

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Friday January 21, 2011
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Tim Lenz at 2:04 p.m. in the BOT Room on the Boca Raton Campus and video conferenced at the Treasure Coast Campus, the MacArthur Campus, the SeaTech Campus, the Fort Lauderdale Campus, and the Davie Campus.

Members Present: Diane Alperin, Bruce Arneklev, Pierre-Philippe Beaujean, Bill Bosshardt, Ernest Andrew Brewer, Clifford Brown, Valerie Bryan, Lester Embree, Nwadiuto Esiobu, Mary Faraci, Penelope Fritzer, Stuart Galup, Peggy Goldstein, Jerry Haky, Mike Harris, Fred Hoffman, Mehdi Kaighobadi, Kathryn Keller, James Kumi-Diaka, Eric Landes, Tim Lenz, Mortan Levitt, Joan Lindgren, Stephen Locke, Bill McDaniel, Tom Monson, Kanybek Nurtegin, Ron Nyhan, Howard Prentice, Markus Schmidmeier, Dilys Schoorman, Edward Schwerin, Eric Shaw, Leslie Siegel, Lydia Smiley, Jane Strudwick, Robert Trammell, Julie Honeycutt

Guests Present: Barry Linger, Joy Longo, David Lee, Barry Rosson, ? Lourdes, Norman Kaufman

2. The UFS meeting minutes from Dec 3, 2010 were approved.
3. President's Report: (distributed electronically)
4. UPC Consent Agenda
Approved by general consent
5. UPC Action Items
 - a. Science transient work policy and clarification
Approved by general consent
 - b. New members for the Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Committee
Approved by general consent
 - c. Film and Video Certificate changing to a minor at both undergrad and graduate levels.
 - Fred Hoffman pointed out that the changes from certificate to a minor would need to go before the graduate committee before coming to the Senate.
 - Tim Lenz said that there was no discussion of this at Steering.
 - There was a motion and it was seconded to table this item.
Motion to table item approved by general consent
 - d. Business Intelligence Certificate changes
Approved by general consent

e. Change in language to specify the general education requirements from the RN to the BSN track”.

Approved by general consent

f. Psychobiology BS program curricular changes

Approved by general consent

6. GPC Consent Agenda

-Fred Hoffman recommended that anything he cannot open, as a senator he should be able to deny passing.

-Debra Floyd informed that all documentation is available online.

Approved by general consent

7. GPC Action Items

a. The management programs department proposal to establish an MBA entrepreneur track.

Approved by general consent

b. BS to DNP new curriculum.

-Fred Hoffman asked for explanation of the item.

-Kathryn Keller said that they are gearing their programs to satisfy licensing laws that require a DNP.

Approved by general consent

8. Business Items:

1. Proposed Changes in the UFS Bylaws (Ron Nyhan)

2. School of Criminology and Criminal Justice has rescinded its proposal to require majors to have a 2.5 GPA

3. Report on meeting to discuss suspending changes to policy limiting instructors as Principal Investigators.

-Barry Rosson said that the policy was made to comply with a request from a consulting body and that the policy was made before his time as interim Vice President for Research. He said that the Research Committee was not consulted to make the policy.

-Fred Hoffman asked if they could just get it approved by the research committee and bring it to the senate.

-Barry Rosson said that they could do that.

-Jerry Haky said that there are several titles that need to be added.

-Fred Hoffman asked why the committee isn't the one deciding the wording.

-Michelle Hawkins said that she finds it uncomfortable to be the PI for an instructor that knows more about the subject than the person who must be on the project, as if it is demeaning to the instructor.

-Dr. Lenz is going to inquire with Barry Rosson as to whether he is going to send the policy to the research committee and what the status of the policy will be until then.

4. Results of the National Survey of Student Engagement.

-Tim Lenz reported that the December BOT meeting included pointed criticism of the status quo with constructive criticism of students (specifically admission

standards), the administration (specifically policies such as enrollment strategies and policies) and faculty (specifically the lack of engagement in efforts to improve FAU data on retention, graduation, etc. The discussion was prompted by a presentation of the results of a national survey of students. There was an extended discussion of this and other surveys and data on institutional performance, including

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the allocation of increased resources to support the changes expected, and measures of faculty engagement.

- A senator proposed forming a committee to look at the data gathered to assess the effectiveness of the university and form positive recommendations. After discussion of ways to provide the Strategic Planning Committee with input, there was a suggestion that Steering discuss creating a committee and bring the issue back to the Senate next month.

10. Open forum with the Provost

-Diane Alperin reported that the President is discussing the student survey and related issues, noting that it is important to take into consideration FAU's institutional characteristics when discussing comparative data.

She also reported on sabbatical awards. Sixteen one semester sabbaticals were awarded.

The University P & T Committee is still meeting.

-The Provost search committee and the search for Vice President for Research are reviewing resumes..

11. Good of the Senate:

12. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm