

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

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

**Absent:** Hari Kalva

**Guests:** Yanmei Li, Ed Pratt, Doug Broadfield

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dr. Ron Nyhan
2. The minutes of the meeting of [January 7, 2014](#) were approved with no objections from the committee.
3. **President's Report: NONE**
4. **UPC Consent Agenda: NONE**
5. **UPC Action Items: NONE**
6. **UGC Consent Agenda:** No objections from the committee - will go forward to Senate with **positive recommendation from Steering.**

7. **UGC Action Items:**

**College for Design and Social Inquiry**

Program Change-Master of Urban and Regional Planning- **Item moved to Consent Agenda.**

a) **College of Education**

Program Change- M.Ed. in Music- Non-cert., M.Ed. in TESOL- Non-cert., M.Ed. in Elementary Ed. K-6- Non-cert., M.Ed. in German- Non-cert. - will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**

b) **College of Science**

Program Change- Master of Arts with Major in Geography- Non Thesis Option- will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering**

Program Change- BS in Biology/MS in Environmental Science- New Program- will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering based on conditional approval from UPC.**

Program Change- Restoration Certificate- will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering**

Course Change- Environmental Geophysics- Course Number Change- will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering**

**8. Business Items:**

**a) UFS Presidential Election**

- Nominations for UFS President will be accepted as of February 14, 2014.
- Nominations will remain open until the March 21, 2014 UFS meeting.
- Time will be set aside for candidates to address the UFS on why they want to be UFS President.
- This will be an electronic election process.
- Announcement will be made at the April 18, 2014 UFS meeting.

**9. Speaker:**

- None.
- Charlie Partridge, Head football coach, has been asked to speak at the February 14, 2014 Senate meeting. Dr. Victoria Brown, Assistant Provost for eLearning, has also been asked to speak to the Senate about major milestones and positive changes to the eLearning program.

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

- Provost Perry was asked if higher level instructors are being recruited and whether or not Instructor Promotion is working as intended.
- Provost Perry stated that instructors are extremely appreciative of the promotion process.
- The process provides a sense of belonging and encourages instructors to become vested in the University.
- Provost Perry was asked where accurate department data could be accessed.
- IEA will still provide data for the University.
- IEA is currently recruiting for a new Director.
- Jason Ball is committed to rebuilding IEA and acquiring the number of people required to service the University.
- IEA is moving towards centralization and having only one repository.
- Going forward, everyone should have access to accurate data.

**11. BOT Report:**

**12. Good of the Steering:**

- Chris Beetle addressed an issue with the mission of the Academic Freedom and Due Process committee. He asked if broader input from the Senate would be in order or would the Steering Committee consider that a bad idea.
- Dilys Schoorman commented that she is glad the FAU Presidential election process worked. She then raised the question of whether or not the process worked by plan and design and if so, was that the best way to conduct the process.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm