

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
January 24, 2014

Members Present: see *appendix A* for attendance sheet

Guests Presents: See *appendix B* for attendance sheet

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Ron Nyhan, President, at 2:04 p.m. in the Computer Center – CM 130 on the Boca Raton Campus and video conferenced to Boca Raton (Overflow Room CM 133), Davie, Sea Tech, Fort Lauderdale, Harbor Branch and Jupiter.
2. **Without changes**, the Senate approved the minutes of the January 24, 2014 Senate meeting.
3. **President's Report**
 - Dr. Ron Nyhan thanked the faculty for their input, support, and participation in the FAU Presidential selection.
4. **Speakers**
 - Shawn Friedkin, President and CEO of Stand Among Friends**
 - Shawn provided a brief background on the inception of Stand Among Friends.
 - He addressed his injury and how it propelled him to find resources for others in the same situation.
 - He encouraged everyone to participate in the 4th annual emb(race) Walk/Run Event on February 23rd, 2014.
 - President Dennis Crudele**
 - President Crudele expressed gratitude for everyone's support over the last 8 months.
 - He thanked Ron Nyhan for his efforts in the FAU Presidential Selection process
 - President Crudele thanked the Senate and Ron for standing by the process and following it.
 - President Crudele mentioned that he will not return to his CFO role. He will retire in December 2014.
 - President Crudele affirmed his intent to hand off a clean slate to the incoming president.
5. **UPC Consent Agenda:**
 - No objections from the Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
6. **UPC Action Items**
 - College of Arts and Letters**
 - a) Concentration Termination – Jazz Studies concentration in Music Program
 - No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - College of Business**
 - b) Finance Program Curricular Changes – New Course, course changes
 - No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

New Concentration in Financial Services – Splitting Finance program into two tracks: Corporate Finance (traditional track) and Financial Services (new track).
-No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

College of Engineering and Computer Science

c) Program Change – Ocean Engineering – Replacing course and removing non-required electives. No objections from the Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

Ocean and Mechanical Engineering –

Catalog change – No objections from the Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

Computer and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science-

Catalog change – No objections from the Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

7. **UGC Consent Agenda:** There were no items.

8. **UGC Action Items:**

a) **College for Design and Social Inquiry**

Program Change - PhD. Public Administration – no objections from Senate-**approved by majority vote.**

b) **College of Science**

Program Change – MS in Environmental Science (Catalog Change) - no objections from Senate-**approved by majority vote.**

Program Change – MS in Environmental Science (Core Courses) - no objections from Senate-**approved by majority vote.**

9. **Business Items:**

a) **Bylaws Committee:** Dr. Nyhan wants to ask Eric Shaw to form a Bylaws Committee to review, suggest, or recommend changes to the current Bylaws.

b) **Election of UFS Steering Committee Member:**

- Due to a scheduling conflict this semester, Yolanda Gamboa was unable to accept her nomination to the Steering Committee.
- Dilys Schoorman was nominated and accepted the position as a new Steering Committee Member.

c) **UFS Presidential Election Process:**

- Open nominations will be accepted at the February meeting.
- Participants must be senators to qualify.
- In March, nominees will be asked to address the Senate on *why* they want to be President of the Senate.
- There will be 7 to 10 days of voting and the voting will be electronic.
- The new UFS President Elect will be announced at the April meeting.

10. Open Forum with the Provost:

- Dr. Perry discussed three areas that FAU has made enormous progress in thus far – Performance parameters, eLearning, and working with state colleges.
- Dr. Perry spoke about the impending new model for performance parameters that FAU will be held to.
- The new model is based on student success.
- Within five years, a significant portion of the budget will be tethered to performance funding metrics.
- Metrics will be leveled nationally by the Federal Government.
- Jenny Peluso has coordinated the Task Force on Student Success and is ready to begin developing strategies to improve student success.
- Vicki Brown has been brought on as the Assistant Provost for eLearning. New policies will be implemented and the Center for eLearning will be key to increasing retention values.
- UCF has approximately 35% of its curriculum online.
- UF has begun their online programs but it is unclear as to how much competition this will present in the online programs FAU offers.
- Going forward, a significant part of our curriculum going forward will need to be provided for through eLearning.
- Dr. Perry expressed thanks to Ron for an incredible job in making sure that all the faculty were engaged in the selection of a new FAU President.
- Dr. Perry emphasized that working with the state colleges is not a threat; it is an opportunity for collaboration.
- Dr. Perry discussed plans to hold a summit with all the state colleges (Palm Beach State College, Indian River State College, Broward College, and possibly Miami-Dade College) to see what their aspirations are and how they can work together with FAU.

Following Provost Perry's open forum, Board of Trustees Chairman, Anthony Barbar also addressed the Senate and expressed thanks to Ron Nyhan for his participation in the FAU Presidential selection process. He also thanked the faculty for their involvement, for standing by the process and for their willingness to be engaged.

11. Good of the Senate:

- The subject of a "2-class society" in the role of instructors was brought up. The general concern is that instructors are often frightened or disengaged within their own departments. The question of what the Senate can do to help better integrate instructors was raised.
- Tarra Smith was introduced as the new Administrative Staff Assistant to the Senate.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm



