

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Friday, February 15, 2013

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by William McDaniel, President, at 2:00 p.m. in Nursing 201 on the Boca Raton Campus and video conferenced to Davie, Sea Tech, Fort Lauderdale, Harbor Branch and to Jupiter.

Members present: see appendix for spreadsheet.

Guests present: Janet Cramer, Diane Alperin (Associate Provost), Chris Robe`, Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson (Exc. Director FAUF), Keith Fries (FAUF), James Capp and Lyn LaVigne (Lib Faculty Assembly Chair)

2. With positive approval, the Senate accepted the January 18, 2013 UFS minutes

3. UFS President's Report

a. Ms. Jennifer Govender became the Senate Administrative Staff Assistant on January 22. Jenny's primary Senate assignment is the Senate per se and Steering. However, she is available to assist any of the standing or ad hoc Senate committees.

b. A Visiting SACS team subset met with selected Senators: Eric Shaw, Mort Levitt, Jerry Haky, Michelle Hawkins and Ron Nyhan. Each responded with eloquence and well-formed comments. Rumor has it that the SACS approval teetered on the brink previous to the Senate's outstanding input. The Senate President was also there.

c. My recent attendance at the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates revealed a few interesting points. Both UF and FSU have a senior Professor program. After a seven-year cycle, a Professor presents a dossier demonstrating excellence within rank to qualify for a stated raise. There is a process similar to a promotion process to deter if there is the reward. Much like the Biblical story of Jacob working seven years to marry Leah and another seven to marry Rachel, successful senior Professors can qualify repeatedly.

d. UF is completing a 7-year capital campaign to raise \$1.5 billion with a goal of endowing 100 named professorships.

e. I will not repeat public information about the Governor's budget proposal. His version does not contain the \$118 million enhancement program backed by the BOG. It does "restore" last year's cuts in two-parts, one of which is also \$118 million. The magic of \$118 million is that it is equivalent to the proceeds from a 15% system-wide tuition increase. The political expediency is to say "you students gave 15% last year, so the state will give 15% this year." This story is lacking in logic and arithmetic rigor.

f. The Governor is suggesting that up to \$100 million is available for STEM capital investments, provided there is a 100% private match.

g. Remember there are four, maybe five budgets: The Governor's, the House's, the Senate's and the final budget. The fifth is the dreaded retrenchment budget when mid-year state revenues fall short.

h. FAU is allowed three members at the ACFS, but our constitution mentions only two. Another senator who is eager to participate could volunteer. Two annual all-expense-paid overnight trips to Tallahassee might be included.

There was a slight change to the order of the Agenda to allow Dr. Saunders to address the Senate first, as she needed to leave early to attend the funeral service of Dr. Dennis Coates, former Dean of the College of Business.

11. President Saunders Report:

President Saunders was very happy to report on the SACS team on site visit. The SACS reaffirmation on site team reported that there was no probation, no sanctions, no recommendations and no suggestions for FAU. FAU had a perfect score which means that SACS will not be visiting for the next ten years. President Saunders thanked everyone in the University Community who helped FAU to achieve this important milestone. She also reported that the team was laudatory towards the achievements of the QEP in the way the faculty embraced the QEP and the student's excitement towards "Distinction through Discovery".

President Saunders also informed the committee of the Board of Governors decision to move FSU's media program back to Tallahassee. The BOG requested information from FSU and heard many testimonials to make their decision based on the students best interest in terms of cost of tuition and the distance it created being four hundred miles away from their main campus.

There are also many proposals submitted for additional funding to support Distance Education which will be addressed at the upcoming BOG meeting. President Saunders will keep the Faculty apprised of that decision. Florida is ahead of other states in delivering the best education to students in the most efficient and beneficial manner. BOG has concerns about the proposed budget. Funding from higher education that was hoped to be returned will go to the BOG. Universities will have to now compete to get funding.

Chris Robe', President of the UFF posed a question to the President about SACS stipulation that the state should not be involved with the decision-making process for reducing the core requirements and the number of general education credits required to complete a degree. Diane Alperin, Associate Provost responded that FAU is under a legislative mandate to reduce the core requirements from 36 credits to 30, and the faculty are to determine what those core requirements would be. She mentioned that there is a proposal for a "Glitch Bill" that would allow universities to determine the number of credit hours required for a general education course.

4. UPC Consent Agenda - None

5. UPC Action items - None

6. GPC Consent Agenda (see appendices) **Accepted with positive approval from the Senate**

7. GPC Action Items – (see Appendices) Termination of Nursing BSN/MS Dual Program – the program no longer meets the requirement for the purposes of SACS accreditation. Approved with positive approval from the Senate

8. Business Items:

a) Dr. McDaniel asked the Senators to look at the Academic Calendar which was approved by the Academic Planning and Budget Committee, to inform Dr. Ron Nyhan of any discrepancies. Dr. Jennifer Lowe voiced her concern about the loss of Reading Day. However, there are other alternatives to the loss of one Reading Day.

b) Report from the University Athletic Committee: Dr. Eric Shaw gave a presentation on function of the Athletics Committee. The Athletics Committee is sanctioned by the UFS and the athletic Advisory Board is sanctioned by the NCAA which requires 50% of faculty participation. He also spoke about the success of the athletes academically and in the playing field. Those who have been drafted to professional leagues have brought tremendous media exposure to FAU which is also a valuable recruiting tool in improving the pool of diverse applicants. He also gave a report on the budget of the Athletic department. Most of student fees go towards scholarships and an incentive for this fee is that students get to go to free games at FAU. The Athletic department is also involved in many outreach programs in the community.

9. Speaker: Dr. Jennifer O’Flannery Anderson, VP for Community Engagement and Executive Director of the FAU Foundation gave a presentation on the role of the FAU Foundation within the University and community. Please see the following website for information on the fundraising efforts and initiatives of the Foundation: <https://fauf.fau.edu/cgi-bin/files/pdf/O'Flannery%20Faculty%20Presentation%20Feb%202013.pdf>

10. Open Forum with the Provost:

Provost Claiborne was very happy to report the successful outcome of the SACS reviewers on site visit. The team was very impressed with the concept of the QEP especially with the task of choosing a difficult topic: “Distinction through Discovery”. A few members of the Senate also met with the SACS reviewers with a very positive and outstanding outcome. This was a major achievement for FAU and she thanked everyone for the part they played to reach this goal. Provost Claiborne also thanked the faculty for helping with the interview process for the search for the three Deans for Engineering, Business and Science. She also reiterated President Saunders’ report on the funding that the universities were hoping to get back from the state. She will give a report on the outcome of this performance based funding issue at the next Senate meeting.

Dr. Robe’ commented that he was very happy about the success of the QEP but felt that most faculty were blind-sided by the process of the QEP. He felt the faculty did not have enough input and wanted to know how faculty could get more involved with the QEP. He also expressed his opinion that undergrad research and graduate stipends have been greatly reduced and that the university’s main concern should be the allocation of funding towards faculty and graduate research.

Provost Claiborne suggested inviting Donna Chamely-Wiik, Director of the QEP, to talk to the Senate about the goals of the QEP and how they can be more involved with the QEP. She also stated that from her personal point of view, funding for undergraduate research will contribute greatly towards research across the institution as a lot of that money will go towards improving their teaching, redesign their courses and go towards scholarships to help students to get into labs that faculty will develop. She will look into the issue of funding for junior faculty and get back with a report on that finding. Dr. Harris posed the question about summer scheduling and funding structure for distance learning. Dr. Alperin responded that the Deans are now responsible for the scheduling of summer classes and that there were no restrictions placed on the class size of courses. They are also trying to institute a Summer Incentive program but neither Drs. Alperin nor Claiborne were aware of any funding structures for distance learning. They are also working with Financial Affairs and the Deans to implement the Summer Incentive Program. The Provost is meeting with the Deans to finalize their decisions so the faculty will be informed by their Deans of the outcome of this meeting.

12. Good of the Senate:

Chris Robe' announced that they will be having the State of the Union at 4pm.

13. No Post Senate Event

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm

College - # of Seats	First Name	Last Name	Feb	Mar	Apr
Engineering - 3	Jonathon	Bagby			
	Evangelos	Kaisar			
	Hari	Kalva			
DSI - 3	Philippe	D'Anjou	x		
	Michele	Hawkins			
	Bruce	Arneklev	x		
Honors - 2	Kanybek	Nurtegin	x		
	Jon	Moore			
Business - 5	John	Valentine	x		
	Jim	Han	x		
	Eric	Shaw	x		
	Stuart	Galup	x		
	Bill	Bosshardt	x		
Education - 4	Deborah	Floyd	x		
	Joseph	Furner	x		
	David	Kumar	x		
	Meredith	Mountford			
A&L - 9					
	MaryAnn	Branaman			
	Brian	McConnell			
	Mike	Harris	x		
	Douglas	McGetchin	x		
	Tim	Lenz			
	Max	Kirsch			
	Fred	Fejes			
	Yolanda	Gamboa	x		
Science - 6	Jennifer	Low	x		
	Chris	Beetle	x		
	Stephen	Locke	x		
	James	Kumi-Diaka	x		
	Markus	Schmidmeier	x		

Medicine - 2	Fred	Hoffman			
	Tom	Monson	x		
	Morton	Levitt			
	Kathleen	Guthrie	x		
Nursing - 1	Susan	Dyess	x		
Library - 2	Lauri	Rebar			
	Teresa	Van Dyke	x		

Senator	First Name	Last Name	Feb	Mar	Apr
Presidential Rotation:					
Senate President	William	McDaniel	x		
Past president or president elect	Ronald	Nyhan	x		
Faculty Assembly Heads:					
EO Medicine	Rainald	Schmidt-Kastner	x		
EO Science	Jerry	Haky			
EO Engineering	Khaled	Sobhan			
EO DSI	Rosalind	Carter			
EO Honors	Warren	McGovern			
EO Education	Philomena	Marinaccio-Eckel	x		
EO A&L	Marshall	DeRosa			
EO Business	John	Bernandin			
EO Library	Kristy	Padron			
EO Nursing	Bernadette	Lange			
Committee Chairs:					
Academic Freedom and Due Process Committee					
Admission and Retention Committee					
Assessment Committee	Nancey	France			
Athletics Committee	Eric	Shaw	x		
Distance Education Committee					
Graduate Council	Deborah	Floyd	x		
Honors and Awards Committee	Michelle	LaRocque			
Library Advisory Committee					
Promotion and Tenure Committee					
Research Committee	Arlene	Fradkin			
Undergraduate Programs Committee	Jerry	Haky			
Graduate Programs Committee	Nancy	Poulson	x		
Committee on Committees	Valerie	Bryan	x		

Nonvoting Members:

President

Mary Jane Saunders

Provost

Brenda Claiborne

x		
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University Graduate Programs Committee: Consent Agenda 01/16/2013

<u>SPW 5427</u>	Spanish Golden Age Literature	A & L	N/A	Change
<u>SPT 5845</u>	Theory and Practice of Spanish/English Translation	A & L	3	Change
<u>FOT 5930C</u>	Topics in Translation Studies	A & L	N/A	Change
<u>FRW 6781</u>	Independence and Disenchantment: The Case of Arab Francophone Literature	A & L	1-3	New
<u>FOT 6807</u>	History and Theory of Translation	A & L	3	New
<u>FRW 6938</u>	Seminar in French Literature	A & L	3	Change
<u>SPN 6946</u>	Internship in Spanish	A & L	3	Change
<u>URP 6115</u>	Urban Governance	CDSI	3	New
<u>MAR 7785</u>	Scientific Method in Business	Business	3	New
<u>EDH 6651</u>	Contemporary Issues in Student Affairs	Education	3	New

Consent Agenda Items						
University Graduate Programs Committee Meeting of January 16, 2013						
1. New courses and course changes from the College of Arts and Letters						Senate Approved?
SPW 5427	Spanish Golden Age Literature	A & L	N/A	Change	yes	
SPT 5845	Theory and Practice of Spanish/English Translation	A & L	3	Change	yes	
FOT 5930C	Topics in Translation Studies	A & L	N/A	Change	yes	
FWR 6781	Independence and Disenchantment:The case of Arb Francophone Literature	A & L	1-3*	New	yes	
FOT 6807	History and Theory of Translation	A & L	3	New	yes	
FRW 6938	Seminar in French Literature	A & L	3	Change	yes	
SPN 6946	Internship in Spanish	A & L	3	Change	yes	
2. New Course from the College of Design and Social Inquiry						
URP 6115	Urban Governance	CDSI	3	New	yes	
3. New Course from the College of Business						
MAR 7785*	Scientific Method in Business	Business	3	New	yes	
4. New Course from the College of Education						
EDH 6651	Contemporary Issues in Student Affairs	Education	3	New	yes	

Action Items from UGPC 01/16/2013

Memo	BSN/MS Dual Program Termination	Nursing	N/A	N/A
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