

**University Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
February 14, 2014**

**Members Present:** see *appendix A* for attendance sheet

Guests Present: See *appendix B* for attendance sheet

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Ron Nyhan, President, at 2:03p.m. in the College of Nursing 202 on the Boca Raton Campus and video conferenced to Davie, Fort Lauderdale, Harbor Branch and Jupiter.

2. The Senate approved the minutes of the [January 24, 2014](#) Senate meeting with one change – attendance for David Kumar).

**3. President's Report**

- The newly selected FAU President, John Kelly is scheduled to begin duties on March 1, 2014 pending approval and ratification of the contract.
- The Board of Governors has published its first computation of the performance measures that will be used to allocate funds in the upcoming year.

**4. Speakers:**

**Victoria Brown, Assistant Provost for eLearning**

- The Center for eLearning (CeL) along with OIT and Engineering will be sponsoring a technology showcase for faculty.
- Carefully selected vendors will be brought in to assist faculty members with the vision for how they may want to see their classrooms.
- CeL will be bringing in 3D projectors.
- Dr. Brown hopes to bring collaborative surface tables in to help give faculty an idea of what it might be like for their technology fee proposals for next year.
- The mission of CeL is the same but the philosophy has changed.
- The CeL has been training faculty to design their own courses however the process is time consuming and faculty did not have the opportunity to learn all the technology that could be used in those courses.
- The CeL can do all of the course design work for faculty or work along with faculty in a collaborative partnership.
- Faculty members no longer have to take the course to access CeL services.
- Professional development will be provided for those who still prefer to design their own courses.
- CeL wants to ensure that faculty has time to participate in pre course development.
- The Center is not doing away with Blackboard; Blackboard will be used as a learning management system.
- Technology training is available for new software packages that have been brought in.
- CeL is a service unit and is here to serve faculty.

## **Charlie Partridge, FAU Head Football Coach**

- Began his career as a high school teacher and high school coach.
- He recognizes and respects the diversity of FAU and the diversity of South Florida.
- Coach Partridge aims to develop a better overall student athlete and recruits athletes based on character first.
- Athletes will be held to higher standards both on and off the field.
- Athletes are required to sit in the first two rows of their classes and to engage with their professors.
- Coach Partridge has developed 'The Iron OWL Team', a point value system which takes into account academics as well as athletics.

### **5. UPC Consent Agenda:**

- None

### **6. UPC Action Items**

- None.

### **7. UGC Consent Agenda:** No objections from the Senate –**Approved by majority vote.**

### **8. UGC Action Items:**

#### **a) College of Education**

Program Changes - 1) M.Ed. in Music - Non-cert., 2) M.Ed. in TESOL - Non-cert., 3) M.Ed. in Elementary Ed. K-6 - Non-cert., and 4) M.Ed. in German - Non-cert.

- No objections from Senate – **Approved by majority vote.**

#### **b) College of Science**

Program Change- Master of Arts with Major in Geography- Non Thesis Option

- No objections from Senate – **Approved by majority vote.**

Program Change- BS in Biology/MS in Environmental Science- New Program

- No objections from Steering – Moved forward to Senate **with positive recommendation** from Steering – Motion to table recommendation – Approved by majority vote.

Program Change- Restoration Certificate

- No objections from Senate – **Approved by majority vote.**

Course Change- Environmental Geophysics- Course Number Change

- No objections from Senate – **Approved by majority vote.**

## 9. **Business Items:**

### a) **UFS Presidential Election:**

- Open nominations for UFS President are now being accepted.
- Ron Nyhan outlined rules and procedures for the UFS President Election process.
- In March, nominees will be asked to address the Senate on why they want to be President of the Senate.
- Dr. Morton Levitt was nominated for UFS President.

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

- Provost Perry provided committee members with a [fact sheet](#).
- Provost Perry acknowledged and welcomed a class of Higher Education graduate students who were in attendance at the meeting to observe the governance of the faculty.
- He thanked Dr. Brown for her presentation on the Center for eLearning and for the transformations that have taken place within the Center since she has been appointed Assistant Provost for eLearning.
- Provost Perry discussed FAU's partnership with Broward College and Palm Beach State College and thanked all involved in that effort.
- Provost Perry explained that FAU is one of three SUS institutions that will lose funding if the current slate and structure of the BOG performance funding initiative goes through.
- The University stands to lose approximately \$1.4m in base funding next year.
- Provost Perry asserted that the University welcomes performance funding and has no problem being assessed and evaluated; the implementation of performance funding presents a problem because the outcome cannot be changed.
- The metrics are based on last year's numbers and on parameters which are not typical of FAU; the perception is that FAU is an underperforming institution.
- FAU is unique in its student demographic in that 42% of students are part-time; no credit has been given in the metrics for FAU's success with part-time students.
- FAU fares better when compared to national peers.
- Efforts to improve student success will be critical to future funding.

## 11. **Good of the Senate:**

- None

**Meeting adjourned at 3:51pm**

