

Florida Gulf Coast University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of 3/13/2009
Student Union Chambers

Attendance:

Alexakis, George; Angeletti, Michelle; Bolduc-Simpson, Sheila; Burkett, Tony; Carlson, Erik; Chesnutt, Rod; Cooke, Rachel; Erdman, Rob; Gogate, Lakshmi; Harrison, Doug; Hartley, Anne; Kauanui, Sandra; Kirche, Lee; Kleeger, Jeff; Lindsey, Chuck; Mock, Karen; Murray, Beth; Paine, Morgan; Rosenthal, Martha; Sakharuk, Alex; Simpson, Mark; St. Hill, Halcyon; Swalaheen, Mushfiq; Upham, Dayle; Vazquez-Montilla, Elia; Villiers, Claude; Voytek, Mary; Wisnom, Mary; Yazici, Julie; Zhao, Fan

Absent with Alternate (Alternate Senators):

Pavelka, Sandra (Pamela Seay); Szecsi, Tunde (Mark Paschall)

Absent with Proxy:

None

Absent without Alternate or Proxy:

Braddy, Jon

Guests:

Cathy Duff; Christine Andrews; Coccoma, Patricia; Isaacs, Madelyn; Roman, Isaac; Snyder, Paul; Toll, Ronald

II. Reports

A. Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs Report – Ron Toll

- This morning we continued to monitor the Tallahassee situation. There may be some good news regarding the Federal Stimulus package. I've been in consultations with formal colleagues and other institutions to get what they're reading into it. I do not have any definitive budget news. I haven't had a chance to speak with President Bradshaw yet about any updates.
- The next coming week, we will have a visit from SACS on March 24, 25, and 26. This is not a regular visit. It's what SACS considers to be substantive in that we are offering doctoral programs for the first time; they will be primarily focused at the doctoral level. Anytime SACS comes onto a campus for a substantial change review, they are able to put into place a review of anything they would like to look at. It does require us to be prepared to answer any questions beyond those programmatic areas. We have been in conciliation with schools who have been through substantive review, it appears not be particularly grueling.
- We continue to move forward with faculty searches. We have extending a number of hires. I have asked the deans to look at any positions that they might be able to live for one year without, just to give us a little flexibility in terms of budget horizon. Obviously some positions specifically those related to accreditation, enrollment growth, and plugging important disciplinary holes that now exist, we cannot do without. They are too central to our mission.
- PBC was charged by President Bradshaw. The bylaws were ratified and sent to they were sent to President's cabinet for ratification. There were very minor changes that the PBC asked to be made to the bylaws draft that was on the provost webpage. If you go to provost webpage now, you will see the final ratified version. Earlier this week, I charged the last of the five committees. Technology was charged a little earlier in the sequence. The budget committee has a significant

amount of work ahead of itself for the remainder of the semester and already provided an initial report to the PBC. There is a webpage dedicated to the PBC overall and sub-pages for each committee. Dates for future meetings will be up there as well.

- I am expecting to get to promotion documents next week and review portfolios. I will dedicate appropriate time to look over those documents.

B. Environmental Stewardship Committee Update – *Christine Andrews*

- The Stewardship council was established by President Merwin in 2002 following a water permit violation and fine of about \$45,000 from Water Management. The purpose of ESAC is to try and make sure University policy stays in alignment with our environmental mission. The council has broad campus representation of faculty, staff, and students. There are about 13 members. Wayne Daughtry from Lee County Smart Growth has been on the council since it started and has provides excellent community feedback. You can find all of our missions, goals, plans, etc. on the environmental EHS website. Everything is there in PDF format including management plans, and carbon inventory results and many different conservation initiatives on campus.
- There have been 3 major events related to environmental stewardship since the formation of ESAC:
 - First, a subcommittee of ESAC completed the Environmental Stewardship Management Plan which is an operational plan based on continuous improvement in operations, curriculum, faculty and staff development, and institutional planning (the full document is available on the EH&S website).
 - Second, Interim President Pegnetter signed the American College of University Presidents Climate Commitment. This is a serious commitment. He was one of the 50 original signatures of this commitment and FGCU is in the Leadership Circle. The University has completed the first carbon inventory and is taking steps now to reduce our carbon footprint.
 - Finally, ESAC held an event called Focus the Campus modeled after the Focus the Nation event in January. It was a full day of speakers from all across campus with displays in ballroom in October 2008. The family resource center was a big hit. Presentations were made by over 25 areas on campus, including the Colleges. It was an excellent event in terms of communicating the myriad of ongoing initiatives all across campus and got us started toward more campus community participation but we still fall short in terms of expanding this University goal in our Colleges and in University life in general.
- There is currently a need to possibly restructure the Council and refine its role on campus and in the community. ESAC may need to recruit new members/leaders, people with new ideas especially those with policy background. Chris met with the President earlier last week to review the work of the Council and discuss how the University's environmental commitment might be further developed by the Colleges and become part of life at FGCU.

C. General Education Diversity Report & Update – *Douglas Harrison*

- We have two pieces of information. The first item and most significant is the diversity report: Gen Ed earlier this week issued a report to faculty senate. You should have seen those reports by this point. In fall 2008, the Gen Ed council approved a diversity requirement which called for solicitation of course proposals from faculty to meet a range of courses that would satisfy the broad definition of diversity layed out in that diversity requirement. We received a total of nine proposals from faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences as well as Professional Studies. They were thoughtful, interesting, and innovative. Taking these into consideration, we voted earlier to suspend movement towards implementation in fall 2010. This report is an attempt to consolidate

the observations that we have made in what is now over a three or four year long process. So rather than reissue a call, we decided to consolidate this and offer some suggestions where we might go with this conversation in the future.

- The Gen Ed council is going through an external review. At this point, the self-study is done, but the external review is not. We have provided a link to the self-study as part of the external review because it gives you a good snapshot of the state of the General Education program at this moment.

D. SGA Report – Isaac Roman

- We've tried our hardest to get our platform items done before the end of the year. In the past, we've scrambled at the last minute to finish everything, however this year we have exceeded our goals.
- Rally in Tally was a success over spring break. We had about 25 to 30 students attended. We had the most out of any universities in the State, including University of Florida and Florida State University.
- Earth Day is coming up on April 4. It's a day full of activities from the collaborations of different clubs on campus. We really want to get the students active.
- The inaugural transitions banquet is on April 6. In the past, we have never had a "passing the gavel" ceremony in Student Government. This year we've decided to make a formal ceremony and invite administration to showcase our achievements throughout the academic year.
- We have formal coming up on April 3rd in Alico Arena presenting by B.E.E.P.
- Student Government elections are next week! The campus will be covered with political parties advocating their platforms. There is a plan on place to clean up everything to avoid substantial fines \$50 per sign. Hopefully within the next two weeks you will have a new SG President and Vice-President.
- We have a bio fuels meeting. We are thinking about outsourcing the bio fuels for the shuttle buses.
- Budget is passing next Tuesday. We had to cut of a million plus dollars from the budget requests, it was not an easy task. It will go through SG senate next week.
- We have SG Tech bill coming through. It will grant students access to all of the Microsoft programs for \$10 rather than \$150-\$400. This will help not only students, but faculty as well when trying to send out attachments that are not compatible with student computers. We're trying to get this pushed through. It's about \$140,000.

E. UFF Report – Maddy Isaacs

- We have about 30 faculty members in last week's meeting.
- We held elections. Most positions are filled, however we still have a few seats open.
- We approved our budget for next year.
- We talked a lot about advocacy and our advocacy webpage.
- We discussed our upcoming climate questionnaire coming up quickly focusing on working issues, working condition issues, working salary issues.
- There was a great discussion as far as the economy, stimulus package, what's happening around the country, and so forth.
- We announced we will be having an end of the year social on March 24; all faculty and administrative partners are invited to join. It's informal and fun and a chance to be together in a social environment.

F. Senate President's Report – Halcyon St. Hill

- At our next meeting I will be giving my annual report.
- I was invited to be on a CORE group. It's about discussing plans for a climate survey consistent with the university's mission, vision and guiding principles. This CORE working group will assist – support from Dr. McKinney's collaboration with PIP has been indicated. You will be kept abreast.
- We will have nominations for president at our next senate meeting (March 27); elections will occur on April 10, 2009. We will also be nominating people for senate officer positions - vice president secretary, parliamentarian, and also voting on April 10. I would like everyone to put some thought into this and be ready to nominate and vote on those dates. We don't have any process for posting CVs.

III. Approval of Minutes:

- Motion made by Julie Yazici and seconded by Dayle Upham to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2009 meeting; minutes were approved with minor corrections.

IV. Old Business

A. Proposed Bylaws Changes for Proxy Section 3.02 - Martha Rosenthal(Attachment 1 – Action Item)

- This was the bylaws amendment about having a proxy count towards the attendance rule. The first paragraph is a new addition. We had nothing to describe what a proxy actually was. We can make up whatever we want it to be. The first paragraph says you can't be a proxy for more than one senator per meeting. If you have a proxy for more than three meetings, you are considered to have resigned. This was the original for bylaw change. Before we vote on this, there was already a suggested amendment. It suggests the concern you could have a proxy at anytime and needs to be changed.
- If you've missed three, a letter goes to you and your dean and it's up to the college to determine what to do. They could replace you or reinstate you.
- Suggested change has passed. Motion made by Pamela Seay and second by Michelle Angeletti to send the item back to the committee and vote at the next meeting; motion passed.

B. Grants and Research Team Bylaws Changes 4.02 (i) and 4.02 (c) Student Affairs Team - Martha Rosenthal (Attachments 2 A & 2B Proposed Changes - Action Item)

- Motion has carried and is passed to approve.

C. Syllabus Guidelines - H. St. Hill (Attachment 3 - Action Item)

- Syllabus Guidelines went back to Senate Leadership and was then delegated to the Curriculum team chairs for review and revisions as applicable. The General Education team chair, Doug Harrison, will lead this and bring back the guidelines to Senate. We took back your feedback. Items that were discussed are line number seven; new language was added as noted. Number 12 has been changed because of confusing title. Item two was changed and put under recommended. The general principal we took was to clarify the intent of document. This will be up for vote at the next meeting. Forward changes that you want to be made to Doug Harrison by next Friday.

V. New Business

A. Proposed Bylaws changes for: General Education Council 4.02 (j), Undergraduate and Curriculum Team Bylaws Changes (4.01 (d) and (f) and - Martha Rosenthal (Attachment 4A & 4B; Reference Current Senate Bylaws on Senate website link)

- They have had a chance to look over bylaws and make some changes. Gen Ed council has been working with curriculum team to make changes that are consistent.
- Other two bylaws are in the hands of Leadership to discuss today but will be online.

B. Report from SLOG TASK Force - Pat Coccooma (Attachment 5)

- H. St. Hill told the senate that the SLOG Task Force Report is on the agenda for the senate leadership meeting today. I sincerely thank the task force in their work. They had a small amount of time to truly look at the task and they have done a great job. If you have any comments you would like to see in the Leadership, email them to me (Halcyon). I will take it back to Leadership team.
- Pat Coccooma said that the task force was rather intense. We met for six or seven times. We realized the undertaking needed quite a bit of time too. There are quite a few people that need to be involved. We focused on a review process for the next step. We clarified the goals and objectives. We found that part of the review process will be to know how exactly they're being used at a college level.

VI. Announcements

- Next Senate Leadership Meeting today 11:15AM - 12:45PM in SU Chambers
- Next Senate Meeting – 3/27/09 - Nomination of 2009 -2010 Senate President will occur.

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.