

**University Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Friday, March 28, 2008**  
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by past President Roy Levow in the absence of Eric Shaw at 2:05 p.m. The meeting took place in the BOT Room located on the third floor of the Administration Building, on the Boca Raton Campus, and via video conference at the Treasure Coast Campus, the MacArthur Campus, the SeaTech Campus, the Fort Lauderdale Campus, and the Davie Campus.

Members Present: Bruce Arneklev, Pierre-Philippe Beaujean, Bill Bosshardt, Doug Broadfield, Bob Cerveney, John Childrey, Mary Faraci, Deborah Floyd, Andres Folleco, Jim Gray, Mike Harris, Fred Hoffman, Mehdi Kaighobadi, James Kumi-Diaka, Tim Lenz, Roy Levow, Stephen Locke, Bill McDaniel, Abhijit Pandya, Howard Prentice, John Prichett, Lydia Smiley, Allen Smith, Eugene Smith, John Valentine, Julie Honeycutt

Guests Present: Diane Alperin, Ed Pratt, Larry Liebovitch, Rozalia Williams

2. The UFS meeting minutes from February 22, 2008 were approved.
3. Announcements (no announcements)
4. BoT report (Roy Levow)
  - The BoT meeting began with an Athletics workshop. The funding gap is in line with what is expected. Athletics will finish the year, as it is obligated to, within its budget. Though the bowl game did not benefit FAU financially, it only cost us a very small amount. If we get to the bowl again next year, that will change, as we have a better television deal this year.
  - The Athletics budget is on target. Planning and fundraising are moving forward for the stadium. One and a quarter million dollars were donated for the naming of a gate. The change in the finance market has affected our planning and financing and slowed progress.
  - The board approved the new PhD in Geosciences.
  - The board had to re-approve the tenure procedures as a result of an amendment. They did so.
  - The board approved material and supply fees for lab courses.
5. UPC Consent Agenda  
**Approved by general consent.**
6. UPC Action Items
  - Initiation of Mathematics Placement Exam - Ed Pratt presented the proposal that all FTIC students, and all transfer students who have not passed any college-level mathematics courses with grades of C or better be required to take the ALEKS placement exam, at a minimal charge of \$3.60. We have found that many students are not prepared for the

courses that they sign up for, and this test will allow them to better enroll in the appropriate classes. The university hopes to implement the test as early as next week. Students may take the exam on line and receive their grades immediately. The cut off scores themselves act as a pre-requisite for courses. The requirement will be effective in summer session B.

**Approved by general consent.**

- Changes to College of Business Undergraduate Selective Admissions Policy –This is a policy for students that have been admitted to FAU and now want to be admitted into the College of Business. One change was simply to indicate that the policy is now in place. A second was needed because the catalog is archived twice a year so a once a year policy is not compatible. The third change was to eliminate provisional status for students in the program. The rule affected is internal to the college and not University wide.

**Approved by general consent**

- School of Accounting catalog changes to the major

**Approved by general consent**

- Adding Insurance courses to list of electives for Finance Major

**Approved by general consent**

- Changes to Health Administration Curriculum

**Approved by general consent**

- Course sequence modifications for Hospitality and Tourism Management Major

**Approved by general consent**

- GPA entrance requirement change for RN to BSN students

**Approved by general consent**

## 7. Business Items

- Gary Parsons reported on the Sustainability Committee.  
Mission = To create a culture of sustainability at Florida Atlantic University.  
Why = 1. President's commitment  
2. Right thing to do  
3. Become the model for sustainability and the leader of the movement.  
4. Plan two actions by September, 2009
- Ed Pratt reported on the Core Curriculum Committee. He stated that this is not an action item right now and that the committee just wants to hear discussion from the Senate. A number of changes have been made in the document and they are still making changes. The task force is still accepting proposals for changes and would like senators to get proposals to the task force as soon as possible, to keep them on their timeline.
- Elimination of Printed Catalogs - Mike Armstrong stated that most of our peers no longer print their catalogs. It is one way for us to save money without eliminating positions and services to students. A motion was put forward by the Steering committee to permit the elimination of the printed catalogs.

**Approved by general consent.**

## 8. Collective Bargaining Report

- Fred Hoffman stated that collective bargaining has gone on for the current year contract since June 15, 2007, when the UFF presented its initial salary proposal. The University

administration presented its salary proposal which included the already granted promotion increases, the State bonus and a discretionary clause and zero other raise money, on February 29, 2008. The UFF counter proposed a 2% across the board salary increase. No further meeting has been scheduled.

- Diane Alperin confirmed that there has been a proposal and a counter proposal and indicated that the administration had received a request from UFF for further information and that bargaining is an ongoing process.

#### 9. Open forum with the Provost

- The tenure and promotion process is over and the President has accepted all recommendations. They will become effective as scheduled contingent that the administration certify to the BoT that they followed all procedures.
- The State Senate has approved a proposed constitutional amendment to restructure the governance system of higher education of this State. The BoG is in a struggle with the legislature over control of the SUS, particularly tuition. The proposal calls for a constitutional amendment to be on the ballot of the November election. If it is approved the current BoG will be replaced by a smaller one headed by an elected State Commissioner of Education. It is not required that the Commissioner hold a bachelor's degree.
- There may be another 6 – 6.5% reduction in the coming year. Legislators are trying to reduce it to 1.8% reduction; the revenue projections for the coming year do not support that small of a reduction. The recommendation to the President is to plan for a full 7% reduction.
- Fred Hoffman asked about the status of the reports from the budget reduction task force. The Provost said that they are still developing concepts. The focus is on the structure of the University including how we operate our campuses.
- Fred Hoffman asked if some of the newly created high paying positions from the past five years are under consideration for elimination. The Provost said that he could not answer that without a more specific reference.
- Abhijit Pandya asked for an update on the search for Vice President for Research. The Provost said that Dr. Perry has been meeting with the search committee. They are now deliberating if they need to engage an outside search firm. They are going to go ahead and interview 6 search firms. They are going to see about having the search firm only do some pieces of the search and not all of it. Search firms normally charge 1/3 of the individual's first year salary plus expenses.
- The schedule for the Boca Community Hospital affiliation agreement has slipped some because of financial difficulties but planning is continuing.
- The number of FTE's to be cut has been reduced. The decision has been deferred until May. We have cut back on non AA transfers. The number will be somewhere between 250 and 500. There will always be exceptions for students that want to come to the university that are bringing a lot to the university.

#### 10. Faculty Open Forum

- Roy Levow said that the Graduate Council is trying to formalize the governance of the Graduate College. A proposal has been developed and is posted on the web at [http://www.fau.edu/graduate/gc/Graduate\\_College\\_Governance\\_Document\\_022808\\_F.pdf](http://www.fau.edu/graduate/gc/Graduate_College_Governance_Document_022808_F.pdf) There is one element of the proposal that would transfer final authority on some issues

from the senate to the graduate faculty. The section of concern is at the beginning of section II.A. Steering agreed to seek input from the senate on this issue. The change would require an amendment to the Senate Bylaws.

- Bill McDaniel said that there are approximately 1000 people on the graduate faculty so it is not possible for them all to meet regularly. The University Graduate Council would conduct most of the business of the Graduate Faculty. It has 16 faculty on it, two from each college, a student representative; and no one from the Honors college. The major issue is the relationship of the graduate faculty authority and faculty senate authority.
- Diane Alperin announced that the University Promotion and Tenure Committee is having a workshop in the BoT room April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Everyone is invited but it is focused on people who are presenting their proposals this fall.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43pm.