

Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 22, 2013
Community Engagement Conf. Rm. 246 - 3pm – 5pm

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

Absent: Hari Kalva

Guests: Mary Ann Gosser, Ed Pratt, Shirley Gordon, Joy Longo, Laura Joella, Tamara Dinev, Doug Broadfield

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dr. Ron Nyhan
2. The minutes of the meeting of [September 24, 2013](#) was approved with no objections from the committee.
3. **President's Report:**
 - Attended the Presidents Council meeting in Orlando
 - Nothing momentous to report
 - Discussions centered around the Presidential search for universities
 - FAU Presidential search timeline will be decided after the Search Company has conducted its discussions with the FAU community

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) **New Program** - Honors in the Major for Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature.
No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering**

Title Change – Bachelor of Music with major in Commercial Music: Creative Concentration
No objections from the committee – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering**

Program Change – Bachelor of Music with Major in Commercial Music: Music Business Concentration

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

- b) **College of Business**

New Certificate – Digital Marketing

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

New Certificate – Healthcare Information Systems

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

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6. UGC Consent Agenda:

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

7. UGC Action Items

a) College of Education

Program Change – M. Ed. C & I Plus Certification

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

8. Business Items:

a) Steering Committee Elections

- The Committee on Committees was happy to announce that the two nominees elected to serve on Steering were Chris Beetle and Kevin Lanning.
- Dr. Nyhan thanked Drs. Beetle and Lanning for attending at such short notice.

9. Speaker:

- There were no objections from Steering to allow Pat Chun to address the Senate on November 1st.

10. Open Forum with the Provost:

- Dr. Perry was asked to comment on the rumor that instructors should allow for easy grading to help students pass as a means to avoid the high rates of DFW.
- Dr. Perry stated that it was important to lower the rates of DFW which is critical to student success but that did not mean that instructors should allow for easy grading.
- Instead, faculty should tackle the issue of student learning – provide resources, supplemental lessons and develop peer tutoring programs to help struggling students who are failing in their classes.
- Deans were sent information to share with their faculty, ideas on how to lower the DFW rates with high risk courses.
- Look at the success rate of other peer mentoring programs to gauge the benefit to students.

11. BOT Report:

- The BOT Committee Meetings were held on October 15, 2013.
- Merely informational
- Several presentations were given by the Staff
- Program Reviews were received well

12. Good of the Steering

- The UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement – all were satisfied with the negotiations of the new agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm

