University Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

December 5, 2014

Members & Guests Present: see appendix A for attendance sheet

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Ron Nyhan, President, at 2:00 p.m. in the College of Nursing (NU 202) on the Boca Raton Campus and video conferenced to Davie, Fort Lauderdale, Harbor Branch, Jupiter, and SeaTech.

2. Without changes, the Senate approved the minutes of the November 7, 2014 meeting.

3. Speakers

   a. Joe Murray, Director of University Advising Services, addressed the Senate regarding University Advising Service’s new philosophy, “appreciative advising” and welcomed the opportunity to meet with departments to further identify ways to optimize students’ educational experiences.

4. UPC Consent Agenda

   a. No objections from the Senate—Approved by majority vote.

5. UPC Action Agenda

   a. University Wide

      i. Formation of Sub-committee to UUPC – Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Curriculum Committee
         No objections from Senate—Approved by majority vote.

      ii. Policy Change – Freshman Warning
         No objections from Senate—Approved by majority vote.

   b. Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

      i. Program Changes – Reduction of hours required for THE 3952
         No objections from Senate—Approved by majority vote.

      ii. Program Changes – Interdisciplinary Studies: Arts & Humanities
         No objections from Senate—Approved by majority vote.

      iii. Program Changes – Interdisciplinary Studies: Social Science
         No objections from Senate—Approved by majority vote.
c. **College of Business**
   
i. *New Minor – Entrepreneurial Management*
   No objections from Senate—**Approved by majority vote.**

d. **College for Design & Social Inquiry**
   
i. *Terminate Concentration – Fire Safety Specialization in Public Safety Administration Program*
   No objections from Senate—**Approved by majority vote.**

e. **College of Engineering & Computer Science**
   
i. *Program Changes – Civil Engineering*
   No objections from Senate—**Approved by majority vote.**
   
ii. *Program Changes – Geomatics Engineering*
   No objections from Senate—**Approved by majority vote.**
   
iii. *Certificate Name Change – Geomatics Engineering (New title: Surveying and Mapping)*
   No objections from Senate—**Approved by majority vote.**

6. **UGC Consent Agenda**
   
a. No objections from the Senate—**Approved by majority vote.**

7. **UGC Action Agenda**
   
a. *New Course - ISM 6127 Data Mining and Data Warehousing*
   No objections from Senate—**Approved by majority vote.**

8. **No business items.**

9. **President’s Report**
   
a. VP for Research – The new Vice President for Research is Dr. Daniel Flynn.

10. **Open Form with the Provost**
a. Provost Perry gave an update on the Improvement Plan that will be presented to the Board of Trustees on December 9, 2014 and the Florida Board of Governors in January 2015.

b. The Accountability Report goes in front of the Board of Trustees on December 9, 2014, for approval.

c. The President and Provost have visited 48 of 61 departments in a strategic planning exercise to obtain unfiltered messages from the faculty.

d. The provost encouraged Faculty to get involved with advising.

11. Good of the Senate Committee

a. UFS President, Dr. Ron Nyhan, addressed the Senate regarding concerns about SPOT responses. Dr. Nyhan will ask the assessment committee to do an evaluation and bring it to Senate for their review.

b. Dr. Nyhan discussed the definition of faculty as laid out by the bylaws. He will have the committee put together a report about the pros and cons of the current definition and present it to the Senate next year.

c. The UFS meeting was adjourned at 3:33pm.
SIGN IN

Ed Pratt
Jim Murray
Donna Chavelydul
Rachel Mazzetti
Deborah & Floyd
Melba Hadley
Jerry Haky
Gary Casper & Joanna
Teresa Van Dyke
Kathleen Guthrie
Michael Harris
Chris Beetle
Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi
Joy Kung
Susan M. Dyess
Roslyn Carter
Mug Miller
Dilys Schenman

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Tim Lenz

Bill Basshardt

Kathryn Johnston

Miguel Angel Vázquez - Honors College

Yolanda Gamboa - Languages, Linguistics & Comparative Literature

Hankus Schmidmaier - Science - Mathematics

Yannick DeRiguel

Bob Zoellner - Education/ESL

Bruce L. Cheek - CSDT

David C. Williams

Barclay Barrios

Susan Kelly - Space

Gorgelos Kaisar - Civil Engineering

Meredith Mountford - Ed Leadership