University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
January 23, 2015
NU 201, 2:00PM – 4:00PM

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

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Ron Nyhan at 2:07pm. The meeting was held in room NU-201 on the Boca Raton Campus and was video conferenced to Davie (LA 139), Fort Lauderdale (HE 608), Harbor Branch (RL 201), and Jupiter (SR 200).

2. With positive approval, the Senate approved December 5, 2014 UFS minutes.

3. Presidents report
   a. Dr. Nyhan welcomed back the Senate and introduced Arcadia Betancourt as the new Administrative Staff Assistant.

4. Speakers
   a. Daniel Flynn was scheduled to speak but was pulled away and will speak at next Senate meeting.

5. UPC Consent Agenda
   a. No objections from Senate – approved by majority vote.

6. UPC Action Items
   a. New Minor – Leadership and Human Resource Development
      • Meredith Mountford expressed concerns about proposal sheet being sent out to other departments for conflict. She states it did not reach her department and stressed the importance of the process.
         o Dr. Nyhan motioned to have the item sent back to the UGPC – no objections from Senate; approved by majority vote.

7. UGC Consent Agenda
   a. NGR6611 – Care of the Family Across the Lifespan: Advanced Nursing Situation
      • The College of Nursing chooses to withdraw the termination of this course.
         o Motion to return to College of Nursing – no objections from Senate; approved by majority vote.
   b. Motion to approve remaining consent agenda – no objections from Senate; approved by majority vote.

8. UGC Action Items
   a. College of Business
      • Memo – Certificate in Professional Accounting
9. Business items
   a. Notification of Proposed Bylaws Change – Athletics Committee
      - Dr. Nyhan gave an update on the progress of the changes being made and discussed dissolving Athletics Committee in the Senate. He then explained the UFS would still retain the responsibilities regarding nominating 10 members of the faculty to the President for the IAC.
      - Dr. Nyhan announced the new IAC bylaws will be recommended to the Senate for approval, if they go through, at the February UFS meeting.
      - Dr. Nyhan also discussed some additional changes to the bylaws such as:
         o Any future changes to the bylaws have to go back to Senate to be approved.
         o The Athletics Representative will go to senate each year to provide an update on the athletics at the University.
   b. No Credit Policy –
      - Came before Senate with positive recommendation from both the UUPC and the Steering Committee.
      - Provost Perry explained the new policy to the Senate with support from Dean Ed Pratt and Dr. Michele Hawkins. Provost Perry explained the benefits the policy has for the students and how it can benefit the metrics of the university. Provost Perry then explained he would like to take this policy to President Kelly on Monday morning with approval from the Senate.
      - There was an objection made by Bob Zoeller about the policy.
      - Provost Perry addressed the objection by explaining the ways this policy would help with Student Success for the freshmen class or those taking IFP courses.
      - Ed Pratt explained the penalties that come with the policy to deter students from abusing the policy.
      - Michele Hawkins spoke about how the policy could help our students’ progress with regard to their major. She also mentioned how the metrics can help the students as well.
      - Tracy Boulukos talked about how the policy would work with Financial Aid.
      - Jason Ball addressed concerns of how the NC will appear on transcripts and that the original grades would remain in our system.
      - After discussion with the Senate, Provost Perry commits to reporting the results of the policy.
      - Dr. Nyhan motions to approve the policy to go forward to the President – no objections from the Senate; approved by majority vote.
10. Open forum with the Provost
   a. Provost Perry announces they are almost done with the department meetings and will be moving forward with strategic planning process. Provost Perry and President Kelly will come back with details.
   b. First meeting with BOG
      • Team grants are on schedule.
      • After presenting Performance Improvement Plan, BOG voted to return half of the money they are holding, back. Provost Perry also mentions in May we will recover the rest of the money and we were applauded by the members there about what was achieved.
      • Provost Perry informs Senate that we are waiting to hear about the rankings in metrics. There was no discussion of that at the BOG meeting. We are waiting to hear what the final outcome is, which should be in a couple of weeks. Provost Perry mentions that he believes we’ve increased our point total by 10 points. Last year was 24 points; we’ve added an additional 10 pts which would give us 34 points out of 50 points. You have to score better than 26 points to score new money.
   c. Provost Perry announces Dr. Russell Ivy is now in Provost’s office.

11. Good of the Senate
   a. Dr. Nyhan announces BOT meeting Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 10 am in BOT room in Admin building.
   b. Question from Susan Reilly about committee on salary increases
      • Dr. Nyhan confirmed that there has not been any progress on the study. Ron has not heard back from the President regarding the options to hire an outside firm, to study it internally, or to do nothing, just yet.
   c. A&L College brought up concern about draft memorandum describing a change on policy for thesis or dissertation. Deborah Floyd, Dean of the Graduate College, proposed that each college invite her to come to the different colleges to discuss thesis and graduate requirements. A brief discussion followed.

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