

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
November 1, 2013

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 2:00 p.m. in the College of Nursing 202 on the Boca Raton Campus and video conferenced to Davie, Sea Tech, Fort Lauderdale, Harbor Branch and Jupiter.

2. **Without changes**, the Senate approved the minutes of the [October 4, 2013](#) Senate meeting.

3. **Speaker: Chief Charles Lowe, FAU Police Department**

- Addressed the senate regarding the spate of incidents that occurred on the campus which raised questions about the security on FAU campuses
- Incidents were dealt with in a timely and concise manner for the FAU community.
- There are escort services available for faculty/staff after hours
- The night Owl also operate to escort students to their cars after hours as well
- There are also ongoing patrols on a regular basis
- Emergency alerts are issued to all campuses.
- Resources relating to emergency measures are communicated via email to faculty, staff and students
- Perception is that faculty/staff/students do not read their emails so PD is trying other alternatives such as social media to increase awareness of info released.
- Chief Lowe encouraged faculty to email him their concerns and suggestions
- FAU PD is also in the process of evaluating an app that would be compatible with all cellular devices.
- Faculty who complained about the alert messages that was sent to all their contact numbers listed on “myfau”, were told to list only the number they wished to use as an emergency number but not to list their office phone numbers as it causes technical difficulties.
- Federal Law requires that all personnel receive email alerts.

4. **UPC Consent Agenda:**

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

5. UPC Action Item

College of Arts and Letters

- a) **New Program** – Honors in the Major for Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature
No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b) **Title Change** – Bachelor of Music with Major in Commercial Music: Creative Concentration
No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- c) **Program Change** – Bachelor of Music with Major in Commercial Music: Music Business Concentration
No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

College of Business

- a) **New Certificate** – Digital Marketing
No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b) **New Certificate** – Healthcare Information Systems
No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

6. UGC Consent Agenda:

- No objections from Senate – approved by majority vote

7. UGC Action Items:

College of Education

- a) **Program Change** – M.Ed. C & I Plus Certification
No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

8. **President's Report:**

- The Admission and Retention Committee conducted their first meeting.
- The Provost Office has appointed the new Assistant Provost for Student Success, Dr. Jennifer Peluso
- Will set up a joint meeting of the Senate committee and Administration to ensure that the faculty has input and also to support the initiatives towards Student Success.
- It was strongly recommended that the Senate should have a separate eLearning committee with representation of faculty members from each of the colleges in relation to the University's eLearning committee.
- The Distance Education Committee (eLearning) has been reactivated by Dr. Nyhan – the committee is not yet formed.
- Dr. Nyhan sent out an email to the CEL Advisory Board, requesting representation for the Senate eLearning committee with the charge to address the policy and curriculum related issues associated with eLearning
- Still in discussion with the Provost office on how to move forward with regard to the State Colleges relationship.

- One of the senators asked for clarification on comparative vs. competitive with regard to sharing syllabi with State Colleges as was the practice in the past, since State Colleges are now posing a threat to the university.
- Competition does exist because State Colleges are offering more degrees at lower costs but the difference is that FAU provides quality education
- However, FAU should build on the articulation agreements and the spirit of cooperation should continue.
- The subject of MOOC's was addressed on how to give students credits in MOOC's
- One of the charges that the Senate eLearning committee will be working on is the policy surrounding MOOC's
- The Steering Committee election results was announced – Chris Beetle and Kevin Lanning received the most number of votes and are elected to serve on Steering for one term.

9. Open Forum with the Provost

- Dr. Perry gave a quick update on the changes in the Provost Office and is happy with the appointment of Jennifer Peluso as Assistant Provost for Student Success
- He announced the following appointments of Dr. Mohammad Ilyas as the Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, Dr Heather Coltman as the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters and Dean Rosalyn Carter who had intended to step down, has agreed to continue on as Dean for the College of Design and Social Inquiry
- Dr. Perry encouraged the faculty to embrace the concepts of eLearning as this will encompass a large part of the curriculum in the future years to come.
- MOOC's cannot be used for credit at this point in time, however this will become viable in the future as these courses become more popular
- Dr. Perry sees the need to re-engage with the State Colleges – need to be complimentary instead of competitive
- The university is no longer being funded on FTE but is funded now based on performance
- It will be advantageous to work with the State Colleges to enhance the 2+2 system.
- One of the senators brought up the issue of the number of hours spent in training and homework for the eLearning courses and that it has to be taught as an overload course – this is a deterrent from teaching the distance education courses.
- Dr. Perry does not want the faculty to teach this as an overload course – his understanding of the policy was that faculty will be paid for the training and for the first course and then the course would become part of their assignment.
- He is still researching the original intention of the policy regarding online classes
- However, Dr. Vicky Brown has announced the policy on eLearning – she will provide stipends for faculty training
- Dr. Perry agrees that the course should be part of the faculty assignments.
- There are many issues concerning the concept of eLearning and the Senate committee will be looking into this to provide guidelines and policies.
- Faculty raised the issue of providing transportation to the satellite campuses to improve the integration of FAU campuses.

- President Crudele responded by saying that they did look into the cost of transportation and that the rates are very high but they are still looking at other options.

10. Speaker: Pat Chun, Director of Athletics

- Pat emphasized that academics is the mission of Athletics.
- He spoke briefly about the circumstances behind the resignation of Football Coach, Carl Pelini.
- Brian Wright has been appointed interim coach until a new coach is appointed
- The University identified the problem and made a swift decision to do the right thing
- Although the team is in shock, they will move forward to make FAU very proud of them.

11. BOT Report:

- The Presidential Search committee met by phone early in the day. The schedule for the timeline has been released and Dr. Nyhan will post it on Blackboard.
- The Search Committee has set forth an enormously ambitious schedule for the selection of the president
- Consultants will send out the announcements next week to standard advertising agencies
- The Pool will close around the middle of January. Expectation is to narrow the pool to approximately eight candidates within one week. The following week will entail interviews, onsite, Skype etc. with the Consultants and Search committee to further limit the eight to three/four all in a matter of two weeks
- Two to four candidates will be presented to the BOT
- Expectation is that the president will be selected by January 2014.
- Dr. Nyhan encouraged the faculty to engage in dialogue in the selection process
- Will post all communications via Blackboard for faculty participation and comments/suggestions for the Presidential selection process
- The candidate's resumes will be made available for the faculty to review.

12. Good of the Senate:

Meeting adjourned at 3:49pm

College - # of Seats	First Name	Last Name	1-Nov-13
Engineering - 3	Evangelos	Kaisar	X
	Hari	Kalva	X
	TBA		
DSI - 3	Hugh	Miller	X
	LeaAnne	DeRigne	X
	Bruce	Arneklev	X
Honors - 2	Kevin	Lanning	X
	Jon	Moore	X
Business - 5	John	Valentine	
	Gary	Castrogiovanni	X
	Jim	Han	X
	Stuart	Galup	
	Bill	Bosshardt	X
Education - 4	Deborah	Floyd	X
	Deborah	Harris	
	David	Kumar	
	Dilys	Schoorman	X
A&L - 9	Marshall	De Rosa	
	Mary	Faraci	
	Mike	Harris	
	David	Williams	X
	Pat	Darlington	
	Tim	Lenz	
	Yolanda	Gamboa	X
	Kevin	Wagner	X
	Manunath	Pendakur	
Science - 6	Chris	Beetle	X
	Stephen	Locke	
	James	Kumi-Diaka	
	Markus	Schmidmeier	X
	Fred	Hoffman	
	Tom	Monson	X
Medicine - 2	Morton	Levitt	X
	Kathleen	Guthrie	X
Nursing - 1	Susan	Dyess	X

Library - 2

Lauri

Rebar

X

Teresa

Van Dyke

X

Senator	First Name	Last Name	
Presidential Rotation:			
Senate President	Ronald	Nyhan	X
Past president or president elect	William	McDaniel	X
Faculty Assembly Heads:			
EO Medicine	Mahyar	Nouri-Shirazi	X
EO Science	Jerry	Haky	
EO Engineering	Amir	Abtahi	X
EO DSI	Rosalind	Carter	X
EO Honors	Warren	McGovern	
EO Education	Philomena	Marinaccio	X
EO A&L	Barbara	Ganson	
EO Business	CM	Sashi	X
EO Library	Lynn	LaVigne	
EO Nursing	Joy	Longo	x
Committee Chairs:			
Academic Freedom and Due Process Committee	Marshall	De Rosa	
Admission and Retention Committee	Rupert	Rhodd	
Assessment Committee	Nancey	France	
Athletics Committee	Eric	Shaw	x
Distance Education Committee			
Graduate Council	Deborah	Floyd	x
Honors and Awards Committee	Evangelos	Kaisar	x
Library Advisory Committee	William	Miller	
Promotion and Tenure Committee	TBA		
Research Committee	Arlene	Fradkin	
Undergraduate Programs Committee	Jerry	Haky	
Graduate Programs Committee	Douglas	Broadfield	
Committee on Committees	Ali	Farazmand	
Nonvoting Members:			
President	Dennis	Cruedele	x
Provost	Gary	Perry	x

Appendix B

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