

Florida Gulf Coast University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of 9/14/07
Student Union Chambers

Attendance: Michelle Angeletti, Tony Burkett, Rod Chesnutt, Rachel Cooke, Lisa Crayton, Terry Dubetz, Beth Eliot, Mike Epple, Rob Erdman, Win Everham, Tricia Fay, Abbe Finn, Sue Gregitis, Dave Jaegar, eff Jinian, Joe Kakareka, Sandra Kauanui, Lee Kirche, Jeff Kleeger, Karen Landy, Barry Langford, Megan McShane, Mel Madanoglu, Beth Murray, Morgan Paine, Walter Rodriguez, Martha Rosenthal, Shirley Ruder, Halcyon St. Hill, Alexander Sakharuk, Gerry Segal, Mark Simpson, Dean Stansel, Mushfig Swaleheen, Tunde Szecsi, Dayle Upham, Elia, Vazquez-Montilla, Mary Voytek, Clause Villiers, Mary Wisnon, Julie Yazici.

Absent with alternate: Carolynn Gischel for Debbie Giambo, Brad Busbee for Doug Harrison, Karen Mock for Doug Morris, Dahai Guo for Fan Zhao

Absent without proxy: Dee Burgess, David Deiros, Peng Feng, Johnny McGahaha, and Rebecca Totaro.

Guests: Madelyn Isaacs, Bonnie Yegedis.

I. Gathering

President Halcyon St. Hill called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. when quorum was reached.

II. Reports

A. Provost's Report – Provost Yegedis

- Florida Gulf Coast University is one of four Florida universities nominated by the Florida Campus Compact to receive the “Excellence Award in Service Learning.” This award will be presented Thursday evening, October 4, 2007 in Tampa, Florida. Several people from FGCU will be attending.
B.O.T is scheduled for September 18, 2007
- President-elect Bradshaw’s contract is on the Agenda to be ratified at this meeting.
- Collective Bargaining Agreement is also on the Agenda for ratification.
- Discussion will take place regarding a tuition increase requested by the FRC.
- Bonnie announced that Halcyon St. Hill and Marci Greene have been added to the President’s Transition Team.
- President Bradshaw will be ratified as the next President of Florida Gulf Coast University during the BOG Meeting in Tallahassee on September 27th 2007. His starting date will be November 13th 2007.

B. UFF Report – Maddy Isaacs, UFF President

- UFF currently has 105 members.
- On October 1st 2007, from 4 to 6 p.m., UFF will host a welcome back social for all faculty members.
- A chapter luncheon is scheduled for October 6th 2007.
- On October 19th 2007, from 9:00 to 12:00, a faculty orientation session will be held at which the new contract will be discussed.
- In late November 2007, UFF has requested an end-of-term session which we hope President Bradshaw will be able to attend.
- Milestone reminders will be resumed soon. Will be sending out information in emails.

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

- Halcyon noted that several Senate Committees have already met.
- Professional Development Guidelines should be updated by next week.
- Halcyon will share report of Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS) meeting on October 5th 2007 by e-mail.
- Halcyon said that she attended the first transition team meeting. President-elect Bradshaw has requested reports from the people who will be reporting to the President. Halcyon will also be providing a Senate Report to Dr. Bradshaw. This report will also serve to introduce him to the Senate and how it functions.
- Halcyon is still working on Senate website with Dave Jaeger. The Senate website link will be sent to Senators for their review and input.
- Halcyon has requested the names of the chairs for all of the University Senate Committees. Will put names in alphabetical order once compiled and will distribute to the Senators.

- IT will be taking pictures at today's roundtable discussion today (9/14/07) to post on new website.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from the August 31, 2007 meeting; minutes approved as written.

IV. Old Business

A. Professional Development Fund Guidelines

- Committee met yesterday to discuss the changes that need to be made to the guidelines.
- Last year, it appeared that some faculty members applied three times.
- Funds can only be used for the event for which one has requested funding.
- Suggestion was made by Abbe Finn to include a question on application as to when the applicant previously applied for professional development funds and the amount received.
- Hopefully, checklist will be completed by our next meeting showing this year's guidelines and the key dates relating to application deadlines and when award letters will be received.
- Question was raised as to what happens if a person doesn't use all his/her funds?
- Halcyon noted that revisions are still being worked on. Nothing is set in stone yet. Usually, the document is brought to Senate for review and discussion. Then revisions are made and sent by e-mail to Senate members. Then revised document will come back to the Senate for final approval. It was suggested that each year, the Professional Development Fund Guidelines should be reviewed in the Spring semester in preparation for implementation in the Fall semester.

V. New Business

A. Athletics – Cecil Carter

- Halcyon told the Senate that Cecil Carter was at another meeting today but will be on the agenda for our next meeting,

B. Senate Planning Session

- Halcyon stressed the primary goal of this morning's planning session was to ensure the continued integrity of shared governance at Florida Gulf Coast University "At FGCU, shared governance is a shared in reality. It is the best I have ever seen. Faculty Senate, the Administration and UFF work together and collectively share responsibility." The break-out sessions are designed to find out what the faculty has in mind and what they think should be the goals for the Senate this year. Halcyon also provided the following directions for the meeting:
 1. Each table will select a facilitator and recorder.
 2. Each table will have a conversation - - discuss the questions (See Attachment 1) and record a summary for each question/item. (Note: questions were provided to Senators via e-mail days ahead of the meeting along with the Agenda). Prioritize items (30 -35 minutes allotted).
 3. Each group will report back to the Senate the two items listed as the group's highest priorities for each item.
 4. Each person will do an individual reflection (evaluation form- Halcyon stated that this was important, and we need to evaluate this session to know if this process was good). See Attachment 2 for the form used.
 5. Senate Leadership - will collect the information at the end of the session.
 6. Session notes will be used to formulate goals and a strategic plan for the Senate.
- Provost Bonnie Yegidis shared her comments on faculty governance prior to leaving the meeting. Provost Yegidis made the following points:
 - There is information available on the AAUP website regarding shared governance.
 - Provost Yegidis believes that FGCU Faculty and administration do a good job when it comes to shared governance.
 - At FGCU we expect the faculty and administration to keep the ideals of academy, service, teaching, and scholarship as part of our mission.

- When it comes to curriculum, the faculty develops the curriculum, admission, promotion criteria, and academic programs.
- With reason, discourse, and collegiality, the faculty and administration can work together to have the best functioning university possible.
- Following Provost Yegidis' comments the business meeting for the Faculty Senate ended. The Senators present (no guest) at the 9/14/07 Faculty Senate meeting participated in the Faculty Planning Session.

Faculty seating was organized before the 9/14/07 meeting as roundtables with random assignment of seats as well as a mix of Senators from various units on each table).

- **Room Set up:** Round tables with color coded chairs representing each academic unit and a color code chart was available upon entry to the room next to the sign-in table. Color codes were designated so that each Senator would sit at the color coded chair on the table of choice. Color codes were as follows (Colored sheets included the College abbreviation as designated below):
 - CAS - Green
 - CHP - Yellow
 - COB – Purple
 - COE – Pink
 - CPS - Orange
 - Library -

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

VI. Announcements

- **Date of Next Senate Meeting:** 9/28/07
- **Senate Leadership:** 10/12/07

Faculty Senate Planning Session
September 14, 2007 Faculty Senate Meeting

Roundtable Questions

- What goals do you believe the Faculty Senate should accomplish:
 - For academic year 2007 - 2008
 - Over time – long-term (provide goals and timelines)

- What issues or concerns do you know of that you believe need to be addressed by the faculty Senate? Please share any resolutions that you may have; this may include forwarding of the concern to the Senate Leadership or to a particular Senate Team or Council, etc.

- Provide ideas or comments not addressed in items 1 and 2 above. Also propose resolutions and possible outcomes to address each idea or comment as appropriate.

9/14/07 Faculty Senate Planning Session Written Reflection

Participant Feedback Sheet

Thank you for participating in the Faculty Senate Planning Session roundtables. We would like to give you the opportunity to provide us with additional information by giving us written responses to the following questions.

1. In my opinion, the most exciting or interesting idea that was made in our group was the following:

2. Here is an something that I did not have an opportunity to share at the round table:

3. I would like to share the following advice with the faculty Senate leadership:

