

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
September 18, 2017
EE 106, 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Members and Guests Present: *See Appendix A* for attendance sheet.

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Chris Beetle at 2:00pm. The meeting was held in room EE 106 on the Boca Raton Campus and was video conferenced to Davie (DW 108), Fort Lauderdale (HEC 608), Harbor Branch (LE 206G, Jupiter (SR 200), and Sea Tech (ST 250)

2. **With positive approval**, the Senate approved [May 1st, 2017](#) UFS Minutes.

3. President's Report

- a. Dr. Kevin Wagner begins his report by thanking Essential Personnel and the Emergency Management Team after Hurricane Irma.
- b. Next, Dr. Kevin Wagner welcomes the 2017-2018 Steering Committee – Dr. Bruce Arneklev, Dr. Chris Beetle, Dr. Kimberly Dunn, Dr. Morton Levitt, Dr. Meredith Mountford, and Dr. Paul Peluso. In addition, Dr. Kevin Wagner thanks the Chairs of the University Faculty Senate Standing Committee.
- c. Moving forward, the University Faculty Senate meetings will now be live streamed this academic year for colleagues to watch from their desk.
- d. Finally, Dr. Kevin Wagner and Dr. Chris Beetle represented FAU in Gainesville at the Advisory Boards of Faculty Senates meeting. Two white papers are currently being discussed – online teaching and university performance metrics.

4. Speakers

- a. Dr. Dan Flynn, Vice President for Research
 - o Dr. Dan Flynn begins his report by addressing the research funding through FY17 Grants & Contracts Awards. The annual awards are at \$42 million, the annual revenue is at \$55 million, and the total all active awards are currently at \$80 million.
 - o The F&A collected has increased from \$4.0 million in FY15 to \$4.5 million in FY16 and now \$5.1 million in FY17.
 - o Total research expenditures went from \$29.6 million (Extramural) in FY15 to \$34.3 million (Extramural) in FY16 to \$36.7 million (Extramural) and \$13 million (Institutional) in FY17.
 - o Expenditure categories total was \$36.70 million (Extramural) and \$13 million (Institutional). NSF Stem total was \$28.20 million (Extramural) and \$13 million (Institutional). NSF (Stem-Medicine) total was \$21.40 million (Extramural) and \$10 million (Institutional).
 - o Proposal submissions and requests went from 385 requests at \$137,421,651 in FY13 to 301 requests at \$182,307,274 in FY14 to 461 requests at \$182,553,693 in FY15 to 542 requests at \$200,538,045 in FY16 and now 563 requests at \$245,652,579 in FY17.
 - o Intellectual Property Activity revenue went from \$128,050 in FY14 to \$210,273 in FY15 to \$152,107 in FY16 and now \$180,000 in FY17.
 - o Entrepreneurship activities included 1) FAU Wave which has 30 student teams per year, 2) Technology Transfer which has Faculty IP development, 3) Tech Runway which has 29 companies; 205 employees, and 4) FAU Tech Park which has 44 companies (25 in TBI).

- Core Facilities Activity Animal Quarters Activity included Rodent Census and Revenue. The Rodent Census went from 315 in FY15 to 373 in FY16 and now 730 in FY17. The revenue went from \$42,337 in FY15 to \$99,077 in FY16 and now \$228,398 in FY17.
- Cores formally set up (or being set up) as 'cost-centers': include 1) Healthy Aging – MRI, Biostats, 2) Neurosciences – Microscopy, Mouse-Behavioral, 3) Ocean Sciences – Engineering, 4) iSense – App/software-hardware interface, and 5) University wide- Animal Quarters, CTRU.
- Finally, FY18 tasks included Jupiter Building, Increasing IP (Proposal – include IP in P&T decisions, and student invention disclosures), F&A distribution mechanism, and Cores coming on line (clinical trials, statistics support, engineering, microscopy, and MRI).

5. UPC Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

6. UPC Action Items

- a. College of Arts and Letters
 - *Commercial Music Minor*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *Music Theatre concentration*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. College of Engineering and Computer Science
 - *Bachelor of Science in Geomatics Engineering*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

7. UGC Consent Agenda

- Motion to approve. No objections from the Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

8. UGC Action Agenda

- a. No agenda

9. Business Items

- a. Textbook Affordability Memorandum
 - Dr. Paul Hart presented the process for selecting textbooks for affordability. The presentation was separated by three sections: 1) Background and Context, 2) The Provost's Memorandum, and 3) Going Forward.
 - The background and context included Florida Legislation, Performance Metric 3, Legal Challenge presented by Morley Barnett, Inspector General, and Conflict of Interest.
 - The Florida Legislation included CS/HB 7019 – effective July 2016, Florida Statute Section 1004.085, Board of Governors Regulation 8.003, and FAU Regulation 3.004. The annual report included wide cost variance for high enrollment General Education (IFP) courses, initiatives designed to reduce costs, and policies for posting textbooks and report on posting compliance. Cost/Benefit Analysis includes enabling student to obtain the highest-quality

- product at the lowest available price. The certification that materials will be used, that a new edition differs significantly from the prior edition.
- Performance Metric 3 included cost for the undergraduate student, tuition and all fees including textbooks minus scholarships, SUS need to develop a common method for calculating the average cost of textbooks for course, and when the method is adopted, each institution will be held accountable for reducing the average cost.
 - The Conflict of Interest included “[s]tudents in a classroom can be a captive audience if they must purchase an assigned text that is not [otherwise] available...Because professors sometimes realize profits from sales to their students...professors may seem to be inappropriately enriching themselves at the expense of their students” (AAUP, 2001) as well as inconsistent practices across the University.
 - The Provost’s Memorandum included content and process.
 - The content consisted of affordability, posting requirements, selection process, no cost/At cost access to instructional materials, royalties obtained through sale to FAU students, and form to collect data for audit purposes.
 - The process included timely requirement to address issues such as the legal challenge and performance metrics. The review of other institutions’ policies/practices included SUS institutions (e.g., UF, FSU, USF, UCF), out-of-state institutions (e.g., Rutgers University, Penn State). The review by FAU Colleges includes Deans identified appropriate individuals, all feedback was incorporated, and advice from the Board of Governors. There were 11 Drafts to the Memorandum.
 - **Finally, going forward, Geoffrey Johnson will be the main contact for all compliance issues. Dean Carol Hixson will be the main contact for all affordability issues. Dean Hixson will chair a University Committee with representation from each of the colleges.**
 - **Dr. Kevin Wagner will be forming a committee to make policy recommendations to the Provost Office. Email Dr. Wagner if you are interested in joining the committee.**

10. Open Forum with the Provost

- Provost Perry begins his open forum by thanking Essential Personnel and the Emergency Management Team after Hurricane Irma. Classes are starting back up today.
- This past summer, FAU hired three new Deans – Dean Michael Horswell in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, Dean Wes Hawkins in the College for Design and Social Inquiry, and Dean Stella Batalama in the College of Engineering and Computer Science.
- Finally, Provost Perry will be sending a memo today to all Faculty on how FAU will recover the eight instructional days. The three reading days (December 4th, 5th, and 6th) will now become instructional days.

11. Good of the Senate

- Dean Deborah Floyd announces that the Three Minute Thesis is still open for registration. Currently, there are 108 students that have signed up. Every College has students representing them in the heat rounds. Faculty can still sign up to be a judge. Finally, faculty that attend the heat rounds have an opportunity to vote for the People’s Choice Award.

12. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm