

**University Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
Friday December 5, 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: Pierre-Philippe Beaujean, Bill Bosshardt, Susannah Brown, Valerie Bryan, Bob Cerveny, Eric Chiang, Mary Faraci, Deborah Floyd, Jim Gray, Jerry Haky, Mike Harris, Fred Hoffman, Sam Hsu, Mehdi Kaighobadi, Evangelos Kaisar, Bill Kalies, Tim Lenz, Roy Levow, Joan Lindgren, Stephen Locke, Bill McDaniel, Tom Monson, Vineut Naudot, Abhijit Pandya, Gary Parsons, Howard Prentice, John Pritchett, Dilys Schoorman, Leslie Siegel, Eric Shaw, Lydia Smiley, Khaled Sobhan, John Valentine, Julie Honeycutt

Guests Present: Diane Alperin, Michael Armstrong, Stuart Buckley, Dale Gawlik, Qing Hu, Ed Pratt, Jeff Schillit, Borko Furnt, Bob Hays

2. The UFS meeting minutes from November 7, 2008 were approved.
3. President's Report: (Eric Shaw)  
Announcements:
  - The vote on the Graduate Governance Document did not meet the requirement for a two-thirds majority of those voting. Therefore it failed, and the document was sent back to the Graduate Council; it will filter its way back up to the UFS through the Steering Committee to vote on it again. It will then be voted on again by the Graduate Faculty.
  - An ad hoc by laws committee was created to go over two items: The campus senates and electronic voting.
  - The BoT met at Harbor Branch and approved the College of Education's program review for submission to the BoG and also approved a 10 year update for the MacArthur campus plan.
  - Governor Crist recommended to the legislature a plan for differential tuition. The legislature will set base tuition which will be covered by Bright Futures. Each BoT will be able to recommend raising the base tuition for resident undergraduates up to 15% per year until they reach the national average for tuition. Seventy percent of the income will go to faculty recruitment, retention and program improvements. All the recommendations will be going back to the BoG for approval.
4. UPC Consent Agenda

**Approved by general consent.**

5. UPC Action Items

- a. Catalog verbiage change for undergraduates seeking financial aid for 5000-level elective courses.

**Approved by general consent.**

- b. Refining the definition of the GPA used to determine admission to HAS 4817.

**Approved by general consent.**

- c. Adding the Gerontology certificate program to the Health Administration program.

**Approved by general consent.**

- d. New Business Intelligence concentration

**Approved by general consent.**

- e. New Business Intelligence minor

**Approved by general consent.**

- f. New certificate in Business Intelligence

**Approved by general consent.**

- g. Catalog changes for Computer Science and Engineering

**Approved by general consent.**

- h. Addition of MAA4402 to B.S. Program in Mathematical Sciences

**Approved by general consent.**

6. GPC Consent Agenda

**Approved by general consent.**

7. GPC Action Items

- a. New degree proposal from the CoECS

- b. New degree proposal from the CoB

-Borko Furht from CoECS and Quin Hu from CoB appeared to discuss these two versions of the same program, and the need for the program, which has been developed over four years. They assured senators that there would be no new costs associated with the new degrees. Academic Planning and Budget had no objection to the statement about fiscal implications.

**Approved by general consent.**

- c. MS in Environmental Science (No Recommendation from Steering)  
Dale Gawlik, Director of the Environmental program, addressed the Senate outlining the proposed changes.

1. Restructure the required courses. There were previously 4 required courses. The change is to identify 6 subject core areas. A GIS component and a policy and planning component were added. The same number of credits are required. Students will take 4 of the 6 subject core areas.

2. A non-thesis track option was added. This is mostly to accommodate professionals that are currently already in their careers and for reasons of

promotion or personal they would like to go further with their degree but cannot do the thesis. It will also serve those who desire a regulatory degree without the research component. There are no additional costs associated with this change.

**Approved by general consent.**

- a. Proposed Change to Catalog (Finance Department)

**Approved by general consent.**

- b. Proposed Catalog Changes to MBA Description

**Approved by general consent.**

- d. Unfinished Business

Tabled item: Research Misconduct Policy

-Fred Hoffman moved and it was seconded to take the item off the table.

-Mike Harris moved and it was seconded to amend the policy to add the word “faculty” to Sections B.4 and D.3 for the purpose of including faculty on all committees.

-Tim Lenz stated that the document needs to be much more accessible to quickly understand the processes. He suggested that shortly after approval the document be revised.

**Approved by general consent.**

-Fred Hoffman moved and it was seconded to send the document to the Research Committee for revision and re-submittal to the Senate by its March meeting.

**Approved by general consent.**

8. Collective Bargaining Report

- Fred Hoffman reported that the administration originally agreed to submit revised proposals at the bargaining meeting this past Monday. They did not. They warned that they would go to Impasse if the UFF did not accept the proposal. They UFF did not accept. The administration then went to Impasse. Impasse means that both parties submit their last best offers and there still is an opportunity to bargain. A special magistrate is chosen and he evaluates the proposals and makes a recommendation. If the two sides accept the recommendation then it goes to a ratification vote. If either side refuses to accept it, it goes to a subcommittee of the BoT for review. Then the subcommittee of the BoT refers it to the full BoT to make a determination. Whatever they determine becomes the final result. Sixty to ninety days is the current estimation of the timeline.
- Diane Alperin said that Fred’s version is accurate. They went to Impasse because their positions were so far apart.
- Jerry Haky asked if there could be out of cycle increases. Diane Alperin said that they have an article 23.6 that allows for out of cycle increases. Fred Hoffman questioned whether it applies during impasse; Diane said she would check with the administration’s attorney, but she thought it did apply.
- Bill Bosshardt asked what the Impasse covered.
- Tim Lenz asked if there was any movement to declare a financial emergency. Diane Alperin said no she is only working on the Impasse right now.

## 9. Open forum with the Provost

- The Provost stated categorically that there has been no discussion of financial exigency, and that there have been no recent out-of-cycle raises for faculty or in Academic Affairs.
- Jerry Haky asked if anyone else in the administration has received an increase. The Provost said that he can only speak about academic administration
- The Provost said that Ken Jessell thinks that small pockets of one time money can be identified to cover the additional 7 million dollars that will be cut from the budget. Four million of that already comes from a continuing reserve that the University has in place.
- Fred Hoffman asked if there would be any help from the Obama administration. The Provost said that there may be, but none of that is determinable at this time.
- Jerry Haky asked about the search for the Vice President for Research. The Provost said that negotiations began with Dr. Conn; however, he felt that he could not adequately repair the situation due to the budget and economic situation here. He therefore withdrew his candidacy.
- Jerry Haky asked if there was going to be an offer to the other two candidates. The Provost said no.
- Jerry Haky asked if Dr. Moriarty was going to stay. The Provost said that Dr. Moriarty is going to stay at least for the short term.
- Michele Hawkins asked if there was still a proposal to disband the partner campuses. The Provost said that two years ago when they began the budget reduction discussion they estimated the amount of money they thought that it would save FAU to do that and they estimated the savings to be around \$7million. The Provost said that it is time to start having that discussion.
- Fred Hoffman asked if Faculty will be included in the discussion of disbanding the partner campuses. The Provost said that the discussion has not started yet.
- Roy Levow said that there has been an announcement that new policies regarding admission are going to be presented to the advisors. He is concerned that new policies were going to be introduced without going through the Senate.
- Mike Armstrong said that there are no new policies for admission being proposed as of right now; the announcement referred to procedural changes.
- Fred Hoffman asked if the Provost's office is engaged with discussions with the community colleges. Is there poaching?
- The Provost said that he and Mike Armstrong have met with Broward College and PBCC
- Mike Armstrong said that Broward and Palm Beach have increased transfers. We will be sending students who are denied admission to FAU directly to the community colleges. After 18 credit hours, as soon as they

can show they can handle the coursework, they will be admitted to FAU, to be effective upon their completion of the AA.

- The Provost said that the interactions with Broward College and PBCC have been outstanding. Indian River State College has promised not to duplicate anything that we are doing in the North.

#### 10. Good of the Senate

- Fred Hoffman complimented Chartwells for opening Einstein's for longer hours for the good of the students.
- Mike Harris said that he would like to see the Senate adopt more flexible standards of Robert's Rules of Order.
- Bill Bosshardt said that Robert's Rules being changed is up to the President.
- Eric Shaw said that the uses of the rules are to prevent chaos, and to make sure the majority decides and the minority is heard. The following of Robert's rules ensures that everyone is heard in an orderly manner.
- Eric Shaw offered to have a workshop on the use of Parliamentary procedure.
- Stephen Locke asked if we should not reconsider the situation that students can attend Broward College for 3 years and then come here for only 30 credits and get a degree.
- Jerry Haky said that it will be addressed by UPC.
- ????? asked if since the Community Colleges are no longer community colleges, should they still be able to restrict us from offering lower division courses outside Boca Raton.
- Bill Bosshardt asked if we could consult Sharron Ronco and see what the trends are with transfers.

#### 11. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.