

**University Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Friday, January 25, 2008**  
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by President Eric Shaw at 2:30 p.m. The meeting took place in the BOT Room located on the third floor of the Administration Building, on the Boca Raton Campus, and via video conference at the Treasure Coast Campus, the MacArthur Campus, the SeaTech Campus, the Fort Lauderdale Campus, and the Davie Campus.

Members Present: Bruce Arneklev, Pierre-Philippe Beaujean, Ernest Andrew Brewer, Doug Broadfield, Susannah Brown, John Childrey, Bob Cerveney, Mary Faraci, Deborah Floyd, Andres Folleco, Jim Gray, Mike Harris, Fred Hoffman, Sam Hsu, Mehdi Kaighobadi, Roy Levow, Joan Lindgren, Stephen Locke, Bill McDaniel, Abhijit Pandya, Gary Parsons, Ed Petuch, Howard Prentice, John Prichett, Marguerite Purnell, Dilys Schoorman, Eric Shaw, Leslie Siegel, Lydia Smiley, Allen Smith, Sobhan Khaled, John Valentine, Julie Honeycutt

Guests Present: Diane Alperin, Eric Hanne, Maris Hayashi

2. The UFS meeting minutes from December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were approved.
3. Announcements (Eric Shaw)
  - The debate of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 was a success.
4. BOT report (no board meeting this month)
  - The next board meeting will be on January 30, 2008.
    - There was an Academic Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS) meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Two representatives of each of the Faculty Senates of the State Universities, including their chairs, meet and discuss issues common to all of us.
  - Roy Levow represented Florida Atlantic University.
    - 3 major issues were discussed
    - Most of the Universities passed resolutions in support of Governor Crist's Environmentally Friendly Policies for the State of Florida. ACFS adopted a resolution in support of the Governor's environmental initiatives.
    - There was a discussion of the budget. – A second 4% reduction is probable this year and another 4% in the upcoming year. (Roy Levow noted that the BOG has approved an 8% increase in undergraduate tuition starting Fall 2008 which should ease the effect of the budget cuts slightly.)
    - Forward by design – This document was adopted in January by the Board of Governors. There are 3 main areas it deals with.
      1. Improving quality
      2. Increasing BA degree production
      3. Providing appropriate and predictable funding

The full report is available at

[http://www.cse.fau.edu/~roy/ufs\\_docs/acfs%20200801/Meeting%20Report.doc](http://www.cse.fau.edu/~roy/ufs_docs/acfs%20200801/Meeting%20Report.doc)

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- Eric Shaw, commented that the BOG approved reducing enrollment proportional to the State University appropriations that we are going to be receiving.
- Dilys Schoorman asked what we are really trying to do with the Compacts and further strategic planning. Eric Shaw stated that each University must identify its individual plan and work through where the strategic areas of concern are. Right now everything is tentative. The Academic Planning and Budget Committee will be meeting regularly to review the work of the Budget Taskforce and develop recommendations to Senate.

5. UPC Consent Agenda

**The consent agenda was approved.**

6. UPC Action Items

a. Changes to Requirements for Minor in History

- Eric Hanne commented on the changes. Relative to other comparable Florida Universities, FAU is much more stringent in their requirements. Therefore the new requirements are essentially moved from more specialized to more broad based, to bring it in line with the Florida University System.

**Approved by unanimous consent.**

b. Changes to Requirements for the Undergraduate Business Economics Program

**Approved by unanimous consent.**

c. Changes to the Undergraduate Economics Requirement for Management Majors

**Approved by unanimous consent.**

7. GPC Consent Agenda (no meeting the previous month)

8. GPC Action Items (no meeting the previous month)

9. Amendments to UFS Constitution and Bylaws

- Eric Shaw stated the purpose is to make it more consistent, concise, complete and clear.
- Lydia proposed to amend the amendment. Correct wording will be as follows:  
Under UPC  
 -The UPC shall review **all proposals** and recommend approval or, for cause, disapproval (**removing...of all proposals**) for.  
Under GPC  
 -The GPC shall review **all proposals** and recommend approval or, for cause, disapproval **of** all proposals for.

**Approved by unanimous consent**

**The Amendment to the UFS Constitution and Bylaws was approved by the required supermajority vote.**

10. Collective Bargaining Report

- Fred Hoffman said we are still waiting for a call to receive a proposal from the administration.
- Diane Alperin said that the University is discussing it and are preparing a response.

## 11. Open forum with the Provost

- The Provost commented that the debates went well and he is proud of the University.
- The Provost stated that a budget of 1.5 million additional dollars from the previous year was approved in July, but no sooner was it approved that they received notification from the Governor we were going to have a budget reduction of an additional 4% = approximately 7 million dollars.
  - The Colleges absorbed the reduction and the reduction is permanent.
  - In December from the Governor's office informed us that we had to implement an additional budget cut half way through the year. We don't know exactly when.
  - The President has appointed a task force to address the budget shortfalls.  
Membership includes: Provost & Ken Jessel Co-Chairs, Chris Ayala Student Representative, Anne Boykin Deans, Charles Brown Student Affairs, Azita Dashtaki Facilities, El pagnier Kay Hudson Human Resources, Norm Kaufman Provost's office, David Kian General Counsel, Tim Lenz UFF, Dorothy Russell Financial Affairs, Joyanne Stephens Campus Vice Presidents and Eric Shaw Faculty.
- Bill McDaniel commented on the graduate tuition. The Provost said that there will be no increase on graduate tuition thus far.
- Dilys Schoorman questioned about the travel freeze. The Provost said that exceptions would be made by the Deans and justified requests would be forwarded to the Provost. Some are approved and some are denied. The Provost stated that next year is not going to be any better.
- Deborah Floyd asked about the process: "Are the "guiding principles" going to be shared with the Faculty before the cuts are made?"
  - Deborah Floyd commented that the task force is administratively heavy. The Provost said that the guiding principles will be shared with the Faculty. Eric Shaw will be responsible to keep the Faculty informed.
- Tim Lenz commented that the hiring freeze and travel freeze do not seem to be a freeze but more a special pleading situation. Tim Lenz also commented that the amount of personnel at the College level can be cut back. The Provost said that there is a freeze but there are always exceptions. The Provost commented that he is very sensitive to his concerns and holds the Deans accountable for the financial resources.
- Fred Hoffman stated that several administrative positions in Student Affairs were vacant, including one new one and wondered if these positions have been filled or are going to be filled in the future in light of the new budget situation. The Provost said that the new positions are necessary but did not mention the new position.
- Dilys Schoorman commented that the University as a whole is going to be exhausted and we have to have the perspective that it is not going to be a long term situation. The Provost said that this pace should end in 2 to 3 years.
- Mike Harris commented on the upper Administration being responsible to do their part and bring in outside funds. The Provost asked Mike Harris to send him an email with his concerns outlined.

- John Valentine asked about the summer implications of the budget. The Provost said that he has informed the Deans to maintain FTE production and not do anything that will affect or change summer unless we have to give another 7 million for the year that we are currently in.
- Pierre Phillippe Beaujean asked if there is a timeline for the budget cuts. The Provost said they will make this operable by mid March.

#### 12. Faculty Open Forum

- Mike Harris commented that some of the items on the agenda are too small and we should try and focus on the more substantial
- Fred Hoffman said that the example Mike Harris used was really just a mistake. He said that the idea of the consent agenda was to cut down on the time.
- Tim Lenz said that at some point promoting access and quality may not be possible.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48pm.

14. Faculty club immediately followed.