

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Friday December 3, 2010
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Tim Lenz at 2:00 p.m. in the BOT Room on the Boca Raton Campus and video conferenced at the Treasure Coast Campus, the MacArthur Campus, the SeaTech Campus, the Fort Lauderdale Campus, and the Davie Campus.

Members Present: Diane Alperin, Philippe d Anjou, Bruce Arneklev, Jonathon Bagby, Bill Bosshardt, Ernest Andrew Brewer, Clifford Brown, Valerie Bryan, Mary Faraci, Penelope Fritzer, Joe Furner, Stuart Galup, Peggy Goldstein, Mike Harris, Michele Hawkins, Fred Hoffman, Mehdi Kaighobadi, Evangelos Kaisar, Ken Keaton, Kathryn Keller, James Kumi-Diaka, Eric Landes, Tim Lenz, Mortan Levitt, Stephen Locke, Noemi Marin, Bill McDaniel, Tom Monson, Kanybek Nurtegin, Ron Nyhan, Gary Parsons, Howard Prentice, Marguerite Purnell, Gary Rose, Markus Schmidmeier, Dilys Schoorman, Edward Schwerin, Eric Shaw, Lydia Smiley, Allen Smith, Jane Strudwick, Robert Trammell, Beverly Warde, Mary Jane Saunders, Julie Honeycutt

Guests Present: Michael Armstrong, David Lee

2. The UFS meeting minutes from November 5, 2010 were approved.
3. President's Report: (distributed electronically)
4. UPC Consent Agenda
Approved by general consent
5. UPC Action Items
 - a. Change in suspension policy for the(AcCESS) program
Approved by general consent
 - b. There was a motion and it was seconded to take from the table the School of Communication and Multimedia Studies proposal to require a 2.5GPA for major.
Approved by voice vote
-There was a motion and it was seconded to amend the proposal to specify that the 2.5GPA was required only for entry to the major. The amendment addressed concerns that students could fall in and out of the major every semester, which was one of the reasons why the proposal was tabled. The proposed change was approved as amended.
Approved by counted vote
6. GPC Consent Agenda

-Fred Hoffman asked to remove the proposal to remove the prerequisite for advanced game theory from the consent agenda. The proposal was removed to the Action agenda. The remainder of the GPC Consent Agenda was approved.

Approved by general consent

7. GPC Action Items

- a. Removal of a course prerequisite for advanced game theory.
After discussion of why an advanced course was having a prerequisite removed, there was a motion to table the item until the UFS is provided a fuller explanation of why the prerequisite is being removed.

Approved by voice vote

- b. Change the core requirements for Master of Accounting.

Approved by general consent

- c. Change the program description in the course catalog for MBA accounting core requirements.

Approved by general consent

- d. Change the M.TX program (College of Business).

Approved by general consent

- e. Revise the Post Master's DNP Program (College of Nursing)

Approved by general consent

- f. Reduce the number of credits in the advanced holistic nursing track from 42 to 33-36.

Approved by voice vote

- g. Create a new interdisciplinary MFA degree in media, technology and entertainment (College of Arts and Letters).

-This proposal to create an interdisciplinary degree (School of Communication and Multimedia Studies and the Department of Computer and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science) was presented to the Academic Budget and Planning Committee, which recommended approval.

Approved by voice vote

- h. Minor changes to the Environmental Sciences Program.

Approved by general consent

- i. There was a motion and it was seconded to remove from the table the Revisions to English MA Concentrations.

Approved by general consent.

The revisions to the English MA Concentrations were

Approved by general consent

7. Business Items:

Resolutions recognizing service:

Dr. John Pritchett

Approved by general consent

Dr. Sharron Ronco

Approved by general consent

-There was a motion and it was seconded to note that the resolution presented for Dr. Sharron Ronco was approved unanimously.

Approved by general consent

9. Collective Bargaining – the raises are currently being implemented.

10. Open forum with the Provost

-Diane Alperin reported that four faculty have volunteered to serve on the committees for parking appeals, and that the Colleges of Nursing and the College for Design and Social Inquiry have volunteered to test the online SPOT program.

-President Saunders said that the university is working with the firm “Royal” to develop a student recruitment strategy. The job ad for the position of Provost is advertised in the Chronicle and other publications. Review of applications will begin January 15, 2011. The University has received many qualified applicants for the Vice President for Research. The University expects to announce the appointment of the Executive Director for HBOI very soon. There will be a search for the Associate Provost of Marine and Biological Initiatives. Faculty are encouraged to continue sending in their feedback and suggestions to the search committee for the Associate Provost of E-Learning. The University will be interviewing candidates for the Dean of the College of Nursing in January and February. Fred Hoffman asked if the position of Senior Vice President for Communications and marketing would be eliminated. President Saunders said that the position of Senior Vice President for Communications and Marketing will probably be eliminated.

-Tim Lenz asked if the proposal for a new “for profit” medical school in West Palm Beach will hurt FAU. The Provost said she did not think so because its tuition is double that of our medical school and it will probably help our institution.

-In terms of plans to encourage enrollment growth, Diane Alperin said that besides hiring the firm Royal, we are also raising caps, looking at student success, studying the survey of student engagement, increasing advising and increasing our instructional pool.

-The President said that the administration is looking at models from other schools that have a communication process with the community schools that have been successful by working at the transition of the students. She also said that the medical school will be an attractor as well. The business school just received national recognition.

11. Good of the Senate:

-The President addressed the Senate and thanked the faculty for another successful semester. President Saunders said that she enjoyed getting to know everyone and encouraged everyone to attend graduation and walk out where the families are afterwards. She encouraged the faculty to get involved with the students outside of class. President Saunders spoke about National Survey of Student Engagement, and asked the faculty to look at the study and discuss its finding.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm