

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
March 21st, 2019 (2pm – 4pm)
BOT Conference Room

Members Present: Kevin Wagner, Bruce Arneklev, Chris Beetle, Kim Dunn, Michael Harris, and Meredith Mountford.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Chair, Dr. Kevin Wagner
2. The UFS Steering minutes from [February 18th, 2019](#) were approved by the committee with an amendment to Dr. Michael Harris proposing the resolution on item 9D.
3. **President's Report:**
 - a. Dr. Kevin Wagner announces that nominations are open for the three open seats on the Steering committee and three open seats on the Academic Planning and Budget committee.
 - b. Next, President Kelly will be the guest speaker at the Senate meeting. Please forward Dr. Wagner any questions ahead of the meeting.
4. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)
 - There are no objections. The consent agenda stands **approved**.
5. [UPC Action Agenda](#)
 - **College of Arts and Letters**
 - *B.A. in Political Science*
 - Dr. Chris Beetle motions to move B.A. in Political Science with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Meredith Mountford seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
 - **College of Business**
 - *Leadership and Human Resource Development Minor*
 - Dr. Chris Beetle motions to move Leadership and Human Development Minor with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Meredith Mountford seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
 - **College for Design and Social Inquiry**
 - *Honors in the Major in Urban and Regional Planning and in Urban Design*
 - Dr. Chris Beetle motions to move Honors in the Major in Urban and Regional Planning and in Urban Design with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Michael Harris seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
 - **College of Engineering and Computer Science**
 - *B.S.E.E. in Electrical Engineering*
 - Dr. Chris Beetle motions to move B.S.E.E. in Electrical Engineering with **no recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Michael Harris seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

- **Honors College**
 - *Data Analytics concentration for B.A. or B.S. in Liberal Arts and Sciences*
 - Dr. Chris Beetle motions to move B.A. or B.S. in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Michael Harris seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
- **College of Science**
 - *B.A. in Geosciences with Geography Focus*
 - Dr. Chris Beetle motions to move B.A. in Geosciences with Geography Focus with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Meredith Mountford seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
 - *B.S. in Geosciences with Geography Focus*
 - Dr. Chris Beetle motions to move B.S. in Geosciences with Geography Focus with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Bruce Arneklev seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
 - *B.A. in Psychology*
 - Dr. Chris Beetle motions to move B.A. in Psychology with **no recommendation from Steering**. In addition, Dr. Chris Beetle proposes all program changes to be accompanied with a catalog change and representation for any proposal moving forward. Dr. Kevin Wagner will reach out to Dr. Jerry Haky. Dr. Bruce Arneklev seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

6. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)

- There are no objections. The consent agenda stands **approved**.

7. [UGC Action Items](#)

- **College of Arts and Letters**
 - *Ph.D. in Comparative Studies (1)*
 - Dr. Michael Harris motions to move Ph.D. in Comparative Studies (1) with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Bruce Arneklev seconds. There are no objections. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
 - *Ph.D. in Comparative Studies (2)*
 - Dr. Chris Beetle motions to move Ph.D. in Comparative Studies (2) with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Kim Dunn seconds. There are no objections. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
- **College of Business**
 - *Business Analytics Concentration for MBA*
 - Dr. Chris Beetle motions to move Business Analytics Concentration for MBA with a **positive recommendation from Steering taking the page regarding a different proposal out of the packet with a modified catalog copy**. Dr. Michael Harris seconds. There are no objections. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

- **College of Education**
 - *Graduate Certificate in Environmental Education*
 - Dr. Chris Beetle motions to move Graduate Certificate in Environmental Education with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Bruce Arneklev seconds. There are no objections. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

8. Business Items

- Review of SPOTS Policy
 - Dr. Bruce Arneklev presents the review of SPOTS Policy.
 - FAU's SPOT Survey went on-line in the spring of 2014. In the fall of 2015 the 21 item on-line survey was reduced to six questions in an effort to increase response rates.
 - Data was collected from an OIT request and IEA data.
 - The first research question: Did reducing the on-line SPOT Survey from 21 multiple choice items to six questions increase response rates? Answer: No
 - The second research question: Are the chosen five items from the longer 21 item SPOT survey reliably related to one another (and do they account for a single SET construct)? Answer: Yes
 - The third research question: Is the new sixth item reliably related to the first five (and do they all still account for a single SET construct)? Answer: Yes
 - The discussion is: Technically means are inappropriate for single ordinal (and nominal) level variables (Stevens, 1946; Forrest and Anderson, 1986; Babbie, 2013; Gass, 2001).
 - A potential solution is: In addition to reporting the mean for item 6, also report a mean-of-means for items 1 through item 5 (which would reflect what the instructor actually did in the classroom).

9. Open forum with the Provost

- Provost Bret Danilowicz begins his open forum by announcing that he received positive feedback from the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) presentation. The group will be back in the fall to work with a smaller cohort.
- Provost Danilowicz plans to work with the Academic Planning and Budget Committee on IFP courses.
- Next, the College for Design and Social Inquiry is having a faculty led discussion on the structure of their college and will come back together this October.
- Finally, Provost Danilowicz discusses graduate student stipends and welcomes graduate students to address the senate at the next meeting.

10. Good of the Steering Committee

- No Items.

11. Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.