

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
December 4, 2015
NU 202, 2:00PM – 4:00PM

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

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Chris Beetle at 2:01pm. The meeting was held in room NU-202 on the Boca Raton Campus and was video conferenced to Davie (DW 108), Fort Lauderdale (HE 608), Harbor Branch (LE 235), Jupiter (SR 200), and Sea Tech (ST 209)
2. **With positive approval**, the Senate approved [November 6, 2015](#) UFS minutes.
3. **President's report**
 - a. Dr. Beetle updates the Senate of the progress of the SPE Committee. The committee is developing a second draft of that policy and continues to meet and we can expect to hear something about it in January.
4. **Speakers**
 - a. Dean Heather Coltman and Dr. Michael Horswell present an update to the Senate on the Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Platform. According to Dean Coltman, there are a number of activities going on in almost every college and across other entities on campus related to PJHR. Dean Coltman informs the Senate that PJHR was able to receive some seed funding from Lalita Janke that will allow \$30,000/year for two years. This allowed for Dean Coltman and those involved to pull together some stakeholders, creating a Steering Committee and some faculty fellows.

Following becoming a platform, they submitted a formal request to the leadership team for the creation of an institute or a center. It would be specifically resonant to South Florida and the region and could make us a distinctive entity across the country with the type of research and activity that will be going on.

With the funding, they were also able to develop a website. PJHR is organized around four streams of activity; one being looking at curriculum, the second will be looking at research, the third will be looking at community partnerships and outreach, and the fourth will be looking at more global partnerships and collaborations.

A request was also put in to hire a director to head this initiative. It was funded and currently in the search process.

Dr. Horswell discusses one of the projects they've taken on which was to look at our curriculum at all levels. A PJHR Certificate has been created as a result of this project and that certificate is open to any student in any of the colleges. They also looked into the graduate curriculum and are piloting a master's concentration in Political Science. It is a 3-course concentration in PJHR that makes sense for Political Science, but will be

adaptable to other master's programs. This is a first step to developing a stand-alone master's program. On the PhD level, they are looking to develop a concentration for the PJHR program.

Dean Coltman and Dr. Horswell both emphasize the [website](#). They want it to be the hub for this platform. The Faculty Fellows are listed on the website so you can see who is heading up each focus area. There is additional information on the themes. There is information on research opportunities among many other things.

Recently, a million dollar donation was given by the Jankes to help fund the research on environmental sustainability. Dr. Colin Polsky, who is heading that project, will be putting out the call for faculty researchers to help on this so be on the lookout for that.

Lastly, Dean Coltman asks faculty to share their ideas for PJHR. Dr. Horswell talks about getting involved in social media and twitter to promote this initiative. He asks that you inform your students. He also mentions the events column on the website and directs faculty to have a look. There is always something they can attend or share with their students as it relates to PJHR.

Dr. Mountford commends them for all their hard work and effort integrating all the colleges. Dr. Schmidmeier poses a question concerning the use of the words "peace and justice". Dean Coltman explains that they looked across the country to see what words were used for these programs. She explains that the use of the terms is global and as they get deeper into the initiatives, then they can see more specifically what alternative words might be used. This concludes their presentation.

5. [UUPC Consent Agenda](#)

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

6. [UUPC Action Items](#)

- a. College of Arts and Letters
 - *Bachelor of Music Education*
 - No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *BA Theatre, Design/Technical Concentration*
 - *BA Theatre, General Concentration*
 - *BFA Theatre, Performance*
 - The motion is to consider these three items as a single unit. There are no objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. College of Engineering and Computer Science
 - *Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering*
 - Dr. Fred Hoffman has a procedural objection. Though he believes the proposal is well written, he does not think it was properly considered by

the APBC. Dr. Hoffman motions to send the proposal back to the APBC for due process. Seconded by Tim Lenz.

- Dr. Ron Nyhan agrees that the proposal came to the committee in a rush, but two options were put forth to the committee; 1) would they vote by email? 2) Do they vote to send to Steering with a positive recommendation? A majority of the committee members voted positively on the motion.
- Dr. Bill Bosshardt, another APBC committee member, agrees with Dr. Fred Hoffman on the procedural argument. He feels that a meeting would've inspired more discussion on the proposal.
- Dr. Schoorman asks the question if there would be a difference in the APBC vote if the proposal were to be sent back to the committee for due process.
- Dr. Dan Meeroff mentions that this is something that has been in processing for at least a year now. He does not know what else to say in regards to the proposal. There was no rush.
- After much discussion, Dr. Beetle calls a vote on the subsidiary motion to send back to the APBC for due process. The majority of the Senate is in opposition. The motion is denied.
- We now return to the principle motion, which is to approve. After a majority vote, **the motion carries.**

- *Preprofessional Engineering Program*

- *Civil Engineering*

- *Computer Engineering*

- *Computer Science*

- *Electrical Engineering*

- *Geomatics Engineering*

- *Mechanical Engineering*

- *Ocean Engineering*

- There is a motion to consider the remaining items as a unit. Motion is seconded. After a majority vote, **the motion carries.**

7. UGC Consent Agenda

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

8. UGC Action Items

- a. College of Arts and Letters

- *MA in Comparative Literature*

- *MA in French*

- *MA in Spanish*

- *MA in Linguistics*

- *MA/MAT in French & Spanish; MA in Comp. Lit. and Linguistics*

- *MAT in French*

- *MAT in Spanish*

- Motion to consider all as a block and to approve. Seconded. **Approved by majority vote.**

b. College of Business

- *Certificate in Big Data Analytics*
 - Motion to approve. Seconded. **Approved by a majority vote.**
- *Master of Accounting Concentration in Prof. Acct.*
- *Master of Accounting Concentration in Digital Acct. Forensics and Data*
- *Master of Accounting Catalog Course Desc. for ACG 6175*
 - Motion to consider remaining accounting items as a block and approve. Seconded. **Approved by a majority vote.**

c. College for Design and Social Inquiry

- *Public Admin Exec. Certificate*
- *Public Procurement Exec. Certificate*
 - Motion to treat as a block and approve the termination of certificates. Seconded. **Approved by a majority vote.**

d. College of Engineering and Computer Science

- *Graduate Certificate in Big Data Analytics*
 - Dr. Schoorman points out that this is the parallel part for the program in Business. Technically, it's already been approved. This proposal was submitted separately.
 - Motion to approve. Seconded. **Approved by majority vote.**
- *Graduate Certificate in Cyber Security*
 - This program will be coming through again for the Mathematics dept.
 - Motion to approve. Seconded. **Approved after a majority vote.**
- *Corrosion Certificate*
 - Motion to approve. Seconded. **Approved by majority vote.**

9. Business Items

a. [Research-Intensive Course Designation](#)

- There was a presentation given at the last Senate meeting, therefore this will not be discussed in detail. It comes forward to the Senate from Steering with a positive recommendation. The motion is to approve. A vote is called. **Approved by a majority vote.**

b. Workday Comments Discussion Board

- Dr. Mike Harris shares his experience with Workday and accommodating a student for travel. Other Senators have had some issues with Workday as well.
- It is agreed upon that Arcadia and Rochelle will look into setting up either an email account or discussion board in Blackboard to help facilitate resolving the issues.
- We will discuss at the next Senate meeting

10. Open forum with the Provost

- a. Provost Perry begins by speaking to the Workday issue, acknowledging that we are working with the company to formulate and influence a design module that will integrate student information. Dr. Perry congratulates Dean Coltman and Dr. Horswell for their work and effort on the PJHR platform. There are two other items he mentions; on Nov 10th the Governor held a Cabinet Meeting on our Jupiter campus for the first time. The Cabinet left very impressed with FAU that day. A week later, the Provost and others were in Tallahassee for FAU days. There were 6 teams that were sent up. Next year, the Provost would like to bring up some faculty. They met with Senators, Legislators, and Representatives. Provost Perry mentions that FAU seems to be the “darling” of the Governor at that moment. We are at the top of his list of universities producing degrees in the area of special emphasis. This should work in our favor for metrics this year. Provost Perry opens up the floor for questions. There is a brief discussion about filling existing faculty positions. Dr. Haky asks about the progress of updating the buildings. Dr. Perry confirms that it is in the request for this year to receive funding to update the buildings.



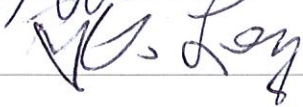




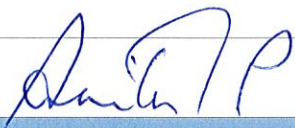

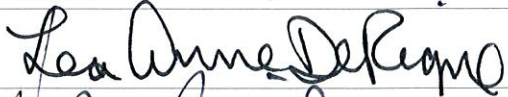
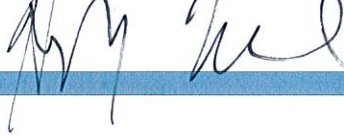

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- a. Nothing at this time.

12. Meeting adjourned by Dr. Chris Beetle at 3:24pm.


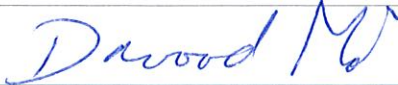
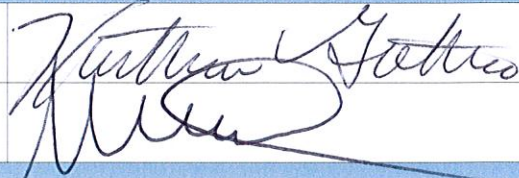

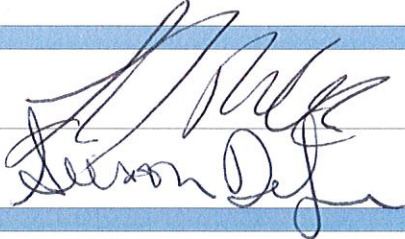




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College		Name	Signature
Arts & Letters	1)	Adam Bradford	in attendance
	2)	Pat Darlington	
	3)	Marshall De Rosa	
	4)	Mary Faraci	
	5)	Yolanda Gamboa	
	6)	Mike Harris	
	7)	Tim Lenz	
	8)	Manjunath Pendakur	
	9)	Kevin Wagner	
	10)	David Williams	
Business	1)	Patrick Bernet	in attendance
	2)	Bill Bosshardt	
	3)	Gary Castrogiovanni	
	4)	Kim Dunn	
	5)	Jim Han	
	6)	Anita Pennathur	
Design & Social Inquiry	1)	Bruce Arneklev	
	2)	LeaAnne DeRigne	
	3)	Hugh Miller	
Education	1)	Yash Bhagwanji	
	2)	Meredith Mountford	


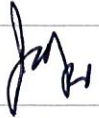

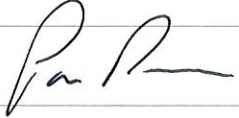
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	3)	Philomena Marinaccio	
	4)	Dilys Schoorman	
	5)	Robert Zoeller	
Engineering	1)	Evangelos Kaisar	
	2)	Hari Kalva	
	3)	Davood Moslemain	
Honors College	1)	Kevin Lanning	
	2)	Miguel Vázquez	
Medicine	1)	Kathleen Guthrie	
	2)	Morton Levitt	
Nursing	1)	Susan Dyess	
	2)	Cynthia Archibald	
Library	1)	Larry Mello	
	2)	Allison DeLuca	
Science	1)	Fred Hoffman	
	2)	James Kumi-Diaka	
	3)	Steve Locke	
	4)	Daniela Popova	
	5)	Evonne Rezler	
	6)	Markus Schmidmeier	
	7)	Lianfen Qian	

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Faculty Assembly Heads		
A&L	Kevin Wagner	
BUS	C.M. Sashi	
D&SI	TBD	
EDU	Michael Frain	
ENG	Amir Abtahi	
HON COL	Miguel Vázquez	
MED	Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi	
NUR	Joy Longo	
SCI	Jerry Haky	
LIB	Lauri Rebar	
Committee Chairs		
AFDPC	Marshall De Rosa	
APBC	Ron Nyhan	
Admission & Retention	Rupert Rhodd	
Assessment	Nancey France	
Distance Education	Mary Cameron	
Graduate Council	Paul Peluso	
Honors and Awards	Evangelos Kaisar	
Library Advisory	Carol Hixson	
P&T	Pradeep Korgaonkar	

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Research		Arlene Fradkin	
UPC		Jerry Haky	<i>JH</i>
GPC		William McDaniel	
Senate President		Christopher Beetle	
Past President		Ron Nyhan	
Non-Voting Members			
President		John Kelly	
Provost		Gary Perry	

Guest Sign-In Sheet - December 4, 2015

Dept.	Name	Signature
Proctor	Diane Alpen	D. Alpen
Public Serv	Jennifer Peluso	Jennifer Peluso
LCL	NANCY POULSON	Nancy Poulson
UGR	Donna Chanley-Wilk	[Signature]
Theatrical Design	Das Gallant	[Signature]
"	Jean Baldez	
Library	Ethan Fenichel	[Signature]
VAAH	Emily Fenichel	Emily A. Fenichel
SW	Vicki Rosenthal	Vicki Rosenthal