

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate Meeting
APPROVED Minutes

Date: 1-15-10

Time: 9:30 - 11:30AM

Place: Student Union Chambers

Attendance: 1- 15-10

Alexakis, George	Greene, Patrick	Lindsey, Chuck		Towne, Amy *
Anstadt, Scott				Van Duijn, Arie
Elliott, Beth	Hammerling, Julie	Mock, Karen	Renard, Monika	Villiers, Claude
Everham, Win	Hibbard, Susan	Morris, Doug	Roca, Maria	Zhao, Fan
Fauerbach, Michael	Jones, Travis	Oistad, Kay	Rosenthal, Martha	
Fay, Patricia	Kakareka, Joseph	Osterman Meyer, Angela	Ryther, Peter	
Gilbert, Shelby	Kleeger, Jeff	Paine, Morgan T	Swaleheen, Mushfiq	

Absent with Alternate (Alternate Senators): Paschall, Mack (Doug Carothers)

Absent with Proxy: Pavelka, Sandra (Jeff Kleeger), McShane, Megan (Morgan T. Paine)

Absent without Alternate or Proxy: Hale, Katherine,

Guests: Ron Toll, Hudson Rogers.

*unclear

AGENDA

- 1) Gathering: 9:30 am, Quorum achieved at 9:35 am
 - a) Welcome and Introductions – Chuck Lindsey
- 2) Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2009
 - Attendance will be added to next minutes
 - Motion to approve with 1 abstention
- 3) Standing Reports
 - a) Provost’s Report – Provost Toll
 - Back from Tallahassee from meeting with Lieutenant Governor and Interim Department of Energy
 - Exciting news about possible funding sources now that we have the innovation hub up and running with the sense of a tangible concept but not with any of the space being as yet leased out
 - Connected with to the Bakke Chair, supported by the 1 million dollar donation by Don Bakke who works closely with Rich Calvano and Rick Calvano Developing crew
 - Reminded the Lieutenant Governor it would be wonderful for the state to match the million dollar as they are suppose to support those million dollar endowments. Sometimes they are lacking behind a little bit because of issues of fiscal limitations at the state level.
 - Bakke chair search moving around very well, the search committee with be seated shortly, applicants that came from all over the world.
 - Having our own innovation hub allows FGCU to play with the big campuses, and establish our presence further in terms of our dedication to the environment and our dedication to areas of renewable energy resources. Had directed teaching and learning connections and direct curriculum connections as well.

- Good news about AB8 funding. Design meeting about two days ago. PECO money was reevaluated again about 6 or 7 days ago for amount 8 million dollars. Money usually goes out in portions. Caution you, that the money goes up and down with predictable frequency, but right now it looks good. Looks like AB8 will have a 1 year delayed completion date instead of the original 2 years.
- Board of Trustees Workshop this coming Tuesday. Lots of key things, but especially good for us and interesting for us will be the workshop related to strategic planning. There will be a workshop where the Board of Trustees will be asked to be divided into three separate groups with a facilitator that will be looking over the strategic goals that were developed from within the planning and budget council went up the president's council were except for presentation for the Board of Trustees.
- Last time homework about Solar Field. The original request to the state of Florida was 8.5 million dollars to be matched by private sources, so it would be a private and public partnership that would be a total of 17 million dollars. Instead of losing 5 million, we lost 1 million. So it went down to 7.5 million dollar and matched for a total of 15 million dollars. The cost estimated to be 14.5 million dollars with the .5 million dollars used for site work and the work need to "plug in" the solar field into our existing grid.
- The 1st meeting talked about the faculty research fund; because of the cost of "underwater" endowments, the foundation had no money to give, normally they give \$40 thousand and the provost office puts in \$50 thousand for a total of \$90 thousand and try to look for \$10 thousand more to bring to a total of \$100 thousand to reflect the growth and total size of the faculty. Found the \$10 thousand for this year, but cannot guarantee it will continue. Hopes to be able to extend the fund.
- Question: Revised search committee processes – Committee chairs are said to be personally liable for following the sunshine statue. Is the university prepared to defend search committee chairs for breaching protocol? Encourage our counsel to look at our interpretation of the sunshine standards more in keeping with previous rather than current interpretation.
- Answer: The Sunshine laws and the Florida statues have not been changed, but what has changed has been based on cases. Personal liability – will have to look into. Believe we are all protected at certain levels. We have to understand what the liabilities here and are typically institutional liabilities, and generally covered by certain immunities as employees as long as we are not making willful attempts to violate them.
- Motion to extend time by 5 minutes – approved.
- Question: You click on a link which brings you to the FGCU website and have to search for the application for new jobs – it is difficult to apply.
- Answer: Will look into it
- Discussion of the low number of applicants compared to previous years and compared to other Universities

b) SGA Report – Peter Ryther, SGA Vice-President

- In place of Peter - Anthony Graziani, University Relations Chairman for Student Senate
- Kiosk bill for free posting for students – got a cheaper quote from Diamond DeAngelo Construction. Hopefully get submitted this week to Senate to get the funds going and get the project going
- Survey on extending library hours for students
- Gathering information on a smoke-free campus

- Recycle Mania – program to promote recycling in housing, on campus, and off campus housing
 - Sustainable Water Bottle – ordered 2,000, should be coming in soon
 - New election code just passed through Senate on Tuesday, will be going to the Board of Trustees meeting
 - Excited about Eagle Games being put on by student involvement
 - Request to not allow students to address the class representing the SGA, only the SGA President is suppose to
 - Healthcare survey – gain students’ opinions about mandatory healthcare
 - Rally Tally happens early in March
 - Student Government Senate hosting a speaker, Psycho-geometrics by Dr. Susan Dellinger , February 9th at 6:30pm, location TBA
- c) UFF Report – Madelyn Isaacs
- Back from sabbatical
 - Thanked Monika for taking on the role of Union President for semester
 - Ended last year with 42% membership and now have 45%
 - Busy with bargaining (inversion and compression, salaries, assignments, evaluation). Continuing bargaining for 2009 and will reopening the whole contract on Feb 1st
 - Committed to contract improvement, Monika continue to lead bargaining team for 2009 and Morgan Paine will taking leadership for the 2010 negotiations, has been in training for a year or so
 - UF completed bargaining their first contract after 7 years
 - This term getting ready to advocate on a statewide basis to influence the legislature that the state university system not be cut 10% like all other agencies and did escape that cut last year, this year taking a bolder step and saying don’t cut us anymore but it’s time to start really investing in higher education of Florida. Joined the Board of Governors as a statewide union and faculty in support of this. Encouraged to bring attention to the positive impact of funding education
 - Continue to assert contract rights for faculty on an individual basis and to the entire faculty in consultation and actions.
 - Regarding policies and practices. Moving to arbitration on consensual of relationships and step two on the textbook affordability
 - The phrase “the university discourages romantic relationships between faculty and students” is being removed from the anti-harassment and discrimination policy that the university passed last year.
 - 3 meetings – Jan 26th, Feb 22nd, and Mar 24th Social event in the late afternoon in the middle of April
 - Looking to sponsor our first faculty Open Forum, looking to put together a panel so that faculty can have a meaningful discussion
 - Milestone reminders and hot topics continue
 - Always looking for new members
 - Question: Renegotiated the contracts - What are some of the issues?

- We have reopened a number of areas this term that have not been closed yet. Soon will open the full book – the entire contract is open for negotiation. Areas include evaluation, salary, inversion and compression
- d) Senate President’s Report – Chuck Lindsey
- Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday
 - Email sent out of agenda and attachments and received tons of feedback
 - Will be voting on the proposed textbook regulation
 - Discussion on UFF vs. Senate’s role over the negotiation of the terms of the textbook regulation
 - Motion to extend time by 5 minutes – approved.
 - Clarification of policy vs. regulation
 - Discussion on the textbook regulation
 - Royalties – personally written textbooks
 - Rules to protect abuse
 - The process of modifying the regulation after it has been approved
 - Motion to extend time by 5 minutes – approved.
 - Discussion on the difficulty of the bookstore’s policy
 - Bundling books
 - UNF uses same bookstore company, but has program for \$50 book rental
 - Recommended to bring in a bookstore representative into a meeting
 - At meeting encouraged to advocated the Senate’s disapproval of the regulation
 - Discussion of royalties
- 4) Old Business – None to discuss
- 5) New Business
- a) Presentation on Teaching & Learning Initiative—Linda Ray
- Last August, Provost asked to start teaching & learning initiative – not a center, an initiative
 - Advisory Board has been put together with a representative from each college and the library
 - Website almost ready to launch – will included board minutes, teaching tips, and information on libraries, technology, and workshops
- b) Presentation on Eagle Games – Julie Rose
- Feb 12-13, Olympic style, 10 members with 3 females and 1 faculty or staff member
- c) Presentation on Harry Chapin Hunger Walk – Carol Ann Popovich
- Jan 23, walk is free, registration begins at 8, encouraged to earn \$50 and get a free t-shirt
- 6) For the Good of the Order
- Encouraged to look over Item 1 from Board of Trustees agenda
- 7) Announcements
- Art Gallery having a showing for 5-7 pm; wine and food will be served

Next meeting: Friday, January 29, 2010, 9:30 – 11:30 am

=====

THE ATTENDANCE BELOW WAS APPROVED 1-15-10 AND ADDED TO THE 12-4-09 MINUTES

Attendance: Date: 12-4-09

Alexakis, George	Greene, Patrick	Lindsey, Chuck	Paschall, Mack	Towne, Amy
	Hale, Katherine	McShane, Megan		Van Duijn, Arie
Elliott, Beth	Hammerling, Julie	Mock, Karen	Renard, Monika	Villiers, Claude
Everham, Win	Hibbard, Susan	Morris, Doug	Roca, Maria	Zhao, Fan
Fauerbach, Michael	Jones, Travis	Oistad, Kay	Rosenthal, Martha	
	Kakareka, Joseph	Osterman Meyer, Angela	Ryther, Peter	
Gilbert, Shelby	Kleeger, Jeff	Paine, Morgan T	Swaleheen, Mushfiq	

Absent with Alternate (Alternate Senators): Fay, Patricia (Sheila Bolduc-Simpson), Pavelka, Sandra (Howard Smith)

Absent with Proxy: Anstadt, Scott (Howard Smith)

Absent without Alternate or Proxy:

Guests: Hudson Rogers

=====