

COE FACULTY ASSEMBLY

MINUTES - November 3, 2017, 10 am - Noon

Boca Campus – ED 313, Davie Campus – LA 148, Jupiter Campus – EC 202C

Attendance: CSD - Drs. Imgrund, Tessel, Williams; CE - Drs. Frain, Peluso; CCEI - Drs. Bhagwanji, Sembiante, Vaughan; EDLRM - Drs. Barakat, DeDonno, Lieberman, Mountford, Reyes-Guerra, Salinas, Shockley, Vasquez; ESE - Drs. Darling, Duffy, Finnegan, Goldstein, Heiser, Nguyen, Ramasamy, Scott, Wilson; ESHP - Dr. Zoeller; T&L - Drs. Ariza, Brown, Marinaccio, Nichols; **Dean's Office** - Drs. Bristor, Shepherd, Torok; **Guest Speakers** - Dr. Gary Perry (Provost), Dr. Michele Hawkins (Vice Provost).

Meeting called to order at 10:01 am.

Welcome Note (Dr. Ramasamy, FA President)

On behalf of FA, Dr. Ramasamy thanked Dean Bristor for her service. Dr. Bristor will serve as Dean through this academic year.

Review and approval of September 29, 2017, Faculty Assembly minutes. Motion to approve minutes made by Dr. Frain and seconded by Dr. Wilson. *Approved.*

Future FASC meeting dates will be January 12 and March 23, 2018.

Future FA meeting dates will be January 26 and April 6, 2018.

Fulbright Awards Policy. Issue is if faculty receives Fulbright, FAU policy says stipend goes back to department. Also concerning is that salary will not be given if stipend is not given to university. **Comment:** Fulbright application lumps budget, without specifying housing allowance. **Comment:** Why does the university feel it is necessary to take away money from faculty, when Fulbright is a prestigious award. **Comment:** FAU considers stipend as second salary. **Comment:** Bring it to senate. **Comment:** If you get sabbatical and coincides with Fulbright, you keep everything. **Comment:** State Department says this is your stipend, not the university's. **Comment:** COE senators take this issue to senate. **Comment:** Contact Dr. Diane Alperin to discuss this matter.

Senate Ad-Hoc Book Committee Representative. Dr. Jim Forgan will serve as COE representative.

Faculty Researcher and Scholar Award applications due in January 2018.

Faculty Research Mentoring Award applications are due in January 2018.

Merit raise example and instructions have been sent by email. Contact Dr. Robeson for clarification and/or assistance.

Collective bargaining survey extended to November 9, 2017.

Community Engagement

Dr. Susannah Brown, COE Community Engagement Liaison, invited faculty to continue submitting appropriate course syllabi. Review process will be expedited through Spring 2018. Next task towards Carnegie designation is high community partners. COE needs to feature partners that represent the college well; send brief narrative and contact information of community partners to Dr. Brown. Application Committee will consider high impact partners from the different colleges; best ones will be chosen to put forward for Carnegie designation.

New Business

Departmental/Faculty Spotlights

Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology. Dr. Shockley shared the mission and values of the department, enrollment trends, and points of pride that included FAU's largest doctoral program, ongoing partnerships, top 20 rankings, and high faculty productivity. National and international partnerships and as well as recipients of awards were described. (see PowerPoint)

Department of Exceptional Student Education. Dr. Wilson spotlighted many significant projects, faculty accomplishments, as well as the department's collegial culture. (see document). Dr. Ramasamy was congratulated for his son's recent graduation from medical school.

Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)

Issues and options. Dr. Valerie Bristor, COE Dean, discussed concerns about students earning BGS with COE stated on the transcript. For students not passing GK test, they can get BGS with COE statement. Options - students must be encouraged to take GK early on; get assistance of school districts; make changes in degree curriculum; limited access in program is also an option. Comment: COE's reputation is at risk; university used BGS as performance metrics. Comment: Process was that the BGS was to be reviewed every year. Comment: Will press again at senate steering.

Promotion & Tenure

Dr. Dale Williams introduced the new P&T committee members. Third year review letters have been sent to faculty and included in portfolios. P&T review letters are being prepared. Discuss revisions in P&T policy at department meetings and provide feedback to departmental P&T representatives. Committee will meet in early December 2017 and revise criteria to present in the spring.

Motion to extend the assembly meeting by 15 minutes made by Dr. Peluso and seconded by Dr. Ariza. *Approved.*

College of Education Dean Search

Provost Gary Perry and Vice Provost Michele Hawkins thanked Dean Bristor for her service and spoke about the Dean's search process. A national search for a new dean will be initiated, with oversight provided by Dr. Hawkins. Comment: What is the timeline for the search? Response: Find a new dean by the end of the academic year. Comment: Who will be on the search committee? Response: Usually a representative from each college or department; Dean Ed Pratt has agreed to chair the committee. Comment: Benefits of internal vs. external search? Response: More advantageous to be vetted nationally despite the cost. Comment: Will faculty assembly have opportunity to provide input? Response: Yes, faculty and staff can provide input.

Comment: Should FA discuss committee members for the search committee? Comment: Agree, this needs to be home grown and all departments represented. Comment: It is a lot of work, need to commit fully. Comment: Should FA nominate? Comment: Should be choice of departments. Comment: Should FA ask departments to find a representative from their departments? Comment: Ask departments to nominate their choices by faculty vote.

Faculty Accomplishments (see handout)

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Marinaccio and seconded by Dr. Vaughan, 12:15 pm. *Approved.*