

**University Faculty Senate  
Minutes  
Friday, September 7, 2007  
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by President Eric Shaw at 2:13 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 Fort Lauderdale Campus, and the Davie Campus.

Members Present: Bruce Arneklev, Pierre-Philippe Beaujean, Bill Bosshardt, Susannah Brown, Bob Cerveny, Hilary Edwards-Lithgow, Deborah Floyd, Andres Folleco, Jim Gray, Theodor Haerry, Jerome Haky, Mike Harris, Fred Hoffman, William McDaniel, Mehdi Kaighobadi, Roy Levow, Joan Lindgren, Stephen Locke, Philomena Marinaccio, Gary Parsons, Howard Prentice, Dilys Schoorman, Eric Shaw, Leslie Siegel, Lydia Smiley, Eugene Smith, Sobhan Khaled, John Valentine, John Pritchett, Leigh McFarland

Guests Present: Michael Armstrong, Diane Alperin, Dennis Crudele, Charles Lowe, Jennifer Boxon, Amy Kornblau, Maris Hayashi, Edward Platt, Barry Rosson

2. All the members present introduced themselves stating their name, campus and college represented.
3. The USF honored the memory of Dr. Robert Stetson. Fred Hoffman spoke about Dr. Stetson's accomplishments and his importance to FAU as a founding faculty member. The UFS then observed a moment of silence in honor of Dr. Stetson.
4. The UFS minutes from the April 27, 2007 meeting were approved with a minor correction to item number fifteen.
5. Announcements (Eric Shaw)
  - Eric Shaw stated that he joined the law suit initiated by former Governor Graham against the Florida Legislature to give control of tuition to the Board of Governors.
  - There is a Board of Governors Legislative budget request to establish Teaching and Research Incentive Program (TRIP). This request is a modified version of the Teaching Incentive Program (TIP).
6. BOT report (Eric Shaw)
  - The Board of Trustees met to review a 7 million dollar reduction in the university budget which follows Governor Crist's mandate that all SUS reduce budgets by 4 percent. More information about the BOT meeting is available at [http://www.fau.edu/bot/archive\\_af.php](http://www.fau.edu/bot/archive_af.php).
  - Higher education in the State of Florida will be losing 272 million, roughly 4.4%.
  - FAU is considering a strategic alliance at the Jupiter campus with the Max Planck Institute, one of the largest research institutes in the world.
7. Business Items
  - a. *Announcement of Proposed Bylaws Revisions*

This item is for information purposes only. UFS members are encouraged to suggest modifications and improvements. The bylaws will be brought before the next steering committee meeting and, unless major changes are required, will be voted on at the next UFS meeting.

*b. Changes in Program Review, Approval and Termination (Diane Alperin)*

Diane Alperin explained the information that was distributed to the faculty last week via email. The proposed changes in Program Review, Approval and Termination will go to the Undergraduate and Graduate Program Committees.

*c. Parking Fee Increases (Dennis Crudele)*

Dennis Crudele spoke about the increase in parking fees, the partnership with BCC for a parking garage at the Davie campus, and the impact upon parking at the end of the breezeway when construction begins on the new buildings.

*d. Confidentiality Agreement (Dennis Crudele)*

Dennis Crudele said that the confidentiality agreement was the result of a data integrity audit by the State. A UFS member expressed concern that the confidentiality agreement is too broad and should be narrowed down. Dennis Crudele stated that he would bring these concerns to the FAU attorney's office.

*e. Resolution in support of President Brogan's statement re British Union Boycott of Israeli universities.*

It was moved by Fred Hoffman on behalf of the Steering Committee that the UFS endorse President Brogan's letter supporting the position of President Bollinger of Columbia University, opposing the British Union boycott of Israeli Universities.

Pro: it supports open scientific research.

Con: at this time, the UFS does not have enough information to support the letter.

**The motion was approved, after division by 11 to 7.**

8. The Provost welcomed back the faculty. FAU welcomed 135 new faculty members. He spoke about budget cuts in the university. Over the summer the Provost's Office has been putting together a presentation for the BOT regarding the status of the university. This will be presented at the BOT retreat, and faculty members were encouraged to attend.
9. Dr. Edward Pratt, the new Dean of Undergraduate Studies, introduced himself to the UFS.
10. Dr. Barry Rosson, the new Dean of Graduate Studies, introduced himself to the UFS.
11. Charles Lowe, the new FAU Police Chief, introduced himself to the UFS.
12. Roy Levow, the Faculty Athletics Representative, gave an update on the committee.
13. Fred Hoffman gave a report on Collective Bargaining. There have been 2 bargaining sessions between the UFF and FAU Administration. The UFF presented written proposals on two articles and a verbal presentation on intentions for another article. The Administration and UFF signed a Memorandum of Understanding permitting promotion raises for faculty to be awarded at the beginning of the 2007-2008 academic year contract.

#### 14. New Business Discussion

- Jerome Haky brought up issues of support for classrooms and facilities in terms of A/V equipment.
- Roy Levow encourages faculty to go to the BOT retreat to give suggestions about the new stadium proposal that will be discussed.
- Theodor Haerry noted that FAU lacks a recycling program.
- Fred Hoffman expressed concern about the campus's water conservation.
- Mike Harris raised an issue about streamlining the course proposal and approval process because it currently takes a long time.
- John Valentine would like the UFS to find a way to encourage more faculty attendance at the meetings.

15. During the open forum with the Provost, Deborah Floyd asked about giving the university family some of the talking points he mentioned earlier regarding graduation and other positive things happening at FAU. The Provost stated that once the BOT retreat was over, he would have the Communication and Marketing division put something together. Dilys Schoorman asked about established SPOT deadlines for the online courses. Dr. Shaw stated that this is an issue that will be brought to the Distance Learning Committee.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The meeting was followed by Faculty Club.