

**University Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
Friday February 17, 2012**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by William McDaniel, President, at 2:02 p.m. in BOT Room on the Boca Raton Campus and videoconference at the Davie Campus, the Fort Lauderdale Campus, the SeaTech Campus, the Harbor Branch Campus, and the Port St. Lucie Campus

Members Present: William McDaniel, President M. J. Saunders, Provost Brenda Claiborne, Bruce Arneklev, Michele Hawkins, Kanybek Nurtegin, Stuart Galup, Eric Shaw, Bill Bosshardt, Ernest Brewer, Deborah Floyd, Dilys Schoorman, David Kumar, Joan Lindgren, Mike Harris, Brian McConnell, Tim Lenz, Mary “Ann” Brananman, Fred Hoffman, Markus Schmidmeier, Stephen Locke, Jerry Haky, Morton Levitt, Schmidt-Kostner, Susan Dyess, Bernadette Lange, Ken Frankel, Valerie Bryan, Robert Trammell, Jon Moore, Mary Faraci, Ron Nyhan, Chris Beetle, James Kumi-Diaka and Susannah Brown

Guests Present: Diane Alperin, Ed Pratt

2. The UFS meeting minutes from January 2011, as amended, were approved.
3. President’s Report: [i] more Summer Freshman applicants; [ii] FAU average load has gone from about 9 credits to about 12; [iii] the cost of an FAU degree averages about \$10,500 annually; [iv] information about legislative sausage-making in annual FAU budget; [v] President needs “sense of the Senate” to inform BOT
4. UPC Consent Agenda: none
5. UPC Action Items; none
6. GPC Consent Agenda: none
7. GPC Action Item
  - a. Changes to degree requirements of Specialist in Counselor Education
8. Business Items:
  - [i] Past-President Lenz gave an annual report for the Academic Planning & Budget Committee. He noted that he has been approached by the University CFO about regular participation in FAU budgeting by the APBC. President McDaniel has also been in conference about this subject. It will come before the next Steering meeting. [ii] Eric Shaw notified the Senate that changes in the Bylaws are pending for the next Senate meeting. Specifically, both APBC and Committee

on Committee's have three members listed as coming from Campus Senates. The proposal is to raise the total number of at-large members to six for each committee. [iii] Bill Bosshardt, Chair of the Committee on Committees, reported that nominations are in order for Senate elections of President-Elect, three Steering members, three Committee on Committee members and three APBC members. These nominations should go through Mike Harris. Further nominations will be accepted from the floor that the March Senate meeting. Also, Bosshardt solicits volunteers for the e-Learning Task Force and the Library Advisory Committee.

9. Guest Speaker: Associate Provost Kaul gave the Senate an update on SACS accreditation activities.

10. Collective Bargaining Report – bargaining is to begin soon

11. Open Forum with the Provost

Provost Claiborne discussed: [i] FAU is working on modifications with reference to BOG 8.016. [ii] Highlights of current situation include “high tide” items of a positive environment, an exciting future and student support, but “low tide” items of difficulty in serving students, in maintaining infrastructure, in implementing strategic plan, in preparing for increased enrollment and in dealing with budget challenges. [iii] The potential for a leadership team to make long term cultural change. [iv] The establishment of an Honors Education Task Force for a unified theme in all honors programs, “Distinction through Discovery.” Long term, this includes having an honors coordinator, a research mentors program, marketing, accepting faculty nominations of students, having student focus groups using an online survey and an honors campaign. [v] The promotion and tenure process is at the level of the Provost's office. [vi] budget threats by Senate are affecting faculty recruitment. [vii] providing adequate scheduling for students is paramount in dealing with potential budget cuts.

12. Comments by President M. J. Saunders

President Saunders discussed [i] Senate proposing \$47 million cut to be “covered by FAU reserve” but reserve is for mandated applications, including safety balance, legislated earmarks, medical school, previous cut coverage, IT upgrades, library upgrades, e-learning, reserve for leaves and retirement reimbursements. [ii.] PBS's “Slavery by Another Name” is by Professor LaFloria of the FAU History Department. [iii] City of Boca Raton is considering development east of the campus, consistent with commercial needs of a major campus

13. Good of the Senate: Senator Schoorman outlined how changes in FAU service departments is having a negative impact on Graduate Students in the College of Education

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 pm