

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2017 (2pm – 4pm)
BOT Conference Room

Members Present: Chris Beetle, Morton Levitt, Meredith Mountford, Paul Peluso, Dilys Schoorman, and Kevin Wagner

Guests: Non-Applicable

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Chair, Dr. Chris Beetle.
2. The UFS Steering minutes from [February 16, 2017](#) were approved by the committee.
3. **President's Report:**
 - a. Dr. Chris Beetle announces that Dr. Mary Cameron, the Chair of the University Faculty Senate Distance Education Committee and Chief Sean Brammer of the FAU Police Department will be the guest speakers for the upcoming University Faculty Senate meeting on April 3rd.
 - b. Next, Dr. Beetle moves to the action item agenda, first with the [Revised Principles for Promotion and Tenure Criteria](#). After deliberation, Dr. Morton Levitt motions to add the "Revised Principles for Promotion and Tenure Criteria" to the Business items at the upcoming University Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Paul Peluso seconds. **"Revised Principles for Promotion and Tenure Criteria" will be added to the Business Items for the upcoming University Faculty Senate meeting on April 3, 2017.**
 - c. Dr. Beetle also moves the [Academic Service-Learning Designation Process](#) to his report. After deliberation, Dr. Paul Peluso motions to add the "Academic Service-Learning Designation Process" to the Business items at the upcoming University Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Meredith Mountford seconds. **"Academic Service-Learning Designation Process" will be added to the Business Items for the upcoming University Faculty Senate meeting on April 3, 2017.**
 - d. Finally, Dr. Beetle announces that nominations for the upcoming Steering Committee and Academic Planning and Budget Committee will close on April 3rd at the University Faculty Senate meeting.
4. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)
 - Dr. Paul Peluso motions to move EDF 3203 to the action items. Dr. Meredith Mountford seconds.
 - There are no objections. The remainder of the consent agenda as amended stands **approved**.
 - After deliberation, Dr. Peluso motions to **table** EDF 3203. Dr. Meredith Mountford seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
5. [UPC Action Agenda](#)
 - a. **Undergraduate Studies**
 - *Deadline for declaring a major required course*
 - Dr. Kevin Wagner motions to move the deadline for declaring a major required course from the Undergraduate Studies with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Paul Peluso seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

- b. **College of Arts and Letters**
 - *Minor in Theatre*
 - Dr. Dilys Schoorman motions to move the Minor in Theatre from the College of Arts and Letters with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Meredith Mountford seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
 - c. **College of Engineering and Computer Science**
 - *Computer Engineering, Computer Science, and Electrical Engineering*
 - Dr. Paul Peluso motions to move the Computer Engineering, Computer Science, and Electrical Engineering from the College of Engineering and Computer Science with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Kevin Wagner seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
6. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)
- There are no objections. The consent agenda stands **approved**.
7. [UGC Action Items](#)
- a. **College of Engineering and Computer Science**
 - *BSEE/MSCpE Combined Program*
 - Dr. Paul Peluso motions to move the BSEE/MSCpE Combined Program from the College of Engineering and Computer Science with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Dilys Schoorman seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
 - b. **College of Nursing**
 - *MSN/MSN PMC and BSN-DNP*
 - Dr. Dilys Schoorman motions to move the MSN/MSN PMC and BSN-DNP from the College of Nursing with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Morton Levitt seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
8. **Business Items**
- a. [Degree Proposal for Marine Science and Oceanography – CIP:30.3201](#)
 - Dr. Chris Beetle presents the “Degree Proposal for Marine Science and Oceanography – CIP:30.3201”.
 - Dr. Meredith Mountford motions to add the “Degree Proposal for Marine Science and Oceanography – CIP:30.3201” to the Business items at the upcoming University Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Paul Peluso seconds.
 - **“Degree Proposal for Marine Science and Oceanography – CIP:30.3201” will be added to the Business Items for the upcoming University Faculty Senate meeting on April 3rd, 2017.**
 - b. [Revision to the Weapons on Campus Resolution](#)
 - Dr. Chris Beetle presents the “Revision to the Weapons on Campus Resolution”.
 - Dr. Paul Peluso motions to add the “Revision to the Weapons on Campus Resolution” to the Business items at the upcoming University Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Dilys Schoorman seconds.
 - **“Revision to the Weapons on Campus Resolution” will be added to the Business Items for the upcoming University Faculty Senate meeting on April 3rd, 2017.**

- c. [Revised University Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws](#)
 - Dr. Chris Beetle presents the “Revised University Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws”.
 - Dr. Meredith Mountford motions to add the “Revised University Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws” to the Business items at the upcoming University Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Paul Peluso seconds.
 - **“Revised University Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws” will be added to the Business Items for the upcoming University Faculty Senate meeting on April 3rd, 2017.**

- d. [Discussion of SB 104: Computer Coding Instruction](#)
 - Dr. Chris Beetle presents the “Discussion of SB 104: Computer Coding Instruction”.
 - **“Discussion of SB 104: Computer Coding Instruction” will be added to the President’s report at the upcoming University Faculty Senate meeting on April 3rd, 2017.**

9. Open forum with the Provost

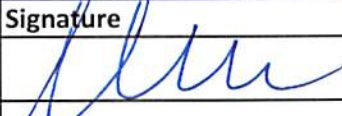

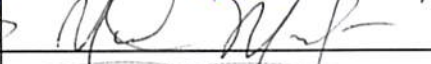



- Provost Perry begins his open forum by stating that the Promotion and Tenure process has been completed at the University and he will be meeting with the candidates.
- Moving forward, there are three Dean’s searches underway. Dr. Russ Ivy is leading the College of Engineering & Computer Science Dean’s search, Dean Valerie Bristor is leading the College for Design and Social Inquiry Dean’s search and Dean Carol Hixson is leading the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters Dean’s search.
- In addition, the Board of Trustees approved the Accountability Report and has been sent to the Board of Governors. The report addresses how FAU has changed in the ten metrics from the last year. Provost Perry is working with President Kelly on the Workplan for the June Board of Governors meeting.
- Next, the Legislative session is in session in the State of Florida, and two bills are being proposed – Senate Bill 2 and Senate Bill 4.
- Senate Bill 2 is a higher education bill that will affect FAU moving forward. The Board of Governors will change the six-year graduation rate to the four-year graduation rate. The four-year graduate rate for FAU is improving. FAU will need to have a robust summer semester moving forward. There is a discussion to allow the state universities to use bright futures during the summer semester. In addition, by the fall 2018 semester, FAU will need to have a block tuition policy. The State Community College System will be created and a board to oversee it. FAU has a two plus two pathway with Broward College and Palm Beach State College.
- Senate Bill 4 is to hire world-class faculty at the universities. The legislature is in discussion about providing funding to hire world-class faculty.
- Also, a test of civics proficiency is being discussed in the Legislative session.

10. Good of the Steering Committee

- a. Dr. Kevin Wagner asks if instructors can be included on Instructor hiring and search committees. Dr. Beetle asks for discretion coming directly from the College level.

11. Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

UFS Steering Attendance - March 23, 2017

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| COM / IMSD | MORTON W LEVITT MD |  |
| Physics | Chris Beetle |  |
| ED Leadership | Merralyn Mountford |  |
| Political Science | Kevin Wagner |  |
| Counselor Education | Paul Peloro |  |
| CCET / COE | Dilys Schwaner |  |
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