17-18. The BOT unanimously approved testing the support of the donor community and the financial markets for issuing a bond of 62 million dollars to pay for a 30,000 seat, expandable football stadium modeled after the one at the University of Central Florida.
    - The Provost gave an analysis of enrollment to graduation at FAU available at [http://wise.fau.edu/bot/files/091707\\_Enrollment\\_to\\_Graduation - A Complete Analysis-final.pdf](http://wise.fau.edu/bot/files/091707_Enrollment_to_Graduation_-_A_Complete_Analysis-final.pdf)
    - President Brogan's presented his ten year vision for FAU that includes an increase of the student population from 26,000 to 30,000 students and improved SAT scores of incoming students, available at [http://www.fau.edu/bot/files/091707\\_FAU2017.pdf](http://www.fau.edu/bot/files/091707_FAU2017.pdf)
  5. Craig Angelos discussed the football stadium and Innovation Village. The full presentation to the BOT is available at [http://www.fau.edu/bot/files/091807\\_Innovation\\_Village.pdf](http://www.fau.edu/bot/files/091807_Innovation_Village.pdf)
  6. UPC Consent Agenda
 

Foreign language classes appeared on the UPC Consent and Action Agendas. They were removed from the consent agenda by unanimous consent.

**The consent agenda, as amended, was approved by voice vote.**
  7. UPC Action Items
    - a. Raising the Entrance and Maintenance GPA for Sequence in Multimedia Studies  
**Approved by unanimous consent.**
    - b. Revision to Minor in German  
**Approved by unanimous consent.**
    - c. Removal of Pass/Fail Option for FRE/GER/ITA/SPN 1121 Courses  
There was a clarification by Fred Hoffman that there are no pass/fail courses in the Math Department.  
**Approved by unanimous consent.**
    - d. New Minor in Theatre  
**Approved by unanimous consent.**
  8. GPC Consent Agenda  
**Approved by unanimous consent.**
  9. Business Items  
*Proposed Bylaws Revisions*

This item will be sent out to the entire faculty. In the November meeting any amendments to the newly revised bylaws will be addressed. The final bylaws will be voted on at the December meeting. Both the old and the new bylaws are available on the web at [http://www.fau.edu/academic/facgov/html/bylaws\\_revision.html](http://www.fau.edu/academic/facgov/html/bylaws_revision.html)

10. Collective Bargaining Report (Fred Hoffman and Diane Alperin)

Fred Hoffman read an email stating that representatives of the FAU BOT and FAU chapter of the UFF signed a Memorandum of Understanding providing for distribution of the legislative appropriation for a non-recurring bonus of one thousand dollars and of promotion raises for faculty.

11. Open forum with the Provost

The provost stated the Vice President for Research, Larry Lemanski, has accepted a position as senior Vice President of Research at Temple University. He will be reporting there by December 1<sup>st</sup>. To fill the position a national search will be conducted. Until the position is filled, the Provost will hire an outside interim appointee who will not be eligible for the permanent position but who has the necessary connections and experience to lead the Division of Sponsored Research during the search.

In an effort to raise FAU's freshman and sophomore retention rates, the Department of Mathematical Sciences is working on pilot programs for supplemental instruction. The Provost and Ed Pratt, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, are working on grants from Lifelong Learning and an outside agency to assist in the retention programs.

12. New Business Discussion

- The UFF will be sponsoring a luncheon for new faculty on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:30a.m. to 2:30p.m., in the Board of Trustees room on the Boca Raton campus.
- Eric Shaw was asked about the status of governance in the College of Biomedical Science. He stated that the faculty of the College has created and approved their bylaws and have also populated college and UFS committees. The college is now fully integrated into the governance structure of the university.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.