

**University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
September 12, 2016
EE 106, 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 2:00pm. The meeting was held in room EE 106 on the Boca Raton Campus and was video conferenced to Davie (DW 108), Fort Lauderdale (HEC 608), Harbor Branch (LE 235), Jupiter (SR 200), and Sea Tech (ST 209)
2. **With positive approval**, the Senate approved [April 29, 2016](#) UFS minutes.
3. **President's Report**
 - a. Dr. Chris Beetle begins by discussing the bylaws revision update. Dr. Beetle reviews what the bylaws revision would be, for example if Presidents can be re-elected. As of now, Dr. Beetle has received zero volunteers. This is the official last call for volunteers to serve on the draft committee.
 - b. The next item on Dr. Beetle's report is the Sustained Performance Evaluation policy. There is a revised draft that has been circulated to the Faculty committee. The Provost is meeting with the Faculty committee this week. After the meeting, a draft will be propagated to the faculty as a whole. Dr. Beetle restates that the Provost will be releasing the policy, not the Faculty Senate.
 - c. Lastly, Dr. Beetle would like the 2016-2017 Senators to email Arcadia Betancourt their names and committee members. This will allow for Arcadia Betancourt to update the UFS website accordingly.
4. **Speakers**
 - a. Dean of the Graduate College, Dr. Deborah Floyd
 - Dean Floyd gives a presentation on the [three-minute thesis competition](#). Graduate students will introduce their research in 180 seconds or less to a panel of judges. Also, the audience will have the opportunity to judge the students as well. Scholarship prizes will be rewarded.
 - The deadline is this Wednesday for priority applications. There have been 92 students that registered thus far. The Graduate College cannot guarantee students will be able to participate after this Wednesday's deadline.
 - Dean Floyd concludes that there is a volunteer form on the Graduate College website for faculty to serve as judges.
 - b. Associate Dean and Associate Professor for the College for Design & Social Inquiry, Dr. Ron Nyhan
 - Dr. Nyhan begins by giving a presentation on community engagement to the Faculty. Community engagement has been a goal in the strategic plan but has never been implemented until recently. The initial findings are that it will benefit student

success as well as teaching and learning. High Impact Practices (HIP) all mention the need for community engagement. Dr. Nyhan explains that there is a mutual benefit and partnership. Dr. Nyhan reiterates that the initiative started in May 2015 by President Kelly and is a University-wide effort.

- Dr. Nyhan gives an update on the task force and UFS committee. The task force includes not only faculty, but also staff, alumni, and students. The task force includes 14 members that report back to the appropriate Vice-Presidents. The UFS committee is established to create faculty incentives. There are also two professional learning communities that are largely faculty driven.
- As of now, all Florida Atlantic University websites have a statement on community engagement. Job vacancies on the Human Resources website clearly state that Florida Atlantic University want candidates concerned about community engagement. The community engagement website is almost complete and should be public by the end of the month. Lastly, there will be a survey that will be conducted in the Spring about larger community perceptions.
- Dr. Nyhan states that moving forward there will be two workshops and seminars scheduled for each semester. There will also be three Presidential awards this Spring that carry community engagement teaching, research, and service. The three awards are \$3,500 each for faculty members. A link will be provided on the Faculty Senate website at the end of this week.
- Dr. Nyhan concludes that there will be incentives for students through the FAU Wave 2.2 and GRIP program. Additional funding has been approved for the FAU Wave 2.2. Also, Undergraduate Research will not create a new application process for the GRIP program but rather include the opportunity for the student to select community engagement on their application. The students will be automatically eligible for additional funding through the GRIP program.

5. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)

- Markus Schmidmeier proposes to move WST4130 to the action agenda.
- No objections from Senate – **approved by majority vote.**

6. [UPC Action Items](#)

- a. WST 4130
 - Markus Schmidmeier has concerns over the classroom environment including documentaries that include nudity, vulgarity, and violence.
 - Bob Zoeller points out language that does not oblige students to watch.
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. College of Science
 - *Advanced Certificate in Geographic Information Systems*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

7. Business Items

- a. [UFS Meeting Schedule](#)

- Dr. Beetle explains the current scheduling dilemma with the Senate. Dr. Beetle goes over the possible solutions with the Senate.
- Dr. Bill Bosshardt moves to adopt 1:30-3:30 meeting schedule. Dr. Dilys Schoorman seconds the motion.
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- The new Senate meeting start time for Fall meetings is 1:30pm-3:30pm in EE 106.

b. Student Success Report

- Dr. Beetle gives a presentation on Student Success metrics to the Senate. Dr. Beetle would like to integrate this conversation into every Senate meeting. Dr. Beetle stresses that the University needs to keep improving in the performance metrics.
- Dr. Beetle stresses that Faculty have to be involved in this effort to try to keep our students engaged and enrolled at Florida Atlantic University in order to graduate students.
- The Provost Committee (SWAT) and Dr. Beetle have been managing data. The advising offices have been coordinating with one another.
- There have been efforts to let students know that are no longer enrolled at the university that they are welcome back. As of now, the only way to make progress during the next several years is to allow current students that are still enrolled opportunities to graduate. Dr. Beetle encourages faculty to be part of the graduation rate solution.
- The SWAT team wants to not only incentivize faculty through the community engagement plan but also ask faculty to be aware of their struggling students. Dr. Beetle stresses that the University needs to reach out to the struggling students during the middle of the semester, not at the end of the semester. Advisers will be able to have a larger role with assisting struggling students.
- Dr. Beetle asks the faculty to consider keeping an attendance record.
- the Senate welcomes a representative from SWAT to present information on the types of students that are leaving during the next University Faculty Senate meeting.

8. Open forum with the Provost

- Dr. Perry thanks Dr. Beetle for his presentation on the metrics.
- Dr. Perry states that the metrics has allowed us to focus on our student success. Graduation and retention rates have gone up. The University has funded more scholarships this past year than any other year prior. It will take involvement from the faculty to keep the students enrolled at Florida Atlantic University.
- Dr. Perry thanks Tracy Boulukos efforts on retention as well as Jason Ball's efforts on data.
- Next, Dr. Perry gives an update on the freshman class. The University met the target of 3100 FTICs, actual 3200 enrolled. The incoming freshman class has the highest GPA recorded. The average GPA was a 4.1 and the ACT was a 24.
- Also, there were 95 new faculty members that joined the University this past year.

- Dr. Perry reiterates that the University have appointed two new deans. Dean Ellen Goldey started the Honors College in August and Dean Ata Sarajedini will be serving the College of Science starting in January.
- Dr. Perry states that the University will be starting two new dean searches. The first search will be for the Dean of the College for Design and Social Inquiry. Dr. Perry thanks Interim Dean Wes Hawkins for his service. Also, Dean Mohammad Ilyas will be stepping down from the College of Engineering and Computer Science. Dr. Perry thanks Dean Ilyas for his service.
- Finally, Dr. Perry reiterates that the Board of Governors approved the distance learning fee of \$30 and our fee was \$37. The University is currently losing \$7 a credit hour. The legislature may drop the cost to \$0.

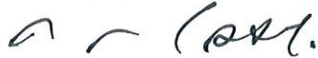
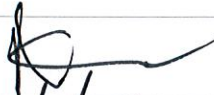
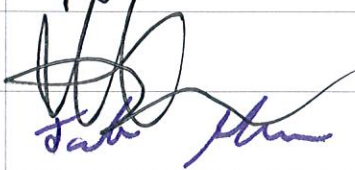





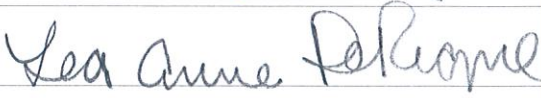

9. Good of the Senate

- Dr. Beetle thanks Arcadia Betancourt for her service.

10. Meeting adjourned by Dr. Chris Beetle at 3:57pm.

UFS Attendance Sign-In

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College	Name	Signature
Arts & Letters	1) Mauricio Almonte	
	2) Adam Bradford	
	3) Marshall De Rosa	
	4) Mike Harris	
	5) Jacob Henson	
	6) Max Kirsch	
	7) Brian McConnell	
	8) Manjunath Pendakur	
	9) Chris Robe	
	10) Kevin Wagner	
Business	1) Patrick Bernet	
	2) Bill Bosshardt	
	3) Gary Castrogiovanni	
	4) Kim Dunn	
	5) Anita Pennathur	
	6) Jim Quan	
Design & Social Inquiry	1) Bruce Arneklev	
	2) LeaAnne DeRigne	
	3) Hugh Miller	
Education	1) Yash Bhagwanji	
	2) Susannah Brown	

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	3)	Valerie Bryan	
	4)	Meredith Mountford	
	5)	Dilys Schoorman	
	6)	Robert Zoeller	
Engineering	1)	Evangelos Kaisar	
	2)	Hari Kalva	
	3)	Davood Moslemain	
Honors College	1)	Kevin Lanning	
	2)	Miguel Vázquez ^{VELIKO} _{DR}	
Medicine	1)	Kathleen Guthrie	
	2)	Xupei Hung	
	3)	Morton Levitt	
Nursing	1)	Susan Dyess	
	2)	Cynthia Archibald	
Library	1)	Allison DeLuca	
	2)	Sheri Edwards	
Science	1)	Fred Hoffman	
	2)	James Kumi-Diaka	
	3)	Steve Locke	
	4)	Daniela Nikolova	
	5)	Lian-fen Qian	

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	6)	Evonne Rezler	
	7)	Markus Schmidmeier	<i>M. Schmidmeier</i>
Faculty Assembly Heads			
A&L		Kevin Wagner	
BUS		C.M. Sashi	
D&SI		Cliff McCue	
EDU		Philomena Marinaccio	
ENG		Amir Abtahi	
HBOI		Laurent Cherubin	
HON COL		Veljko Dragojlovic	<i>V. Dragojlovic</i>
MED		Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi	
NUR		Shirley Gordon	<i>Shirley Gordon</i>
SCI		Jerry Haky	<i>J. Haky</i>
LIB		Joanne Parandjuk	
Committee Chairs			
AFDPC		Marshall De Rosa	
APBC		Kevin Wagner	
Admission & Retention		Rupert Rhodd	
Assessment		Nancey France	
Distance Education		Mary Cameron	
Graduate Council		Paul Peluso	<i>P. Peluso</i>

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Honors and Awards	Evangelos Kaisar	
Library Advisory		
P&T	Cynthia Wilson	
Research	Arlene Fradkin	
UPC	Jerry Haky	<i>Jerry Haky</i>
GPC	William McDaniel	
Senate President		
	Christopher Beetle	
President-Elect		
	Kevin Wagner	
Non-Voting Members		
President	John Kelly	
Provost	Gary Perry	

Deborah Haley
Shad. Decker

