

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
March 21, 2014

Members Present: see *appendix A* for attendance sheet

Guests Present: See *appendix B* for attendance sheet

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Ron Nyhan, President, at 2:05p.m. in the College of Engineering 106 on the Boca Raton Campus and video conferenced to Davie, Fort Lauderdale, Harbor Branch, Sea Tech, and Jupiter.

2. **Without changes**, the Senate approved the minutes of the [February 14, 2014](#) Senate meeting.

3. **President Kelly Address**

- President Kelly made his first address to the Senate.
- President Kelly informed the Senate that FAU has clearly been targeted negatively for its graduation rates and progress in academic programs, but urged the Senate not to view metrics as punitive.
- The President thanked Provost Perry and Dennis Crudele for their support in his transition to FAU.

4. **President Crudele Resolution**

- The Committee presented Dennis Crudele with a Resolution to honor him for his service as Interim President.

5. **UPC Consent Agenda:**

- No objections from the Senate-**Approved by majority vote.**

6. **UPC Action Items:**

College of Arts and Letters

- a) Program Change-Music BA program-Revised curriculum.
 - No objections from Senate-**Approved by majority vote.**
- b) Program Change-Recital Requirement for Music Majors-New Recital Course Proposal
 - No objections from Senate-**Approved by majority vote.**

College of Nursing

- c) Program Change-RN to BSN Admission Prerequisite Changes-Change in Admission Protocol.
 - No objections from Senate-**Approved by majority vote.**

College of Science

- d) New combined Program-BS in Biology/MS in Environmental Science-No objections from Steering.
 - No objections from Senate-**Approved by majority vote.**

7. **UGC Consent Agenda:**

- No objections from the Senate-**Approved by majority vote.**

8. **UGC Action Items:**

College of Arts and Letters

- a) Program Change-Master of Arts with Major in Communication-No objections from the Senate-**Approved by majority vote.**
- b) Program Change-Master of Music from Master of Arts-Degree title change-No objections from the Senate-**Approved by majority vote.**
- c) Program Change-Master of Arts Arts/Elimination “Creative Writing”-No objections from the Senate-**Approved by majority vote.**

College of Education

- i. Program Change-M.Ed. in C&I/Multicultural- No objections from the Senate-**Approved by majority vote.**
- ii. Program Change-M.Ed. C&I/ESOL Education- No objections from the Senate-**Approved by majority vote.**

9. **Business Items:**

Faculty Petition on Distance Learning Office Hours

- The Senate amended and approved the petition on Distance Learning Office Hours policy for the summer 2014 semester only.
- The Distance Learning Committee will create a full policy for fall 2014.

UFS Presidential Candidate Speeches

- UFS President nominees Drs. Christopher Beetle and Morton Levitt addressed the Senate on why they want to be UFS President and what their vision is for their presidency, if elected.

Committee on Committee Nominations

- Mary Cameron, Emery Hyslop-Margison, and Philomena Marinaccio were nominated and selected for Committee on Committees.

10. **Open Forum with the Provost:**

- Provost Perry thanked the Senate and faculty for its patience regarding issues with the course schedule.
- Courses are now being scheduled for summer and fall.
- Going forward, the Registrar’s deadlines will be hard deadlines.
- Provost Perry reminded the Senate that it does not have to agree with the metrics but also urged the Senate to embrace the metrics.
- The metrics are based on last year’s figures.
- FAU will lose budget with the metrics the way they stand at this time.
- The Board of Governors has approved
- Applications and enrollment are down for fall; there is a potential loss of \$2m in revenue.

- The faculty was asked to provide mid-semester reports on their seniors in an effort to identify students who can be encouraged to graduate as quickly as possible. Provost Perry thanked the faculty for participating in this effort.
- The Board of Governors approved the CAPTURE Project.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm

