

**University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Friday March 23, 2012**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by William McDaniel, President, at 2:02 p.m. in BOT Room on the Boca Raton Campus and videoconference at the Davie Campus, the Fort Lauderdale Campus, the SeaTech Campus, the Harbor Branch Campus, and the Port St. Lucie Campus

Members Present: William McDaniel, President M. J. Saunders, Provost Brenda Claiborne, Evangelos Kaisar, Bruce Arneklev, Jon Moore, Stuart Galup, Eric Shaw, Bill Bosshardt, Ernest Brewer, Valerie Bryan, David Kumar, Deborah Floyd, Dilys Schoorman, Susannah Brown, Mike Harris, Mary "Ann" Branaman, Brian McConnell, Robert Trammell, Chris Beetle, Mary Faraci, Markus Schmidmeier, Stephen Locke, Jerry Haky, Morton Levitt, Schmidt-Kostner, Bernadette Lange, Ken Frankel, Teresa Van Dyke, Tim Lenz, Ron Nyhan, Fred Hoffman

~~Michele Hawkins, Kanybek Nurtegin, Stuart Galup, Eric Shaw, Bill Bosshardt, Ernest Brewer, Deborah Floyd, Dilys Schoorman, David Kumar, Joan Lindgren, Mike Harris, Brian McConnell, Tim Lenz, Mary "Ann" Branaman, Fred Hoffman, Markus Schmidmeier, Stephen Locke, Jerry Haky, Morton Levitt, Schmidt Kostner, Susan Dyess, Bernadette Lange, Ken Frankel, Valerie Bryan, Robert Trammell, Jon Moore, Mary Faraci, Ron Nyhan, Chris Beetle, James Kumi Diaka and Susannah Brown~~

Guests Present: Diane Alperin, Ed Pratt, Linda Johnson, Nancy K Poulson, Patricia A Kollander, Juana Valdes, Eric Landes, Nora Erro Peralta, Michael Zager, Christina Mancini, Myriam Ruthenberg

2. The UFS meeting minutes from February 2012 were approved as amended.
3. President's Report: His notes are available upon request.
4. UPC Consent Agenda
Accepted without objection
5. UPC Action Items
 - a) Change in French, Italian, Linguistics and Spanish majors
Approved by majority vote
 - b) Change in Bachelor of Arts with Major in Art History

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Approved by majority vote

- c) Changes to the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design

Approved by majority vote

- d) Changes to Bachelor of Arts with Major in Studio Art

Approved by majority vote

- e) Revisions to Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

Approved by majority vote

With regard to items b, c and d, Dean Ed Pratt cautioned concerning how increases in required credits hours within a degree can discourage student enrollment and delay graduations.

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6. GPC Consent Agenda

Approved without objection

7. GPC Action Item

- a) Dismissal Policy Change- Bachelor of Social Work Program

Approved by majority vote

8. Business Items:

- a) Annual report from the Research Committee; Arlene Fradkin ~~who~~ spoke regarding initiatives to continue faculty mentoring in research.
- b) Changes in modus operandi of Academic Planning & Budget Committee; President McDaniel noted that the Bylaws allow the APBC to participate in the overall university budgeting process. Thus the committee will begin meeting on this subject right away with the CFO attending. The change in Article VI.A below makes the CFO an ex officio member of the APBC.
- c) Changes in Articles VI.A.2.b. and VI.3.b as to membership of Academic Planning & Budget and of Committee on Committees; the CFO and the Provost were added as non-voting members of the APBC; the COC will have 6 elected faculty members as opposed to 3.

Approved by majority vote

- a) Nominations for next year's Senate offices

- i. A motion to waive rule for an electronic vote for the office of president-elect -failed to receive the required two-thirds majority.
- ii. Steering Committee: Morton Levitt, Marguerite Purnel, Michelle Hawkins, Fred Hoffman
- iii. Committee on Committees: Gary Parsons, Bonnie Digilarno DiGiallonardo, Bill Bosshardt, Mike Harris, Brewer, Val Bryan

- iv. Academic Planning & Budget: Markus Schmidmeier, Morton Levitt, Chris Beetle, Gary Parsons, Rose Sherman, James Kumi-Diaka, Stuart Galup, Val Bryan, Kevin Lanning
- v. President Elect, Ron Nyhan

9. Guest Speaker: Candidate for Senate President-Elect, Ron Nyhan

10. Collective Bargaining Report

Bargaining session is scheduled for April 13th, 2012 on some articles in the contract.

11. Open Forum with the Provost

[The Provost spoke about several issues and responded to questions.](#) [i] Key factors from the BOG meeting were shared and much emphasis was placed on three areas the BOG is looking at for universities: 1. strategic planning, 2. work plan, and 3. status reports. There have been recent changes in the work plan – currently the BOG is still considering a draft. Concerns that were raised were: low graduation rates, how will the cost a student pays to go to school be properly assessed, avoiding the duplication of programs, the process for new degree program requests. These factors might affect how the legislature votes regarding higher education. BOG staff will work with provosts in detail over the next few weeks. [ii] Tenure and promotion process will be finalized shortly [iii] SACS credentialing – restructuring the task force to include five faculty members from different courses to verify credentialing [iv] ~~There will be~~[The Provost and President will host](#) a reception for all faculty who publish books on April 12th, 2012 [v] After the incident with the disruptive student, it is possible that there will be guidelines and training for faculty in terms of how to respond to those type of incidents [vi] A main priority for the budget is to protect [the academic mission of the university, including instruction and support faculty classes and](#) research. ~~Budget s~~[Suggestions and feedback from the Provost's website were discussed, A senator and commended her for in](#) maintaining the line of communication enabling faculty to be more involved in the process [vii] [A senator offered](#) special thanks for reactivating the planning and budgeting committee.

*Motion by Shaw to extend meeting for 15 minutes and seconded by Shoorman.
Motion approved.*

12. Comments by President M. J. Saunders

[President Saunders addressed the Senate and responded to questions.](#) [i] Strategic plan adopted for the system; BOG Presidents discuss how to keep the strategic plan with budget cuts [ii] Accountability reports [iii] Governmental and Community Relations Committee formed by the BOT to keep communication between the voices of the supporting community [iv]. [She expressed concern about the response to the student incident on campus that is on "youtube" and](#)

~~other social media outlets. There needs to be more awareness of~~ She promised to lead efforts to address the “root” of any problems regarding diversity, ~~culture~~ cultural diversity to close the gap on race relations, civility and understanding. Efforts are underway to develop training for faculty about dealing with disruptive situations. This comes in response to the “youtube” videos and local papers with student responses to the incident concerning a disruptive student on campus.

13. Good of the Senate:

[i] ~~The impact of budget cuts on students was discussed Deborah Floyd stated~~ A senator ~~that~~ announced that ~~the~~ a proposed change in tuition benefits for graduate assistants (presented to the Graduate Council during their last meeting of the year) will have implications for graduate assistants and TA's.. ~~proposed policy about changing the stipends for graduate students~~ The GPC should be addressed by ~~the~~ and the Graduate Council ~~but it~~ will not have regular meeting again this academic year and thus, the issues was brought to the “Good of the Senate”. One of the Colleges passed a resolution encouraging “grandfathering” current graduate assistants, should the policy be changed due to budget cuts. Further, that College expressed concern about a 10% program rule being implemented. The Graduate Council was asked to address these issues. [ii] Another issue discussed was requirement that students have an approved Plan of Study on file May 4th for December graduation. This is of concern, given that the schedule of classes is uncertain for Summer and Fall. ~~Students that need to graduate in December need to have by their Plan of Study by May 4th, 2012; however, the schedule is still not available.~~ [iii] A senator announced that a Reception will be held following the Senate meeting at the Democracy Plaza outside the University Theatre in the Culture Building.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.