

**Florida Gulf Coast University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 10, 2017; 9:30-12:00pm; Cohen Center, Room 213**

In Attendance:

Dr. Shawn Felton- President	Dr. Sandra Pavelka – Vice-- President	Patrick Niner – Parliamentarian	Dr. Jo Stecher – Secretary	
Bevins, Brendan	Brown, Trent	Erdman, Rob	Fabrizi, Sarah	Fauerbach, Michael
Girimurugan, BeeJay	Jiang, Yabing	Johnston, Danvers	Kakareka, Joe	MacDonald, Jamie
McDonald, Mike	Nakatani, Kazuo	Paine, Morgan	Pinello, Arianna	Rokusek, Steve
Sakharuk, Alex	Shahul-Hameed, Jaffar Ali	Thomas, Serge	Torres, Jorge	Triscari, Robert
Villiers, Claude	Zhao, Fan			

Absent (without Alternate/Proxy):

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Guests:

Dr. S.Isern	Dr. M. Wells	Dr. H. St. Hill	Dean Michele Yovanovich	Ted Thornhill
Silvia Guerrero	Jan-Martin Meij	Lenore Benefield	Nicola Foote	Clay Motley
Farshad Aminian	Sachiko Tankei			

Media:

The News-Press	NBC-2			
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Summary:

Agenda Item	Responsible	Discussion	Action/Vote	Follow-Up
1) Gathering	Dr. S. Felton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 9:33am 		
2) Approval of February 10, 2017 Agenda	Dr. S. Felton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved with amendment to add action item: Information Update 	Motion to Approve: J. MacDonald	

			Second: J.Shahul- Hameed	
3) Approval of January 27, 2017 Minutes	Dr. S. Felton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tab #1 	Motion to Approve: J. MacDonald Second: B. Girimurugan	
4) Faculty Senate President's Report	Dr. S. Felton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Dr. Pavelka for covering last meeting. • Review of Pres. Search time line- interviews 2/15 & 2/16. Final determination on 2/28. • Basketball in President's box on 2/25 with Dr. Toll. • Chair of BOG wants faculty to become more involved overall. • Faculty Senate President's group is looking at distance education. • PDFG letters went out and spring cycle has begun. • Commencement is May 6th. Need to RSVP Order regalia by 3/17. Times listed are faculty arrival times. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CAS-08:00am ○ COE & CHPSW-12:00pm ○ COB & Whitaker- 16:00pm 		
5) <u>Old Business</u> 5a) <u>Information item-</u> <u>PDFG Update</u>	Dr. M. Wells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked past committee members. • Discussed issues from the fall, acknowledging the committee is a work in progress, related to the increased number of applicants, wording on the documents, & timelines. • Money, whether any or all, is not guaranteed, if an application is submitted. There are more applicants than dollars. Money may be 		

<p><u>5b) Information item- Faculty Involvement Group</u></p>	<p>Dr. S. Pavelka</p>	<p>reimbursement or up front, depending on the cycle timeline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awardees will be expected to produce a report after the conference as to how this helped them. • Dr. E. Otto has joined the task force on student success. • Dr. P. consulted with Kennesaw State who uses the “Grade 1st” tool for alerting faculty about students. • Group is considering two options- use Canvas or Grade 1st along with an intervention specialist as well. • Considering a three-stage pilot in some classes with high drop/failure rates. • Need to utilize Center for Academic Achievement more & look at class sizes. 		
<p><u>6)) New Business:</u> <u>6a) Information Item- Presidential Search Update</u></p>	<p>Dr. S. Isern & All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Felton complimented Dr. Isern on her work and contributions with this search. • Interviews begin next week-see S. Evans email from 2/10 regarding schedule. • Consensus is faculty need to be more involved with voting when the next survey comes out. Encourage constituents. Staff & student need to reach out to their committee reps. as well. NOTE: the staff not being including on the surveys will be addressed. • It was heartfelt when a faculty member mentioned our own Provost, Dr. R. Toll, was not invited for an interview. • Faculty expressed concern over one candidate in particular who has no academic experience. • It was questioned whether a representative from the committee will go to the candidates’ places 		

<p><u>Action Item-</u> <u>6b) Resolution on</u> <u>Weapons on Campus</u></p>	<p>Dr. J. MacDonald</p>	<p>of work to assess & get a feel for their current work environment. Although done in the past, it is unknown at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Smith will be at senate prior to the BOT vote. • Tab #2/3 • Each year the resolution was tied to a specific bill. This year our resolution does not mention a bill. • Mentioning Virginia Tech is an example of the magnitude of guns on campus. • Suggestion to vote today before the BOT puts a new Presidential candidate forward. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Pavelka read a statement regarding this issue. (See attached). • A person who has a concealed weapon permit does not mean he or she is trained to shoot a target, especially in a high stress situation. • There was a general concern as to whether to campus police know who has a permit to carry. • See attachment of final resolution. 	<p>Motion to suspend rules to vote today: J. Kakareka Second: Shahul-Hameed</p> <p>Motion to discuss resolution: J. MacDonald Second: M. Fauerbach</p>	<p>Vote to suspend: 24-1-3</p>
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<p><u>6c) Information Item- Faculty Affairs Team</u></p>	<p>Dr. H. St. Hill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabs #4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 • Reviewed the Chairs & Deans Evaluation, highlighting the changes. • You must complete the evaluation once started, although it can be printed out before as a draft. This helps to ensure anonymity. • Advisors do not have a form to evaluate their directors. FAT is developing a form for this. • PDP Form discussed. There are two options/forms. • Discussion about sections “exceeds expectations” and “other duties,” self-evaluation, & changes in the signature page • A request regarding the timing of committee meetings and paperwork to be reviewed/discussed in a timelier manner. • Tab #10 • Honor is transitioning to a College from Program. • A College offers a larger, more comprehensive curriculum, especially as it includes the majors. • Students earn more honors credits. There are three different honors options (see handout). • New signage & letterhead is coming. • Spring is a soft opening. Fall will be an official rollout with ~150 students in the inaugural class. 	<p>Motion to extend time 5”: B. Girimurugan. Second: B. Bevins</p>	<p>Vote on resolution- 27-0-0</p>
<p><u>6d) Information Item- Honors College Proposal</u></p>	<p>Dr. C. Motley</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tab #10 • Honor is transitioning to a College from Program. • A College offers a larger, more comprehensive curriculum, especially as it includes the majors. • Students earn more honors credits. There are three different honors options (see handout). • New signage & letterhead is coming. • Spring is a soft opening. Fall will be an official rollout with ~150 students in the inaugural class. 		

<p><u>6e) Action Item- Resolution of Support of Immigration & Diversity</u></p>	<p>Dr. J. Shahul-Hameed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tab #11 • Dr. Felton introduced this topic and Dr. Shahul-Hameed who thanked Dr. Toll & President Bradshaw for their support. • This topic can relate to the states metric for diversity & the importance to support this resolution. • Discussion whether to vote today or bring it back to our colleges. • Questions about who wrote the document, who has already seen it-Dr. SH stated ~ 20, wrote it & ~1000 people have seen it showing the signature pages say it was well vetted. • Considering the San Francisco court stopped the “ban,” perhaps this can come back to Senate. • There remains concerns for faculty, staff, & students who are international. 	<p>Motion to suspend rules: B. Girimurugan Second: J. MacDonald</p> <p>Motion to suspend rules: J. Kakareka Second: B. Girimurugan</p> <p>Motion to suspend rules for discussion: J. Shahul-</p>	<p>Vote to suspend with voting on 2/24: 22-2-3</p>
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7) <u>Standing Reports</u> 7a) <u>Provost Report</u>	Provost Toll	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOG mtg discussed metrics # 9 & 10- may rescale the numbers. 2015-67 points for FGCU & this year looks like 66 pts. Many schools are at 65-70 pts. • Discussion amongst legislators in Tallahassee over money has started. 		
<u>7b) SGA Report</u>	E. Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luncheon after Senate with Student Gov't. on 3/17. Homecoming weekend has arrived! • Students are campaigning for open positions in gov't. • Working on a resolution regarding immigration & students. 		
7c) SAC Report	T. Bigos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC President sent an email stating staff was not included in the Presidential Search Surveys but staff were asked to illicit feedback from colleagues. 		
7d) UFF Report	Dr. B. Elliott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UFF Picnic Social is on 2/25 from 4:30-7:30 as a family fest. • UFF mtg next week in Orlando- looking at an executive order regarding immigration. • UFF executive committee might make a public statement. • All faculty need to be pro-active and have our voices heard- It is in our own best interests. 		

8) Announcements	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential Search faculty all to be invited to senate. 		
10) Adjournment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting ended at 12:11pm. 	Motion to adjourn: J. MacDonald Second: T. Brown	

Next Senate Meeting: Friday, February 24, 2017 @ 9:30 AM – Cohen Center 213. Guest- Trustee Ken Smith

Next Senate Leadership Team: February 24, 2017 @ 12:00- Cohen Center 213