

**Florida Gulf Coast University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of 9/28/07
Student Union Chambers**

Attendance: Phil Allman, Michelle Angeletti, Sheila Bolduc-Simpson, Jon Braddy, Brad Busbee, Dee Burgess, Erik Carlson, Rod Chesnutt, Lisa Crayton, Mike Epple, Win Everham, Abbe Finn, Nicola FooteSue Gregitis, Billy Gunnels, Doug Harrison, Jeff Jinian, Joe Kakareka, Sandra Kauanui, Jeff Kleeger, Karen Landy, Barry Langford, Chuck Lindsey, Mel Madanoglu, Doug Morris, Morgan T. Paine, Shirley Ruder, Halcyon St. Hill, Alexander Sakharuk, Mark Simpson, Glenn Thompson, Dayle Upham, Elia Vazquez-Montilla, Claude Villiers, Mary Voytek, Mary Wisnom, Fan Zhao.

Alternate Senators: Joan Faris for Tony Burkett, Kay Oistad for Rachel Cooke, Ai Ning Loh for Terry Dubetz, Carolyn Gischel for Debbie Giambo, Tricia Fay for Martha Rosenthal, Mack Paschall for Tunde Szecsi, Dahai Guo for Julie Yazici.

Absent without Alternate: David Deiros, Beth Elliot, Rob Erdman, Peng Feng, Lakshmi Gogate, Anne Hartley, Lee Kirche, Johnny McGaha, Beth Murray, Gerry Segal, Mushfiq Swaleheen, Rebecca Totaro.

Absent with Proxy: none reported.

Guests: Provost Yegedis, Jessica Rhea, Linda Summers, Maria Roca, Hudson Rogers, Paul Snyder, Cecil Carter, Michael Rollo, VP Student Affairs.

I. Gathering

President Halcyon St. Hill called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. when quorum was reached. Dr. St. Hill asked the new Senators to introduce themselves and explained the proper sign-in procedures. She noted that Dr. Michael Rollo, Vice President of Student Affairs, would also be addressing the Senate this morning.

II. Reports

A. Provost's Report – Provost Yegidis

- The Provost informed the Senate that the union contract had been approved by the B.O.T. and faculty members on the payroll as of July 1, 2007 will be receiving a 1% pay raise.
- The B.O.G. ratified Dr. Bradshaw as the new President of Florida Gulf Coast University. He will be starting on November 12th or 13th.
- The Florida legislature will be holding a special 10-day session starting Wednesday, October 3, 2007 to discuss the budget. Jennifer Goen, FGCU lobbyist, will be attending the entire session. Cuts may be less than 4%; perhaps 3.9%. Hopefully, this will be the case.
- The Provost met with Vice President Joe Shepard to discuss the new faculty lines. These are needed for next year because we are still growing at an annual rate of 12%. Professional staff lines are also badly needed, especially in counseling and advising. They will forward funds to colleges with the greatest needs.
- All Florida State Universities are mandated to freeze freshman enrollment.

- After approval of our CBA, Dr. Rogers and I conducted a page-by-page review of the FPED. Is a great document but there are still a few areas that are inconsistent with the new CBA.
- A reception is being held today in the Provost's office from 3:00 to 4:30 for faculty scholars. Please plan to attend.
- On October 9th, two back- to-back workshops will be held; the first is for chairs and will discuss the new CBA and the roles of chairs and deans; the second, for deans and members of Peer Review Committees to discuss college promotion criteria.
- International reception is being held today at 5:30 p.m. in the student union.

B. Student Affairs Report – Dr. Michael Rollo

- Dr. Rollo has made a commitment to consult with Faculty Senate as a conduit for names to represent the Faculty on Student Affairs.
- He plans to keep faculty informed on student concerns and student life on campus by attending Senate meetings on a regular basis. He wants faculty to feel free to address any questions and concerns,
- Student Affairs is in the process of developing advisory committees for their different units
- Meeting today at 10:00 a.m. on “Conversation on Campus Community” to finalize the first draft, get of sense of things that have surfaced, discuss the last two years and to make plans for the next two. These findings will be presented to President Bradshaw.
- Dr. Rollo said the Eagle News Task Force recommended a Student Advisory Board which has met for the first time. Unfortunately, we lost the money for a full time person but hope to be able to get a part-time person. They have developed a mentoring program and have identified 15 volunteers with press experience to work with the students. The *Eagle News* is a better paper this year.
- Many student policies were created before students actually arrived on campus or when the enrollment was much smaller. Student policies need to be reviewed on a regular basis because some of the previous policies no longer apply.
- He wants to revise the conduct code especially those concerning academic honesty violations. This is a conduct issue for the university but an academic issue for the faculty. He is meeting with Provost Yegedis and Human Resources to establish appropriate codes. They are also revising the alcohol and substance use policy.
- The Office of Student Affairs is addressing concerns rising from the Virginia Tech shooting by attempting to identify and be consciously aware of students with psychiatric and behavioral problems. We want to be able to identify and intervene with students that raise “red flags” by their behavior. We are going to deal with this proactively.
- Student Affairs is also concerned with the problem of student suicide. We will have a suicide risk policy. We don't expect the faculty to be counselors but would like for you to be “gate keepers” and try to get troubled students to us. There is a need to balance students' rights with academic freedom.
- We also need to have a policy regarding religious holidays. We need to know how best to deal with assignments and absenteeism. For example, we are looking into our lack of policy for the Jewish holidays and for Good Friday. Provost Yegedis and I are going to look at “best practices” at other universities.
- The Dean of Students will be a conduit for faculty.
- If a student needs to be removed from a class due to behavior, this is a conduct issue.
- Policies will be shared with the faculty.
- Please contact the Office of Student Affairs with any issues or concerns which you may have. We will be glad to come to your department to discuss any concerns.

- C. Student Government Report – Jameson Yingling**
No report was given as Jameson Jingling was not present.
- D. UFF Report – Carolyn Gischel read for Maddy Isaacs, UFF President**
- Welcome back social for all faculty members will be held October 1st from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Student Union.
 - A faculty orientation session will be held on October 19th from 9:00 to 12:00. The new contract will be discussed.
 - A chapter meeting and luncheon will be held on October 23, 2007.
 - On November 22, UFF is going to hold an end-of- term session to which we are going to invite President Bradshaw.
 - UFF is re-establishing its “milestone” reminders they will arrive in emails.
- E. Senate President’s Report – Halcyon St. Hill**
- Dr. St. Hill has received a request for two faculty members to serve on the Student Code of Conduct Committee. Beth Elliott and Dale Upham will serve on the committee, which will meet each week in October to update the Student Code of Conduct.
 - Dr. St. Hill is traveling to the ACFS Meeting in Tallahassee, Florida on October 4th and 5th 2007. At this meeting, the budget, strategic planning for SUS, institutional issues, and the legislative budget for 2008 will be among the main issues discussed. She will also ask representatives from other universities about how they deal with issues such as SAI.
 - Chancellor Rosenberg has made three recommendations to improve the overall quality of education in Florida: (1) freeze the number of graduate degrees offered, (2) increase the number of baccalaureate graduates, and (3) provide predictable funding for universities.
 - There is a goal to improve freshmen and sophomore retention.
 - Articulation agreements with community colleges and four year institutions.
 - Improve to readiness for college education for students from under represented populations.
 - Reduction of student and faculty ratio.
 - There is a goal for everyone to work together to achieve these goals.
 - Dr. St. Hill briefly discussed the “Faculty Senate Goals and Strategic Directives 2007 – 2010” results from the round-table discussions at the last Senate meeting. She mentioned this was only a rough draft and to please review and bring your feedback to the next Senate meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2007 meeting; minutes approved as written.

IV. Old Business

A. Professional Development Fund Guidelines 2007-2008 Guidelines

- The most important items discussed and including changes from last year are:
 - The funds cannot be used to pay for membership in professional organizations.
 - TAR **is not** required with this year’s submission,
 - Submission will be 100% electronic (e-mail address enclosed), and
 - Applications are limited to \$2000.

- Applicants can resubmit for an activity that was not fully funded in the previous submission.
- If you get approval for an activity but do not go, you must reapply if you want to use the money for something else.
- There is no automatic carry over for the use of funds from one period to the next.
- You may apply for funds between July 2007 and August 2008.
- Dr. St. Hill identified the following deadlines:
 - Applications for fall are accepted beginning one month before the due date of November 1, 2007.
 - Faculty has a month in which to submit an application.
 - Committee has month to make decision. Applicants will receive notification sometime the first week in December.

This is a short timeline.

- A motion was made by Doug Morris to: Suspend rules, to vote on the Professional Development Fund Guidelines. The motions carried.
- A very lively discussion ensued covering such items as wording, submission deadlines, reimbursement deadlines, TAR submissions, etc.
- The following motion was made by Tricia Fay and carried unanimously: Accept the document as is with addition of a one month application window and a prompt email notification of application received.

V. **New Business**

A. **Athletics** – Cecil Carter

- Cecil introduced himself as a faculty member and faculty athletics representative. He expressed an appreciation of the opportunity to address the Faculty Senate.
- He is appointed to his position and serves at the pleasure of the President of FGCU. Cecil is the advisor to the President on athletics on campus and serves as the liaison between the faculty and the athletic program.
- Charged with maintaining academic integrity, student athletes' well-being, and institutional control.
- Currently we have 300 student athletes competing in 14 sports. Historically, our teams have done very well in competition, academic records, and civic engagement.
- Will be provisional members of Division I Competition until 2011.
- Tied to Academic Progress Program to insure student athletes are successful academically.
- Under the NCAA Division I, FGCU will be measuring student's progress towards a degree. This will be the first year we will be collecting data.
- We are affiliated with the Atlantic Sun Conference which is Division I-AAA.
- Athletics Advisory Council has been formed to advise athletic director and will meet for the first time this year next week.
- Summit for Intercollegiate Conference will be held October 15th in Washington, DC.

B. **Service Learning: Transition from hour-based to course/program based Graduation Requirement and Timeline** – Linda Summers

- Linda Summers will present her report at the next meeting as there was insufficient time remaining.
- Dr. St. Hill noted this was an action item and asked Senators to review.

- **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

VI. Announcements

- Date of Next Senate Meeting: 10/12/07
- Senate Leadership: 10/26//07
- There will be an End of Life Workshop on November 15, 2007 at Embassy Suite Hotel in Estero, Florida