

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Friday November 7, 2008
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1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Eric Shaw at 2:00 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, Andy Brewer, Susannah Brown, Bob Cerveny, John Childrey, Mary Faraci, Jim Gray, Jerry Haky, Mike Harris, Michelle Hawkins, Fred Hoffman, Sam Hsu, Doug Kanter, Ryan Karr, James Kumi-Diaka, Kevin Lanning, Tim Lenz, Roy Levow, Joan Lindgren, Stephen Locke, Bill McDaniel, Tom Monson, Abhijit Pandya, Gary Parsons, Ed Petuch, Howard Prentice, John Pritchett, Dilys Schoorman, Leslie Siegel, Eric Shaw, John Valentine, Julie Honeycutt

Guests Present: Diane Alperin, Michael Armstrong, Nicole Rokos, Lynn Gil, Stuart Buckley, Charles Brown, Corey King, Jennifer Bilot, Howard Hanson, Jack Luden, Theodora Leventouri, Jeff Schilit, Rozalia Williams

2. The UFS meeting minutes from October 3, 2008 were approved.
3. Dr. Charles Brown Introduced new Dean of Students Corey King

4. President's Report: (Eric Shaw)

Announcements:

- Fred Hoffman withdrew his nomination for the Presidency of the Boca Faculty Senate in favor of the other nominee Gary Parsons. Gary Parsons will serve on the Steering Committee by virtue of being President of the Boca Faculty Senate and Fred Hoffman will remain on the Steering committee by virtue of his election to it in April 2007.
- The University's Graduate Council Document is posted on MyFAU under "Governance Doc". Everyone was encouraged to vote on the governance document.

BoT:

- Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommended Approval of the College of Education Program Review for Submission to the BoG.
- Strategic Planning Committee recommended BoT approval of the 10 year update of the McArthur Campus Master Plan.
- The Audit and Finance Committee recommended the BoT reflect changes resulting from the lease of FAU's educational broadband service spectrum to Clearwire by; increasing the 2007-08 auxiliary revenue budget,

increasing the 2008-09 auxiliary revenue budget and increasing the 2008-09 auxiliary expenditures budget.

- The BoT approved the above Audit and Finance recommendations.

5. UPC Consent Agenda

Approved by general consent.

6. UPC Action Items

- a. Restructuring of Freshman Reading Committee (Ed Pratt)

Approved by general consent.

7. GPC Consent Agenda

Approved by general consent.

8. GPC Action Items

- a. Medical Physics Graduate Certificate Program (Tabled item)

-Jerry Haky moved, and it was seconded, to take the item off the table.

Approved by general consent.

-The item was discussed, and Dr. Leventouri explained that a student has to be accepted to the Physics Masters Program to take the certificate program.

Approved by general consent.

- b. M.A. Qualifying Exam in the Department of History (Doug Kanter) was discussed:

-There are two tracks for the Masters program in History. One track is the thesis track the other track is the non-thesis track.

-There was a concern that the students had little incentive to retain information after completing a course.

-A second concern was that having no exam in the non-thesis track was motivating students not to do a thesis.

-A qualifying exam is required in history master's programs in other departments in the state.

-A qualifying exam would be required for the no-thesis track students at the end of their two years on their entire coursework.

Approved by general consent

9. Guest Speaker (Howard Hanson) Export Control

- Designed to prevent stuff from getting out of the country; that is, anything that goes across the US border (physical items and information). The University is responsible to the Federal government to abide by these laws. If the faculty violates the laws the University is responsible for the actions. There are some exemptions: fundamental research, published information, educational information, unless other restrictions are put on them. FAU subscribes to a database that defines everything that is considered export control. If anyone would like a more personal in depth presentation they should contact Howard Hanson at 7-2460.

10. Guest Speaker (Howard Hanson & Jack Ludin present for legal counsel) Research Misconduct Policy

- The Policy has been updated to include new Federal changes and requirements. The policy needs to be approved so that it may be used to refer to as needed. The model policy was taken and revised to make it applicable to FAU by the research conduct committee.
- Fred Hoffman asked for an example of a change in the policy. Wording was changed such as respondent instead of defendant. In the first copy both the respondent and the complainant were allowed to appeal the decision that he or she did not like. That is changing in the new policy. The new version is friendlier to the respondent.
- Dilys Schoorman asked whether there should be more specification of the make up of the committee. Howard Hanson responded that more specification may lead to conflict of interest issues. There needs to be as much flexibility as possible, however the respondent has a right to question the make up of the committee.
- Jerry Haky wanted to know what policy is the standard currently. Howard Hanson said that the old one that has already been approved is the one that we must use now.
- Eric Shaw called for discussion on the document.
- Mike Harris motioned and it was seconded to table the item.
The Motion to table was approved by a vote of 18–10.

11. Guest Speaker (Nicole Rokos, Lynn Gil, Stuart Buckley) re Students with Disabilities

- The office has moved to the Student Support Services building. There are offices on the Davie and Jupiter campuses as well as the Boca campus. The objective of the office is to give students with disabilities equal access to education. The office provides accommodations for students and elimination of barriers.
- Fred Hoffman asked if the office of disabilities could be open the two days a year that there are exams given on Sunday.
- Nicole said it is a little more complicated than just opening the Boca campus as there are two other campuses that also have testing and there are also issues of transportation and the students would have to be finished by 6pm.
- Jerry Haky asked if someone claims that they have a disability do they have to document it.
- Nicole said that they must bring in the documentation to meet our standards. If students do not register with the office of disabilities they are not afforded any accommodations.
- Mike Armstrong asked how effective the voluntary note taking process was.
- Nicole said that 80% of the time they have enough volunteers. The other percentage of time they are able to find ways to cover the needs.

- Dilys Schoorman asked if they get credit for volunteering and Nicole said that it even goes on their transcript.

12. Information on adding courses to General Education Curriculum (Ed Pratt)

- There are two forms that the Senate will have to be concerned with. The first form is for inclusion in the general education curriculum itself. Where and how will these general education curriculum requirements be meant in the course? This will be important when the program goes through SACS accreditation again. Also the last page of the form asks for submittal of the syllabus. The other form is the UUPC course change form. If it is a new course you need to submit these forms found on the UUPC website.

13. Collective Bargaining Report

- Fred Hoffman said that 2007-2008 is still being bargained. For 2007-2008, the salary article is still not agreed upon, nor is the article on notice of non-reappointment. For 2008-2009, both sides have put salary proposals on the table. The administration offered a 1% across the board salary increase, beginning November 1, and a \$1000 bonus. The UFF countered with a 10% increase; consisting of 5% across the board, 3% market equity and 2% merit. Bargaining will begin again but they are waiting on a date.

14. Open forum with the Provost

- The Provost stated: Today an anonymous announcement went out on MyFAU. The announcement was full of false statements such as “it should be noted that the document gives the Dean of the Graduate College the authority to terminate a faculty member’s membership in the graduate faculty.” “If a faculty member is assigned graduate courses exclusively however, termination of membership in the graduate faculty may mean termination at the University whether or not the faculty member has tenure.”
- The provost said that the graduate council has put a lot of work into this document. The document has already been presented by Bill McDaniel. The UFS has already approved the document. The Provost has asked the Graduate Dean to put out a response to this.
- Jerry Haky asked the provost to elaborate on his previous statement on why the faculty did not participate in the decision of the Clearwire deal.
- The provost said that the bandwidth was not useable for us. FAU is fiber optic underground. Negotiations (ITM) began a year ago. Several companies began negotiation with the University. There was a non-disclosure agreement which remained until the contracts were signed and the FCC gave approval. The President called the provost and required him to create a plan that included three criteria which included benefits to faculty, students and followed the strategic plan. He came up with a spending plan while still operating under the non-disclosure agreement.

The provost did not present the plan to the faculty for this reason. Once the agreement was signed with Clearwire it was brought to the BoT.

- From the Clearwire money:
 - over the 1st 10 years is 53 million
 - the first 5 years were budgeted 12 million
 - fostering student success (500,000 for five years)
 - technology an average of 2.5 million for each of the next five years
 - research approximately 3.5 million for the first year and 1.1 million for the following four years.
 - Provost slush fund (backs up the other three) approximately 500,000 per year.
 - Endowment – the first year 200,000 that increases to 500,000 the next year and 700,000 for each of the next three years and then rises to 1.2 million for each year following that. At the end of the 10 years the endowment would be roughly around 12.5 million dollars.
- Fred Hoffman asked if there was a way to require the person sending out announcements to have their name on the announcements.
- Jeff Schillit said that it is required to put your name on the bottom of the announcements. IRM is working with the provost office to revoke everyone's privilege to use the announcements for MyFAU until those placed on the new approved list signs a commitment to follow a new set of guidelines.
- By general consent Eric Shaw extended the meeting 10 minutes
- Fred Hoffman said that he is concerned when someone intelligent is questioning the document. The Provost said that he encourages everyone to vote for the document as he believes it has gone through the proper process and as a result is a good document.

15. Faculty Open Forum

- Dilys Schoorman wanted to know if all elections could happen at the same time.
- Eric Shaw said that all the campus senates have their own bylaws and time tables for elections.
- Dilys Schoorman wanted to know when nominations were requested and what the job descriptions were for each of the offices held on each of the committees.
- Fred Hoffman said that they were sent out in April and there was plenty of time for consideration.
- Eric Shaw said that at one time the campus senates were very active and have not been lately.
- Fred Hoffman moved and it was seconded to extend the meeting 10 minutes.

The Motion to extend failed by a vote of 5-11.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm.