

## University Faculty Senate Meeting

### Minutes

April 29, 2016

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 2:03pm. 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 [April 1, 2016](#) UFS minutes.
3. **President's report**
  - a. Dr. Chris Beetle begins by announcing that the President-Elect, Dr. Kevin Wagner, will be taking over at the conclusion of the meeting. Dr. Beetle also announces the newly voted Steering Committee:
    - Dr. Mort Levitt, re-elected
    - Dr. Meredith Mountford, re-elected
    - Dr. Paul Peluso through AY 2018
    - Dr. Kimberly Dunn to fill Dr. Wagner's seat when he becomes *ex officio*.
    - Dr. Dilys Schoorman will continue her term
    - Dr. Susan Dyess will continue her termDr. Beetle recognizes Dr. Harris for his participation and time on the Steering committee.

Next, Dr. Beetle runs through the results of the newly elected Academic Planning and Budget Committee.

    - Dr. Jerry Haky, re-elected to two year term
    - Dr. Anita Pennathur, re-elected to two year term
    - Dr. Rose Sherman, re-elected to two year term
    - Dr. Fred Hoffman, re-elected to one year term
    - Dr. James Kumi-Diaka, re-elected to one year term
    - Dr. Adam Bradford, elected to one year termAgain Dr. Beetle acknowledges Dr. Mike Harris' departure from the APBC and thanks him for his time and contributions.
  - b. The next item on Dr. Beetle's report is the ad hoc Bylaws committee. He explains the purpose of the committee again to the Senate. He would like a volunteer, one from each college, to be on the committee. You may submit your name to Dr. Beetle or Arcadia. Their contact info can be found on the Senate website.
  - c. Dr. Beetle gives an update on the SPE Policy. A draft was approved by consensus of the faculty committee and now sits with the Provost for review. Dr. Beetle lists some of the

changes that have been included in the new draft. He expects this will be distributed sooner rather than later and a second draft will not be circulated.

- d. Lastly, Dr. Beetle announces that Julie Lambert, a faculty member in the College of Education, is ill and asks that the Senate keep her in their thoughts.

#### **4. Speakers**

- a. Dean of Libraries, Carol Hixson, speaks to the Senate about upcoming library changes.
  - o Dean Hixson reviews the results of an external review that was done on the library. The five categories reviewed were: organization, space redesign, special collections, references and student services, and community engagement and fundraising.
  - o In September and October, Dean Hixson spent a lot of time talking to the students. She also handed out a survey and got back 500 responses. The results indicated that students want more study rooms, access to power, more collaborating space, and more quiet space. They would also like better Wi-Fi along with other things.
  - o The vision of the library is to have safe, bright, comfortable spaces to meet the needs of today's students and faculty.
  - o Dean Hixson talks about the plans to open the Graduate Student Lounge this summer. She also mentions the library will be painted to match the FAU colors.
  - o Dean Hixson concludes her presentation and answers questions from the Senate.
- b. Board of Trustees Chairman, Anthony Barbar, speaks to the Senate.
  - o Mr. Barbar begins by thanking the faculty for all their hard work and efforts the past few years. He mentions FAU wouldn't be where it is without the faculty.
  - o Mr. Barbar takes questions from the Senate. He mentions the specific moments that the faculty have been exceptional.
  - o Lastly, Mr. Barbar thanks Dr. Ron Nyhan for all of his work. Mr. Barbar also thanks Dr. Morton Levitt for his work as well.
- c. President John Kelly addresses the Senate.
  - o President Kelly begins by echoing Mr. Barbar's sentiments. He speaks about the performance funding model and how it will impact the university.
  - o President Kelly discusses his visit with Senator Negrón. Sen. Negrón mentioned that his visit to FAU was his best one. President Kelly recognizes the COB's presentation.
  - o President Kelly goes on to talk about strategies with the incoming class. He mentions the average attention span of the incoming class is about 8 seconds. This is grounds for the need to update our website and stay relevant with the times.
  - o President Kelly thanks Dr. Ron Nyhan as well.
  - o President Kelly concludes his speech and answers questions from the Senate.

#### **5. Business Items as moved up by President Chris Beetle**

a. Installation of UFS Officers

- o Dr. Beetle thanks Dr. Ron Nyhan on behalf of the Senate. Dr. Beetle presents a gift to Dr. Nyhan. He invites up Mr. Barbar, Dr. Kelly, Dr. Perry and Dr. Nyhan for a photo.

6. [UUPC Consent Agenda](#)

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

7. [UUPC Action Items](#)

a. University-wide

o One-Course Rule

- Dean Pratt answers questions from the Senate on this item.
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

o Summer Courses Requirement

- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

o Math Boot Camp

- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

b. College of Arts and Letters

o Revised Interdisciplinary Studies Major

- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

o English as a Second Language Studies Certificate

- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

o BM Commercial Music/Music Technology

- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

o BM Vocal Performance

- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

c. College of Business

o College of Business Admissions Standards

- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

o Accounting Scholars Program Economics

- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

d. College for Design and Social Inquiry

- Bachelor of Public Safety Administration
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- Advanced Standing B.Arch/MURP and Advanced Standing BURP/MURP
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. Approved by majority vote.
- e. College of Education
  - Elementary Education with ESOL Endorsement
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - BS Physics/PSM Medical Physics
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- f. College of Education
  - Elementary Education with ESOL Endorsement
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- g. College of Engineering and Computer Science
  - Computer Engineering, Computer Science, and Electrical Engineering
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- h. Honors College
  - Add Research Intensive (RI) Designation for all Honors Thesis Courses
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- i. College of Science
  - BS/MS in Biology
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - BS in Biology/MS in Environmental Science
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- 8. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)
  - a. No objections from Senate – **approved as amended by majority vote.**
- 9. [UGC Action Items](#)
  - a. College of Arts and Letters
    - Master of Arts with Major in Communication

- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote**
  - English Master of Arts
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - ESL Studies Certificate
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. College for Design and Social Inquiry
  - Economic Development and Tourism Graduate Certificate
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - Master of Nonprofit Management
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - Master of Urban and Regional Planning: Combined Programs
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- c. College of Education
  - Combined M.Ed./Ed.S. – Counselor Education
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- d. College of Nursing
  - Post Master’s Certificate – Variable Credit Option
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- e. College of Science
  - Master of Science with Major in Chemistry
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - Master of Science in Teaching with Major in Chemistry
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - Doctor of Philosophy with major in Chemistry
    - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

## 10. Business Items

- a. [Alperin Resolution](#)
  - Dr. Beetle begins by describing Dr. Diane Alperin and her impact on the university. In recognition of her long service to the University, the Steering

committee felt it appropriate to acknowledge Dr. Alperin, as this summer she will be stepping down. Dr. Beetle on behalf of the Steering committee submits a resolution to the Senate. Dr. Beetle reads the resolution to the Senate and presents it to Dr. Alperin. Dr. Alperin accepts the resolution and thanks the Senate.

**b. CBA Update**

- Dr. Bob Zoeller gives an update to the faculty senate. There is a tentative agreement between the UFF and the BOT.
- Dr. Bob Zoeller mentions that this was one of the fastest resolutions of full book bargaining. Dr. Zoeller goes through some of the negotiations that resulted from the bargaining sessions.
- Dr. Zoeller recognizes those members who were involved on the committee. The Senate applauds them. Dr. Zoeller concludes his update.
- Dr. Beetle thanks Dr. Zoeller and the committee. He references the resolution the Senate recommended months back. He is happy to announce it was bargained and the language has been revised to satisfaction.

**11. Open forum with the Provost**

- a.** Provost Perry begins by mentioning the CBA and thanks the people involved including the BOT team.

He speaks briefly on the metrics and the goals to maintain excellence next year. He commends the faculty for their efforts. It is because of them that the university did so well.

Graduations are happening next week. There was 100% residency placement again this year for the medical school graduates.

Dr. Perry talks about the state initiative to move over to Canvas as the LMS program. We formed a committee to assess the different LMS programs to see which one would work the best for our purposes. That committee's decision is that Canvas would be the best system for us. Our contract with Blackboard ends in June 2017, we will be doing everything we can to have a smooth transition over. Dr. Perry will speak more about this once there is more information to provide.

Dr. Perry gives a brief update on the SPE policy. He is currently working with the Deans on their feedback. He hopes within the next few weeks he will have something out to the faculty about the policy. He acknowledges the committee's hard work in drafting this revision.

Provost Perry speaks about Dr. Diane Alperin's future at FAU. She will stay on part time. Dr. Michele Hawkins will be taking over her duties. Dr. Paul Hart will be taking over Dr. Hawkins responsibilities in planning and budget. Dr. Perry thanks Dr. Alperin for her service over the last 35 years.

Dr. Perry concludes his update and answers any questions from the Senate.

**12. Good of the Senate**

- a. Dr. Ron Nyhan thanks the Senate for the opportunity to serve them as President.
- b. Dr. Meredith Mountford announces a UFF-FAU happy hour immediately following the Senate meeting.

**13. Meeting adjourned by Dr. Chris Beetle at 4:03pm.**