**Florida Gulf Coast University**

**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes of 11/16/07**

**Student Union Chambers**

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**Attendance:** Michelle Angeletti, Sheila Bolduc-Simpson, John Braddy, Brad Busbee, Tony Burkett, Erik Carlson, Rod Chesnutt, Rachel Cooke, Lisa Crayton, Terry Dubetz, Beth Elliot, Mike Epple, Win Everham, Abbe Finn, Nicola Foote, Lakshmi Gogate, Sue Gregitis, Billy Gunnels, Doug Harrison, Anne Hartley, Jeff Jinian, Joe Kakareka, Jeff Kleeger, Karen Landy, Barry Langford, Chuck Lindsey, Mel Madanoglu, Beth Murray, Morgan T. Paine, Halcyon St. Hill, Alexander Sakharuk, Gerry Segal, Mushfig Swaleheen, Tunde Szecsi, Dayle Upham, Elia Vazquez-Montilla, Claude Villiers, Mary Voytek, Mary Wisnon, Julie Yazici.

**Absent with alternate**: Carolynne Gischel for Debbie Giambo, Darlene Audert, Sandra Kauanui, Patricia Fay for Martha Rosenthal, Dorothy Rea for Mark Simpson, Dahai Guo for Fan Zhao.

**Absent with Proxy:** Shirley Ruder

**Absent without proxy:**, Phil Allman, David Deiros, Rob Erdman, Peng Feng, Lee Kirche, Doug Morris Glenn Thompson, Rebecca Totaro

**Guests:** Madelyn Isaacs, Paul Snyder, Hudson Rogers, Dave Breitenstein (News Press), Tom Valesky, Danielle Rosenthal, Sharon Irish Bevins, Peg Gray-Vickery, Joanna Bradshaw, President Wilson Bradshaw, Chancellor Mark Rosenberg, Jamison Yingling.

**I. Gathering**

President Halcyon St. Hill called the breakfast meeting to order at 9:10a.m. and welcomed honored guests Chancellor Mark Rosenberg and President Wilson Bradshaw and his wife, Joanna. The Chamber Singers quartet from the Bower School of Music sang the school alma mater.

**II. Reports**

1. **Chancellor Rosenberg – Address to Senate**

Chancellor Rosenberg said he looked forward to hearing President Bradshaw’s’ comments this morning.

* Wants to emphasize three things:
* The first item is the importance of the Faculty Senate. Chancellor Rosenberg told the Senate he respected them for the fine work they did. Made the comment that when he was a college provost he only missed one Senate meeting in 7 ½ years,
* The second item is the importance of student leadership. Need to have a strong working relationship between the two. Kirk and Jamison have a feeling of pride, attachment, and engagement.
* The third item is the importance of the university itself. Universities create memories and are filled with hope. Must concentrate on what FGCU is now and what it will be. FGCU is a very young institution. Chancellor Rosenberg said he feels incredibly hopeful about our future.
* Noted that Florida has been going through boom/bust cycles and that we are currently in a bust cycle. Even after the fiscal cuts, the State of Florida is still $1 billion in debt for this year which translates to a 3 to 5 million dollar deficit for Florida Gulf Coast University. We are running education on past reserves created for state emergencies; this is risky business. There will be a $ 1 billion shortfall next year which means an additional 100 million dollar cut for education in Florida. The reality is that the State of Florida is running on empty. Right now, education in Florida is like a train sliding downhill backwards. It is not my goal to go backwards. The challenge for the universities in Florida is “to do more with less.”
* To do this effectively, we must focus on our students and on our core mission. We need to build on the base, focus on the base, and stick to basic core issues. We will get back to a boom cycle; hopefully in the next 3 to 3-1/2 years.
* Will be developing compacts with each university.
* The challenge for the Board of Governors is how to meet the needs of the state over the next twenty years. We must go forward by design and must stress:
* Quality
* Additional baccalaureate degrees – Florida is 46th in the country in baccalaureate degrees. Need an additional 800,000 bachelor degrees.
* Appropriate and predictable funding –We have got to make education more affordable. It will involve tuition increases. Need basic financial aid . Need to make sure we get Center of Excellence funding from the state
* If we can get there, next boom will help both FGCU and the BOG. Won’t have to cut back. The short term is going to be difficult in figuring out how to address the challenges. Going to take all your help.
* Need Student Government to serve as an advocate not only for lower tuition but also for quality. Met with students last year at the governor’s mansion. Eighty percent were in favor of higher tuition stating, “we want higher tuition because we want a quality education.”
* At this point, we don’t have leadership in the legislature committed to quality. That is why they are freezing enrollment. Thank you.

1. **President Bradshaw – Address to Senate**

* It is great to be here.
* This is a very interesting time for Florida Gulf Coast University. We have quite a fiscal challenge to address. I will try very hard to bring the resources necessary to do the job. I won’t decrease the quality of education--we will get the resources we need.
* We will continue to support the scholarly needs and growth of our faculty. We will engage in scholarship, reinterpret knowledge, and find new knowledge.
* Will enhance all components and will not let the students suffer.
* Chancellor Rosenberg addressed us on the concept of quality. What exactly does this mean to us?
* As we develop the campus compacts, we will discover the major tenets of the compacts. When time is right, want everyone to engage in conversation; will finds ways to support major components. This will distinguish FGCU from our sister universities. We will define ourselves as we move forward.
* We need predictable funding but must be careful that accountability not be a proxy for blame.
* Need to be serious about accountability. We can’t delegate to a committee.
* We are addressing and discussing changes to the structure—we are in a very sensitive stage and are faced by many major changes. The university community will hear from me directly as we deal with these changes.
* I have had a great first week. I know that changes in structure are not always pleasant. My office will be open and I will let the university community know when decisions are made.
* I will come to Faculty Senate anytime and will tell you what I know.
* Thank you.

At this point the President and chancellor we excused to attend other meetings.

**III.** **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Sue Gregitis and seconded by Rod Chesnutt to approve the minutes from the October 26th meeting; minutes approved as written. The Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Old Business**

**Action Items:**

**5 Excellence Awards** – presented byHalcyon St. Hill

1. Motion to approve Excellence Awards for Scholarship was made by Beth Elliott and seconded by Mel Madanoglu. It passed unanimously.
2. Motion to approve Excellence Awards for Teaching was made by Mel Madanoglu and seconded by Dayle Upham. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion to approve Excellence Awards for Advising was made by Mary Wisnom and seconded by Dayle Upham. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion to approve Excellence Awards for Team Service was made by Dayle Upham and seconded by Beth Elliott. It passed with one Nay vote.
5. Motion to approve Excellence Awards for Individual Service was made by Mary Wisnom and seconded by Claude Villiers. It passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

**VI. Announcements**

**●** Date of Next Senate Meeting: 11/30/07

● H. St. Hill:   
- Senate Leadership**:** Meeting for today postponed.Next meeting will be on11/30//07.

- Win is working on the bylaws. Hope to have those for at during the next leadership meeting.

- Will be discussing the FPED document on November 27th. Hope to complete and bring back to the Senate only those items that need approval.

● Maddy Isaacs: On November 27, 2007, UFF will host an end-of-the-term social from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Suite in Alico Arena. Dr. Bradshaw will be attending and will give an informal talk. Door prizes will be awarded.

● Tricia Faye: 8th Annual Pottery Sale and Empty Bowls Soup Lunch will be held Friday, November 30th from noon to 7:00 p.m. in the Arts Complex Courtyard.