

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
March 27, 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 2:02pm. 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 (RL 201), and Jupiter (SR 200).
2. **With positive approval**, the Senate approved [February 20, 2015](#) UFS minutes.
3. **President's report**
 - a. Dr. Nyhan reported that FAU is out of the bottom and ahead of FSU in the metrics ranking system. Ron thanked the faculty and staff for their hard work.
 - b. Ron announced that the Guns on Campus bill is continuing to move forward.
4. **Speakers**
 - a. Dorothy Russell, Chief Financial Officer, attended and spoke at the UFS meeting. Dorothy covered the budget and how the metrics will be impacting it. Dorothy included a PowerPoint presentation to provide visuals of the numbers. She discussed how, even though we are out of the bottom, there is uncertainty with the amount of money we will be receiving. The legislature has not yet determined how much each school will be getting, therefore FAU must wait to make decisions regarding new hires among other factors. Dorothy answered questions the Senate presented to satisfaction.
 - b. The Scheduling Committee presented a brief PowerPoint to the Senate regarding a proposal for schedule changes that would work more efficiently for the students and faculty based on research and data collection that was done throughout the university. The goal is to maximize available course space and utilize more underused time slots. The committee answered questions to satisfaction.
5. **[UUPC Consent Agenda](#)**
 - a. No objections from Senate – **approved by majority vote.**
6. **[UUPC Action Items](#)**
 - a. College of Arts & Letters
 - a. Photography
 - o Motion carries. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - b. Bachelor of Music: Performance Concentration, Vocal Option
 - o Motion carries. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - c. Honors in Philosophy
 - o Motion carries. **Approved by majority vote.**

- d. Language, Linguistics, and Comp. Lit – *previously tabled*
 - o Motion carries. **Approved by majority vote.**

b. College of Business

- a. Management Concentration
 - o Motion carries. **Approved by majority vote.**

c. College of Education

- a. Leadership studies minor along with courses pulled from Consent Agenda
 - o Concern from Communications Dept. – courses overlap in content; there was no consultation as well. There was a faculty meeting in the morning and they voted unanimously and decided these courses should be deferred back to the committee.
 - o Representative from College of Education spoke about the courses and the consultation process they followed.
 - o Fred motioned to have this set of courses returned to the UGPC
 - o Motion is seconded. Motion is **approved my majority vote. 3 opposed.**

7. UGC Consent Agenda

- a. No objections from Senate – **approved by majority vote.**

8. **UGC Action Items**

- a. MA Degree in Music *pulled from Consent agenda*
 - a. Motion to move forward. Motion carries. **Approved by majority vote.**

- b. MS Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice *pulled from Consent agenda*
 - a. Rachel Santos spoke about the changes being made to the program.
 - b. Motion to move forward. Motion carries. **Approved by majority vote.**

- c. MS Degree in Civil Engineering *pulled from Consent Agenda*
 - a. There was a brief discussion on the changes by a rep from the college.
 - b. Motion to move forward. Motion carries. **Approved by majority vote.**

9. **Business items**

a. Bylaws Changes

- a. Dissolution of Committee on Committees
 - o Motion to move forward. Motion carries. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. The UFS is composed of all Full-time faculty excluding visiting positions
 - o There was a discussion/debate amongst the senators regarding whether instructors should be allowed to be in the Senate.
 - o A vote was had to determine those in favor of changing the bylaws definition of members of the Senate
 - a. 23 Senators were in favor
 - b. 8 were opposed

- Motion carries and bylaws will be amended immediately. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - Will go into effect in the Fall.
- b. Nominations of Steering Committee Members**
- a. The following Senators were nominated and accepted the nomination:
 - Dilys Schoorman
 - Kevin Wagner
 - Susan Dyess
 - Meredith Mountford
 - b. The candidates gave brief speeches.
 - c. Electronic voting will take place within the next 10 days.
- c. [Assessment Committee Recommendation](#) – *Informational Item***
- a. No open discussion at Senate meeting. Open discussion will be done at the April meeting.
 - b. Ron asked the Senators to review the document, talk to their faculty, and come in prepared to vote up or down on the issue at the next meeting.
- d. Strategic Plan**
- a. Draft has been accepted by the BOT
 - b. Ron asked the Senate to think about how UFS will fit into the Strategic Plan and what they can do as part of the process.

10. Open forum with the Provost

- a. Vice Provost Diane Alperin spoke on behalf of Provost Perry who could not attend.
- b. Some updates relayed by Vice Provost Diane were:
 - a. Provost Perry wants to applaud the faculty on the performance rating increase, but wants the university to stay focused on continuing to do better.
 - b. BOG appointed two members to the BOT; Anthony Barbar, reappointed; and new member Dr. Michael Dennis.
 - c. We have three dean searches going on:
 - Library Dean brought 2 candidates to campus; reference checks are being done; should have a recommendation soon.
 - Science Dean search has been skyping candidates and will be bringing candidates to campus
 - CDSI brought 2 candidates to campus; candidate chosen declined offer; when Provost Perry returns, they will be setting up the process for selecting an Interim Dean.
 - d. Next meeting Provost's office will be reporting on Promotion and Tenure.
- c. Diane answered questions from the Senate.

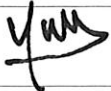
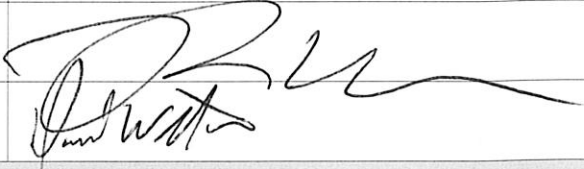
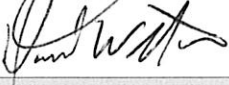
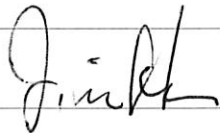
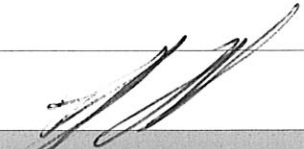
11. Good of the Senate

- a. Mike Harris pointed out that students are being forced to graduate, however some students have legitimate reasons to continue on to finish a certificate or finish a minor. Mike is concerned that the metrics will drive the academic and urges that we cannot let that happen.

12. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

UFS Attendance Sign-In

3/27/2015

College	Name	Signature
Arts & Letters	1) Pat Darlington	
	2) Marshall De Rosa	
	3) Mary Faraci	Submitted attendance via email
	4) Yolanda Gamboa	
	5) Mike Harris	
	6) Tim Lenz	
	7) Manjunath Pendakur	
	8) Kevin Wagner	
	9) David Williams	
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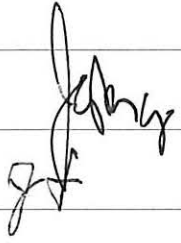


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Engineering	1) Davood Moslemain	<i>D. Moslemain</i>
	2) Hari Kalva	
	3) Evangelos Kaiser	
Honors College	1) Jon Moore	
	2) Miguel Vázquez	
Medicine	1) Kathleen Guthrie	Submitted attendance via email
	2) Morton Levitt	
Nursing	1) Susan Dyess	<i>SD</i>
Library	1) Larry Mello	
	2) Teresa Van Dyke	
Science	1) Fred Hoffman	
	2) James Kumi-Diaka	
	3) Stephen Locke	
	4) Chris Beetle	
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	6) Markus Schmidmeier	
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Graduate Council	Alli Zilouchian <i>Rae Peluso</i>	
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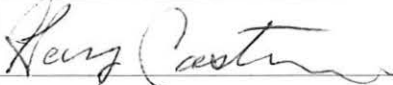

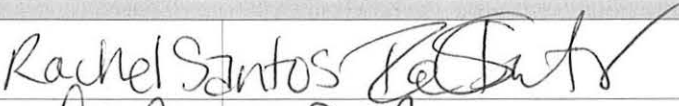
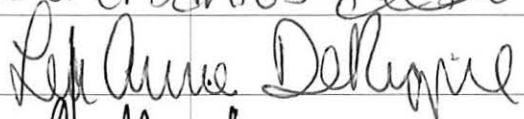


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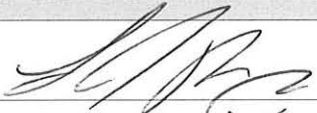
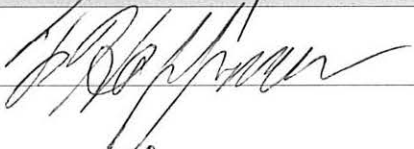
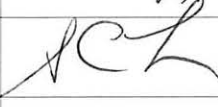


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