

Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
September 23, 2014
Provost's Office Conf. Rm. AD 350, 2pm – 4pm

Members Present: Ron Nyhan, Chris Beetle, Bill Bosshardt, Yolanda Gamboa, Mike Harris, Morton Levitt, Dilys Schoorman, Michele Hawkins (non-voting), Gary Perry (non-voting)

Absent: Diane Alperin (non-voting)

Guests: Paul Peluso, Dale Gawlik, Deb Floyd

1. The meeting was called to order at 2pm by Chair, Dr. Ron Nyhan.
2. The minutes of the meeting of [August 26, 2014](#) were approved with no objections from the committee.
3. **President's Report:**
 - Ron informed the Committee about the upcoming Board of Trustees Retreat.
 - There were no specifics brought to the Board for consideration or discussion.
 - President Kelly and Provost Perry propose to meet with each academic department to discuss ideas for the metrics and for the Strategic Plan before deciding on any changes to the Strategic Plan.
 - Skype interviews for the VP Research position have been completed. All 7 candidates agreed to Skype interviews.
 - The Search Committee will meet on Friday to select 3 or 4 candidates. Those candidates will come to campus and have separate meetings with faculty.
 - Ron will ensure that the Search Committee receives the minutes of each meeting along with all faculty comments.
4. [UPC Consent Agenda:](#)
 - No objections from the Committee – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**
5. [UPC Action Agenda:](#)
 - a. **University Wide**
 - i. Description and Course Changes - Intellectual Foundations Program: General Education Curriculum
 - **Item withdrawn** by Dean of Undergraduate Studies.
 - ii. New Degree Program – Bachelor of General Studies
 - No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**
 - b. **College of Business**
 - i. Removal of Minor – Electronic Commerce Minor
 - No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**
 - c. **Charles E. Schmidt College of Science**
 - i. Program Changes – Environmental Sciences Certificate
 - No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering.**

- ii. Program Changes – B.S. in Neuroscience and Behavior
 - No objections from Steering – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering**.
6. UGC Consent Agenda:
- No objections from the Committee – will go forward to Senate **with positive recommendation from Steering**.
7. UGC Action Agenda:
- a. **College of Education**
 - i. Program Change - School Leaders K-12 Concentration (with Certification)
 - Will go forward to Senate **without recommendation**.
8. **Business Items:**
- Committee members discussed a newly proposed six scale faculty evaluation and questioned how the proposal is resonating in other areas of the University and whether or not the Senate will address the issue.
 - Per Provost Perry, this matter is a Provost initiative and is currently being discussed with unit Chairs and Directors.
9. **Speaker:**
- Ron asked the Committee for input on speakers; there have been no requests for speakers this month.
 - Committee members suggested having the new VP's for Public Service and Public Affairs address the Senate.
 - VP for Athletics, Pat Chun, has asked that the men and women's basketball coaches address the Senate.
10. **Open Forum with the Provost:**
- Provost Perry attended the BOG meeting and will provide an update to the Senate.
 - The BOG is entertaining potential new metrics and at some point, may consider adjusting the mix or adding specificity to distinguish and define each university.
 - It is possible that BOG will adjust some of the benchmarks of the current metrics.
 - The issue for FAU is how to get the University out of the bottom ranking.
 - The University will gain points due to higher graduation rate projections but may lose points on cost of degree.
11. **Good of the Steering Committee:**

Meeting adjourned at 3:37pm