

Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
January 7, 2014
Community Engagement Conf. Rm. 246 - 2pm – 4pm

Members Present: Ron Nyhan, William McDaniel, Bill Bosshardt, Deborah Floyd, Morton Levitt, Chris Beetle, Kevin Lanning, Diane Alperin, Michelle Hawkins, Gary Perry

Absent:

Guests: Charles Yang, Laura Joella

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dr. Ron Nyhan
2. The minutes of the meeting of [November 26, 2013](#) was approved with no objections from the committee.
3. **President's Report:**
 - The names of ten Presidential search candidates have been released.
 - Interviews will be scheduled for January 9 and 10.
 - Open Forums will be held for final 3. Dates are TBD.

4. **UPC Consent Agenda:**

No objections from the committee - will go forward to Senate with **positive recommendation from Steering.**

5. **UPC Action Items:**

College of Arts and Letters

- a) **Concentration Termination** – Jazz Studies concentration in Music Program.
No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering**
- b) **College of Business**
Finance Program Curricular Changes– New Course, course changes.
No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering**

New Concentration in Financial Services - Splitting Finance program into two tracks: Corporate Finance (traditional track) and Financial Services (new track).

No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering**

c) **College of Engineering and Computer Science**

Ocean Engineering Program Changes– Replacing course and removing non-required electives.

No representation - will go forward to senate **without recommendation** to Senate.

Ocean and Mechanical Engineering Program Changes – Changing catalog statement for Ocean and Mechanical, program and course description changes.

No representation - will go forward to senate **without recommendation** to Senate.
[Computer and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Program Changes](#)
– No representation - will go forward to senate **without recommendation** to Senate.

6. UGC Consent Agenda:
None

7. UGC Action Items:

- a) **College for Design and Social Inquiry**
[Program Change-PhD. Public Administration](#) - No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering**
- b) **College of Science**
[Program Change](#) – MS in Environmental Science ([Catalog Change](#))
No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering**
[Program Change](#) – MS in Environmental Science ([Core Courses](#))
No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering**
- 8. Business Items:**
- a) **Senate Meeting Postponed**
- The next Senate Meeting has been postponed from January 17, 2014, to January 24, 2014
- b) **Election of President**
- Dr. Nyhan proposed an earlier process
 - It was suggested that nominations be taken in February to allow candidates to prepare.
 - Agreed that the next email announcement regarding the full senate meeting on January 24 will also encourage senators to come with nominees in mind.
- c) **Election of New Steering Member**
- Question raised about how to replace Dr. Floyd, who vacated her position on the steering committee to become interim dean of the Graduate College.
 - Options include a) asking for nominations from the floor and holding an election at the January meeting, b) taking nominations from the floor in January and holding an election in February, or c) taking nominations from the floor and holding an electronic election before the February meeting.
 - Agreed that option a) is best option. Will announce steering election in advance, elect in person.
- 9. Speaker:**
- None. If a new FAU President is selected, Steering will request a presentation for January 24th, if possible.
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10. Open Forum with the Provost:

- None

11. BOT Report:

- The FAU presidential selection meeting of the BOT will be held on Friday, January 17, 2014. Steering members are urged to attend.

12. Good of the Steering:

- Dr. Nyhan thanked Deborah Floyd and wished her well in her new role as Dean of the Graduate College.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm