

Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 28, 2014
Community Engagement Conf. Rm. AD 246, 2pm – 4pm

Members Present: Ron Nyhan, Chris Beetle, Bill Bosshardt, Yolanda Gamboa, Mike Harris, Morton Levitt, Deborah Floyd, Ed Pratt, Diane Alperin (non-voting), Michele Hawkins (non-voting)

Absent: Gary Perry (non-voting), Dilys Schoorman

Guests: Rebecca Green, Carol Meltzer, Paul Peluso, Peter Ricci, Aloha Balza, Bill McDaniel, George R. Young, Fred Bloetshcer, Jason Robison, Alka Sapat.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2pm by Chair, Dr. Ron Nyhan.
2. The minutes of the meeting of [September 23, 2014](#) were approved with no objections from the committee.
3. [UPC Consent Agenda](#):
 - No objections from the Committee – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**
4. [UPC Action Agenda](#):
 - a. **Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters**
 - i. **Program Changes** – Sociology
 - No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**
 - b. **College of Business**
 - i. **Residency Requirement** – College of Business Certificate Programs
 - No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**
 - ii. **New Certificate** – Club Management
 - No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**
 - c. **University Wide**
 - i. **Description and Course Changes** – Intellectual Foundations Program: General Education Curriculum
 - No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**
 - d. **College for Design and Social Inquiry**
 - i. **New Course Proposal** – Public Administration
 - Item moved to the UPC Consent Agenda by UFS Steering Committee.
5. [UGC Consent Agenda](#):
 - No objections from the Committee – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**

6. [UGC Action Agenda:](#)

a. **Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters**

- i. **Program Change**- Master of Arts and Master of Arts in Teaching
 - No objections from Steering - will go forward to Senate **without recommendation from Steering.**

b. **College of Business**

- i. **Program Change**- MBA Concentration in Entrepreneurship
 - Item **moved to the UPC Consent Agenda** by UFS Steering Committee.
- ii. **Program Change**- Master of Accounting, Master of Taxation, Master of Business Administration-Concentrations-Accounting Concentration
 - No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**
- iii. **Program Change**- Master of Science in Finance
 - No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**
- iv. **Memo**- MBA Concentration in Hospitality Management
 - No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**
- v. **Memo**- MBA Certificate in Hospitality Management
 - No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**

c. **College of Education**

- i. **Proposal** – M.Ed. in Instructional Technology
 - Item **referred to the Academic Planning & Budget Committee.**
 - ii. **Proposal** – M.Ed. in Educational Psychology
 - Item **referred to the Academic Planning & Budget Committee.**
 - iii. **Proposal** – M.Ed. in Secondary Ed. Plus Certification
 - Items **referred to the Academic Planning & Budget Committee.**
 - iv. **Program Change** – Master of Education with Major in Counselor Education
 - No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**
- d. **Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing**
- i. **Program Change**- MSN – Catalog Change
 - No objections from Steering - will go forward to Senate **without recommendation from Steering.**
 - ii. **Program Change**- BSN-DNP
 - No objections from Steering - will go forward to Senate **without recommendation from Steering.**

e. **Charles E. Schmidt College of Science**

- i. **Program Change**- Doctor of Philosophy in Geosciences
- No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering**.

7. **Business Items:**

The G.R.I.P. Proposal was presented to the UFS Steering Committee. A motion was made to endorse the program. The motion to endorse the program was passed unanimously by the Committee. Please see links below.

[G.R.I.P. Proposal](#) – Presented by Aloha Balza – GPSA
[Transmittal Memo for G.R.I.P. Proposal](#)

8. **Speakers:**

Peter Hull, VP for Public Affairs
Daniel Jones, Assistant General Counsel – Title IX

9. **President's Report:**

VPR

The interview process is underway. Ron thanked Morton Levitt for his elaborate minutes of what took place during the Russell Poland interview. Faculty will meet with candidate John Newcomer on Thursday at 11am.

Strengthening the UFS

Ron plans to take this year as an opportunity to strengthen the role Senate in terms of what the Senate is doing and the relevance to the faculty. Ron is continually concerned that there seems to be no communication between the Senate and faculty. Ron urged the Committee to ensure that the Senate contributes to the role of faculty and faculty governance. The Committees are doing very good work and Ron would like to find ways to make these efforts more relevant.

Teaching Qualifications

Minimum Qualifications for Teaching:

- Be a member of the Graduate Faculty
- Must have a terminal degree in the subject area

Proposed Intercollegiate Athletic Committee Bylaws – Kim Dunn is the new Athletics Committee Chair. Kim has put together new bylaws for the University Athletics Committee and has asked the Senate to review and approve the new bylaws. These new bylaws are being presented as a heads up – this is not a formal presentation.

Letter to Employees – Title IX – All faculty members will be required to take training on Title IX. Ron urged the importance of making sure all faculty members are aware of this requirement.

10. **Open Forum with the Provost:**

- Vice Provost, Diane Alperin addressed the Committee in the Provost's absence.
- Deans have already submitted their recruitment requests with the funding they have.
- There will be no funding provided by the Provost this year.
- The President and Provost will be visiting all departments for a two hour period.
- Dean searches are taking place in the College for Design and Social Inquiry and the FAU Libraries.

- Michele Hawkins, Associate Provost for Assessment and Programs also addressed the Committee.
- The Registrar has resigned. Jeff Hendricks is serving in the interim.
- The timeframe for students to receive their admissions letters has been significantly reduced. Student now receive their letters within one week as opposed to the previous 16-week wait time.

11. Good of the Steering Committee:

No items.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02pm