

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Friday February 18, 2011
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Tim Lenz at 2:00 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, Jonathon Bagby, Pierre-Philippe Beaujean, Bill Bosshardt, Ernest Andrew Brewer, Clifford Brown, Valerie Bryan, Lester Embree, Mary Faraci, Deborah Floyd, Joe Furner, Stuart Galup, Peggy Goldstein, Jerry Haky, Mike Harris, Fred Hoffman, David Kumar, James Kumi-Diaka, Tim Lenz, Mortan Levitt, Joan Lindgren, Stephen Locke, Bill McDaniel, Kanybek Nurtegin, Ron Nyhan, Abhijit Pandya, Gary Parsons, Howard Prentice, Gary Rose, Markus Schmidmeier, Edward Schwerin, Eric Shaw, Lydia Smiley, Jane Strudwick, Robert Trammell, Beverly Warde, Julie Honeycutt

Guests Present: James Fowlkes, Barry Linger, Ann Branaman, Norman Kaufman, David Lee

2. The UFS meeting minutes from January 21, 2011 were approved.
3. President's Report:
 - The BoT committee meetings included discussions of the University's mission including strategic planning. President Saunders has created a strategic planning steering committee Co-chaired by Gitanjali Kaul and Tim Lenz..
 - The proposed amendment to the UFS bylaws clarifying the status of the graduate programs committee will be distributed to the entire faculty. The Bylaws require that a proposed amendment be distributed to the faculty two weeks prior to it being acted upon by the UFS.
 - Tim Lenz stated that the UFS Bylaws are ambiguous about whether Instructors are eligible to be Senators: One section states that the UFS Faculty consists of ranked faculty; another section states that all members of the faculty shall be eligible for election as members of the UFS.
 - Fred Hoffman said that there is no ambiguity in the constitution because the definition of faculty is presented in the beginning of the document and it excludes Instructors.
4. UPC Consent Agenda
No agenda to consider this month
5. UPC Action Items

- a. There was a motion and it was seconded to discuss the proposal to change the Film and Video Certificate to a minor which was tabled at the January meeting and amended to apply only to the undergraduate level because the proposal had not yet been acted on by the GPC.
 - This change will remove confusion that this certifies someone as opposed to being an academic program.

Approved by general consent
6. GPC Consent Agenda

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7. GPC Action Items
 - a. Name Change Proposal from Ed.D to Ph.D for the Doctoral Degree in Curriculum and Instruction

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8. Business Items: Guest Speakers
 - Dr. Mara Shiff and James Fowlkes discussed .E-learning resources. Dr. Monica De Ture will be the new Director.
 - Sybilla Koch – Spoke on the new option for ORP retirement funds to switch from an annuity based fund to a mutual fund platform.
9. Open forum with the Provost
 - The new Associate Provost of Marine Environmental Initiatives at HBOI is coming on board.
 - The Provost search committee is reviewing resumes. The procedure is the same as the procedure for the Vice President for Research. Dean Bristol said that the pool is being narrowed down to 11 names and the next step is contacting the references.
 - The VP search committee has short listed 6 or 7 finalists; three or four candidates are to come to campus in March.
 - Fred Hoffman asked if the Colleges should be back in alphabetical order. The Provost said that she will look into it.
10. President Saunders said that the medical school has been accredited. A fundraising gala as part of FAU's 50th birthday will be held on October 29th.
 - Applications for admission have increased from 9,000 last year to 20,000 for Fall 2011.
 - There is going to be an aggressive attempt to recruit the best students. A core of faculty has volunteered to make calls to the top students. In response to a question whether the University would still adhere to the plan to admit 500 more students than originally planned, the President indicated that it would.
11. Good of the Senate:
 - Tim Lenz encouraged the faculty to participate in the opportunity to shape the incoming class by helping recruit helping recruit the best applicant

-Peggy Goldstein criticized the core curriculum committee's decision not to add to the core curriculum a course, Disability and Society, which had been proposed by the Department of Exceptional Student Education. She believes that FAU's core curriculum is too narrowly focused compared to other universities, such as the University of Florida, and she called for a philosophical change rather than a moratorium on adding new courses.

-Jerry Haky said that the issue is complicated and FAU is in the middle of the SACS accreditation

-Diane Alperin said there should be an assessment of what we have and then decide how we will go forward.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm