

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
October 4, 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 September 6, 2013 Senate meeting.

3. **Speaker: BOT Chair Anthony Barbar**

- Dr. Ron Nyhan invited Chair Barbar to address the Senate to give his perspective on how the Board of Trustees (BOT) viewed the faculty and to talk about his hopes to encourage faculty to become more engaged in the new shared governance process at FAU.
- Chair Barbar thanked the Senate for the opportunity to address them and also thanked the faculty for all they have done for FAU and their positive influence on the students which makes him proud to be an FAU Alum.
- Chair Barbar acknowledged the recent hardships the faculty have faced with regard to budget cuts and assured the faculty that the BOT and President Crudele are working on salary increases for faculty who are a valuable asset to FAU.
- He also spoke about the selection process of the BOT members and that their appointments are based on their standing in the community, their interest in FAU and that the Board members do not receive any remuneration for their hours spent serving on the BOT.
- The BOT has the best interests of FAU at heart and that is evident by his presence at the Senate meeting moving forward.
- Chair Barbar expressed his willingness to work with the faculty in the endeavor to select a new president. He is open to comments and advice and encouraged the faculty to email him their thoughts and opinions in the search process.
- Senators raised the question of why only two FAU faculty were selected for the presidential search committee. Chair Barbar replied that in the construction of the committee they needed to create a balance so that the committee can work together towards a common goal. The size of the search committee was increased so that the community will be more engaged in this process, to avoid the mistakes made in the past presidential selection.
- All meetings and interviews will be open to the public and faculty are welcome to share their views

- Chair Barbar agreed with the faculty that communication was the biggest stumbling block and that the BOT and faculty should respect and share each other's value by interacting with each other. Therefore he encouraged faculty to email him their concerns.
- It was suggested to Chair Barbar that it should be kept in mind that the future president understands the culture of the university as a "market place of ideas".

4. **President's Report:**

- Dr. Nyhan gave a brief talk about the process of the Presidential search. He encouraged the faculty to attend on October 21st at 10:30am, the first open forum with the faculty and Search Consultants to further identify the job profile of the new president. This will be a good opportunity for faculty to interact with the Search firm. He will post all news and information on the search as it progresses, on Blackboard as a means for the senate to communicate and discuss items of interest or issues.
- There were three areas of priorities for the activation of the UFS Standing committees: the Admission and Retention Committee is now fully active and is set up to conduct its first meeting. The committee will be working closely with the Provost Office to achieve its goals.
- Dr. Nyhan wants to rename the Distance Learning Committee, which is not yet active, to eLearning Committee. He is working with the eLearning Advisory Board so as not to duplicate the goals and objectives of this committee. He is more concerned about how to go about guarding the curricula FAU is responsible for. He will send out a specific charge to the committee to focus their efforts.
- He is still trying to form an ad hoc committee that will work on the relationship of the State Colleges and what opportunities and threats that poses for FAU as soon as the specifics have been identified for the ad hoc committee to focus on.

5. **UPC Consent Agenda:**

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

6. **UPC Action Items:**

Undergraduate Studies

a) **Explanation - General Education Recommendations -Review and Approval of State's General Education Common Core Courses.**

Since this was forwarded to Senate without recommendation from Steering, a motion was entered to discuss the issue of the State's legislature to approve the General Education Common Core Courses. It was proposed to substitute General Physics, (4cr) for Physics for Engineers (3cr) which was dropped by the state's mandate. Initially, at the UUPC meeting, Engineering did not agree with this mandate as it would affect their programs credit hours for graduation if their students were compelled to take General Physics 1. Dr. Pratt offered an alternate solution to this issue by suggesting that General Physics 1 be made a variable course of 3-4 credits thereby eliminating the need for engineering

students to go over their graduation requirements. However, at Steering, Engineering did not seem to have an issue on this proposal. The contention arose out of the uncertainty of whether the Physics Department was fully engaged in the approval of engineering students enrolling in General Physics 1 as a substitute for Physics for Engineers. Engineering is fine with this as long as the credit limit for General Physics remains at 3 credits. A professor of the Physics department explained the purpose behind the four credit requirement based on pedagogical reasons. However, faculty were concerned that such a mandate by the State will have serious implications on other departments as well given that they had no voice in this decision. Dr. Pratt assured the faculty that this will not impact other departments as a result of the General Education Common Core Courses requirements. Dr. Pratt stated that this is in the control of the faculty. The Core Curriculum Committee will look at all the courses in the new IFP and then it will be forwarded to UUPC, then on to the Senate for approval. Faculty opinion was that the proposal should have been communicated through the proper channels first before being brought to Senate to vote on.

A motion was passed to table the discussion on the State's General Education Common Core Courses recommendation. It was seconded and approved by majority vote of the Senate.

- b) **New Policy- Undergraduate Students and Timely Graduation**
No objections from Senate - approved by majority vote.

Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

- a) **Curricular Changes - RN to BSN Program**
No objections from Senate - approved by majority vote.

College of Science

- a) **Curricular Changes – Pre-Health Professions**
No objections from Senate – approved by majority vote

7. **UGC Consent Agenda:**

- No objections from Senate – approved by majority vote

8. **UGC Action Items:**

College for Design and Social Inquiry

- a) **Master of Social Work-Curriculum Change**
No objections from Senate – approved by majority vote
- b) **Master of Urban and Regional Planning: Course description**
No objections from Senate – approved by majority vote
- c) **Master of Urban and Regional Planning: Dismissal**
No objections from Senate – approved by majority vote
- d) **Master of Urban and Regional Planning: Core Course Listing**
No objections from Senate – approved by majority vote
- e) **Master of Urban and Regional Planning: Specialization**
No objections from Senate – approved by majority vote

College of Arts and Letters

a) Program Change-English MA and MAT

No objections from Senate – approved by majority vote

b) Program Change-Certificate in Film and Video

No objections from Senate – approved by majority vote

c) Program Change-Graduate Certificate in Piano Performance and Pedagogy-Terminate Certificate

No objections from Senate – approved by majority vote

d) Program Change-Performance Concentration, Wind Conducting Option

No objections from Senate – approved by majority vote

e) Program Change-Masters of Arts in Communication

No objections from Senate – approved by majority vote

College of Nursing

a) Program Change – Admissions Deadline

No objections from Senate – Approved by majority vote.

9. Business Item:

- Steering made the recommendation to adopt option 2 – Revise the bylaws to eliminate the mandate for representation from the North and South campuses and to elect two Senators at large to fill Michele Hawkins’ and Marguerite Purnell’s seat. Dr. Purnell recently resigned from her position on Steering.
- The motion from Steering was discussed and a call for a vote was made by President Nyhan. However, it was pointed out that the motion to amend the bylaws requires a two third majority vote – a roll call was conducted
- Of the 34 senators who were present at the Boca, Jupiter, Davie, Sea Tech, Harbor Branch, and Ft. Lauderdale campuses, 26 voted yes and 8 voted no.
- Since the super majority voted in favor, the motion was passed to adopt option 2.
- Nominations for candidates for Steering were then taken from the Senate floor.
 1. Chris Beetle was nominated via email by Jerry Haky – College of Science
 2. Michael Harris nominated Yolanda Gamboa – College of Arts and Letters
 3. Susan Dyess nominated Joy Longo – College of Nursing
 4. Warren McGovern nominated Kevin Lanning – Honors College
- Electronic voting will begin on Tuesday, October 8th for all eligible senators and close on Tuesday, October 15th at 5pm. Dr. Ali Farazmand, Chair of Committee on Committees will announce the two successful candidates on Wednesday, October 16th.

10. Open Forum with the Provost

- Dr. Perry gave a quick update on the changes in the Provost Office
- President Crudele announced in his speech at the State of the University Address that certain divisions will be moving back to the Provost Office i.e., OIT, IEA, Registrar’s Office and the Enrollment Management division.
- Dr. Perry is hopeful that the new Assistant Provost for Student Success will be selected soon, so that the Provost Office can begin the process of strategizing plans to promote retention and graduation rates.

- He stressed the importance of the Provost Office, Student Affairs and faculty working collaboratively to find solutions to the challenges faced by FAU.
- Dr. Perry also stated the need to revisit the Strategic Plan to figure out which parts address the immediate challenges of FAU that relates to student success, retention and graduation.
- At the BOG meeting in Sarasota, the Vice Chancellor spoke about the State Colleges and State Universities beginning a process to cooperate with each other. State Colleges are posing a threat to the enrollment rates at State Universities because they are now offering more baccalaureates programs
- Since FAU is so geographically placed in South Florida, Dr. Perry emphasized the need for FAU to work with our partner State Colleges like, IRSC, Broward State College and Palm Beach State College, to understand what the two systems goals and future visions are and how to collaborate with each other instead of competing with one another.
- Dr. Perry was asked what would be the impact of the Senate tabling the discussion on the General Education Recommendation. Dr. Perry stated that he will have to comply with the laws of the State of Florida. This recommendation is essentially going into Statute and we do not have an option on this. Faculty can voice their opinions but either way they will need to comply with the laws.
- The subject of policy changes regarding outside employment was broached to which Dr. Perry stated that there were no changes to the policy relating to Conflict of Interest regarding outside employment. It was found recently that some faculty members were not following procedure by not submitting the outside activity forms. Also faculty could not teach the same course at another institution. VP Alperin responded that there were several documents out on the Provost website for faculty to review. More often it is the Conflict of Commitment that is an issue. Faculty cannot sign up to work forty hours per week at FAU and also sign up to work forty hours per week at another institution.
- Faculty also asked for clarification on what the differences between teaching and consultation were. Dr. Alperin will look into it.

11. **BOT Report:**

- Dr. Nyhan gave a brief report about the BOT Retreat held at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute.
- First day session was a facilitated discussion about what it means to be a board member
- Attempted to bring the board to focus on its governance role and policy making and to move away from the concerns of micro management or operational concerns with the university.
- General consensus is that the board needed to grant more leeway for the leaders of FAU to conduct its business
- Other issues discussed were how the board interacted on a variety of issues and what is important to the board. There is a genuine interest in who the faculty are and what is being done and accomplished at FAU
- Second day focused on discussing the qualifications of the new president – no restrictions on the candidate’s profile – not opposed to looking at traditional candidates.
- The third meeting involved the Search Consultant meeting with the search committee.
- Dr. Nyhan has set up a forum for discussion on Blackboard to talk about the presidential search process and its progress.

- The Senate is encouraged to participate and provide feedback and advice to Dr. Nyhan who is the voice for the faculty on the Search Committee.

12. Good of the Senate:

- The faculty suggested that a “Thank You” note be sent to Chair Barbar for taking time to address the faculty and to let him know that they appreciate his time and efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

College - # of Seats	First Name	Last Name	Oct 4 2013
Engineering - 3	Evangelos	Kaisar	X
	Hari	Kalva	
	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	X
	Bill	Bosshardt	
Education - 4	Deborah	Floyd	X
	Deborah	Harris	X
	David	Kumar	X
	Dilys	Schoorman	X
A&L - 9	Marshall	De Rosa	X
	Mary	Faraci	X
	Mike	Harris	X
	David	Williams	
	Pat	Darlington	
	Tim	Lenz	
	Yolanda	Gamboa	X
Science - 6	Chris	Beetle	X
	Stephen	Locke	X
	James	Kumi-Diaka	X
	Markus	Schmidmeier	X
	Fred	Hoffman	X
	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	X
EO Engineering	Khaled	Sobhan	
EO DSI	Rosalind	Carter	X
EO Honors	Warren	McGovern	
EO Education	Philomena	Marinaccio-Eckel	
EO A&L	Barbara	Ganson	X
EO Business	CM	Sashi	X
EO Library	Lynn	LaVigne	
EO Nursing	Marguerite	Purnell	
Committee Chairs:			
Academic Freedom and Due Process Committee	Marshall	De Rosa	X
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	X
Undergraduate Programs Committee	Jerry	Haky	X
Graduate Programs Committee	Douglas	Broadfield	
Committee on Committees	Ali	Farazmand	X
Nonvoting Members:			
President	Dennis	Cruedele	X
Provost	Gary	Perry	X

