

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
April 24, 2015
NU 201, 2:00PM – 4:00PM

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

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Ron Nyhan at 2:00pm. The meeting was held in room NU-201 on the Boca Raton Campus and was video conferenced to Davie (LA 139), Fort Lauderdale (HE 608), Harbor Branch (LE 235), and Jupiter (SR 200).
2. **With positive approval**, the Senate approved [March 27, 2015](#) UFS minutes.
3. **President's report**
 - a. No report was given.
4. **Speakers**
 - a. University President John Kelly spoke to the Senate. President Kelly spoke about the College of Medicine's inaugural graduating class and went on to say that FAU will have its largest graduating class this year across the institution. President Kelly also touched base on the metrics and his plans to bring in out-of-state and international students in the coming year. He informed the Senate about the plans for fundraising and encouraged the faculty to reach out to the community. President Kelly stressed the importance of faculty as mentors to students and how they can impact a student's success. He wants to increase FAU's exposure in the community and on a national level with good press. President Kelly went on to answer any questions the Senate presented to their satisfaction.
5. **[UUPC Consent Agenda](#)**
 - a. No objections from Senate – **approved by majority vote.**
6. **[UUPC Action Items](#)**
 - a. College of Arts & Letters
 - a. History Elective Requirements
 - o Motion to accept. Seconded. **Approved unanimously.**
 - b. Music Vocal Core Course Replacement
 - o Motion to accept. Seconded. **Approved unanimously.**
 - c. Commercial Music Minor
 - o Motion to accept. Seconded. **Approved unanimously.**
 - b. College for Design and Social Inquiry
 - a. Architectural Studies
 - o Representative from Architecture came to discuss the minor and its incentive to keep students in the university.

- Motion to accept minor. Seconded. **Approved unanimously.**
 - c. Harriet Wilkes Honors College
 - a. Honors College Core Revision
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. **Approved unanimously.**
7. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)
- a. No objections from Senate – **approved by majority vote.**
8. [UGC Action Items](#)
- a. College of Education
 - a. Certificate in Postsecondary Academic Coaching
 - **Withdrawn by initiator.**
 - b. College of Nursing
 - a. DNP to PHD Degree Option
 - b. Representative from Nursing was there to discuss and answer any questions the Senators had.
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. **Approved unanimously.**
 - c. College of Science
 - a. **Item tabled at Steering.**
9. **Business items**
- a. New Steering Committee Members
 - a. The following Senators were elected to be on the Steering Committee
 - Dilys Schoorman
 - Kevin Wagner
 - Susan Dyess
 - b. [Assessment Committee Recommendation](#)
 - a. Discussion followed with regard to validity and reliability of the new SPOT.
 - b. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Assessment Committee to the new, shortened SPOT.
 - In favor: 27
 - Opposed: 4
 - Abstaining: 6
 - Motion carries
 - c. [Distance Learning Committee Recommendation](#)
 - a. The report is to continue as a policy to allow those faculty teaching online distance education courses during the summer to hold electronic office hours.
 - Motion to accept recommendation. Seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

- d. [Revisions to the Athletics Committee Bylaws](#)
 - a. Motion to accept changes. Seconded. **Approved unanimously.**
 - b. Kim Dunn discussed the changes in detail.

- e. Education Leadership Minor and Courses
 - a. Recommended unanimously by the UUPC and comes to Senate with a positive recommendation from Steering.
 - b. Motion to remove from the table. Seconded.
 - c. Motion to accept the Leadership Minor and the courses associated with it. Seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

10. Open forum with the Provost

- a. Provost Perry gave an update about the Dean searches. The library dean search is closed. Carol Hickson will begin in the Fall. The Provost is in the process of P/T interviews and hopes to have those meetings concluded in the next week at which point he will bring his recommendations to the President who will bring them before the Board of Trustees. There is a University P/T workshop next week led by Diane Alperin and Larry Glick. The Provost also thanked the committees involved with granting the Honorary Doctorate degree to Irwin Stovroff. Provost thanked Ron Nyhan for his time as UFS President.

11. Good of the Senate

- a. Ron spoke about his time as Faculty Senate President and thanked the Provost and the Senators. Ron passed on cufflinks that have been passed down through UFS Presidents to Chris Beetle and handed over the gavel as well.
- b. Chris Beetle accepted the gifts and went on to address the Senate and thank the faculty.

12. Meeting adjourned by Chris Beetle at 4:02 pm