

**Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
April 14, 2015
BOT Conference Room, 2pm – 4pm**

Members Present: Ron Nyhan, Chris Beetle, Dilys Schoorman, Mike Harris, Morton Levitt, Bill Bosshardt, Diane Alperin (non-voting), Gary Perry (non-voting)

Absent: Yolanda Gamboa

Guests: Ed Pratt, Frankie Santos Laanan, Deborah Floyd, Katie Burke, Paul Peluso, Charles Roberts, Valerie Bryan, Bruce J. Arneklev, Vicki Brown, Katie Burke, Anne Mulder, Michele Hawkins, Debra Szabo, Xing-Hai Zhang, Michelle Cavallo, Eric Hanne, Laura Joella, Rebecca Lautar

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Chair, Dr. Ron Nyhan.
2. The UFS Steering minutes from [March 17, 2015](#) were approved with no objections from the committee.

3. President's Report:

- a. The new members of the Steering committee were announced: Kevin Wagner, Dilys Schoorman, and Susan Dyess.
 - b. The issue of external faculty serving on dissertations is a concern to the faculty. It is being inconsistently applied in the various colleges. Ron suggested that the Provost's Office and the Dean of the Graduate college get together to sort out the policies so that there is clarity for the colleges and faculty members.
 - c. Speakers – President Kelly has agreed to address the Senate next Friday.
4. [UPC Consent Agenda](#): no objections from Steering; the consent agenda is **approved by majority vote**.

5. [UPC Action Agenda](#):

a. College of Arts & Letters

- History Elective Requirements
 - Motion to move forward with a **positive recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries
- Music Vocal Core Course Replacement
 - Motion to move forward with a **positive recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries.
- Commercial Music Minor
 - Motion to move forward with a positive recommendation from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries

b. College for Design and Social Inquiry

- Architectural Studies

- No representative present to answer questions
- Motion to move forward **without recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries.
- Criminal Justice Minor
 - Motion to move forward with **positive recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries.

c. **Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College**

- Honors College Core Revision
 - Motion to move forward with **positive recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries.

6. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)

- a. Items were withdrawn by initiators:
 - MHS 5401
 - MHS 5620
 - MHS 5608
- b. Motion to accept amended agenda. Seconded. **Approved by majority vote.**

7. [UGC Action Agenda:](#)

- a. College of Education
 - Certificate in Postsecondary Academic Coaching
 - Withdrawn
- b. College of Nursing
 - DNP to PHD Degree Option
 - Questions about what's being added.
 - No representative was present to address the concerns of the committee
 - Committee requested that Joy Longo be at Senate meeting to discuss.
 - Motion to send forward **without recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries.
- c. College of Science
 - Doctor of Philosophy Integrative Biology
 - Discussion on amount of credit hours being added to the program and whether they are pedagogically sound.
 - Motion to table item until there is a clear definition across colleges for pedagogical as well as other reasons. Seconded. Motion carries.

8. **Business Items:**

- a. Assessment Committee Recommendation
 - There was discussion about the length of the SPOT, there are anonymity concerns from the students, and the validity of it.
 - Morton suggested if we bring it to senate to only vote on the recommendation as a whole rather than offering discussion and amendments on individual questions.
 - Morton motioned to move forward to senate with a positive recommendation from steering. There was a tie.
 - Ron offered a second motion to move forward **without recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Majority approved.
- b. Distance Learning Committee Recommendation
 - Vicki Brown talked about the “opportunities for consultation” and what it meant. It was clarified that the recommendation is just for Summer term.
 - Motion to move forward with **positive recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries.
- c. Revisions to the Athletics Committee Bylaws
 - Motion to move forward with **positive recommendation** from Steering. Seconded. Motion carries
- d. **Education Leadership Courses**
 - This is going back to UUPC to determine if it will move forward
 - Ron suggested Steering to meet 10 minutes before Senate meeting to discuss these courses.
 - If UUPC agrees to move forward then Steering will bring to Senate.

9. Open Forum with the Provost

- a. Dean Searches are still underway. The Provost announces that the CDSI and College of Science searches have failed and will begin again in the Summer or Fall. We are still waiting for the Library search.
- b. Mike Harris asks about plans for new money. Provost Perry reports that the President and Executive Team have not yet discussed it. He presumes some will go to the Strategic Plan, Student Success, and other nonrecurring costs.
- c. Dilys Schoorman asks about the P&T committees and Non Tenure committees and why they have different members. She mentions that the varying members in the Non Tenure committees offer an interesting dynamic. Provost Perry and Vice Provost Alperin suggest that it might be revisited in the future.

10. Good of the Steering Committee

- a. Mike Harris thanks President Nyhan for his time and all that he has done for the Senate. Dilys Schoorman echoes the same.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.