

MINUTES
 FGCU Faculty Senate
 Friday, January 11, 2013 9:30-11:30 am
 SU 213 (Student Union Chambers)

In Attendance: Bottinger, Brooks, Burkert (alternate for Felton), Carlin, Carothers, Condori, A. van Djuin, Epple, Erdman, Everham, Fauerbach, Felton, Gilbert, Gunnels, Harrison, Hoyt, Isaacs, Kakareka, Kim, Kinsli (for Kim) Morris, Nguyen, Pavelka, Pinello (alternate for Benford) Randall, Renard, Stecher, Rosenthal, Shahul-Hameed (alternate for Urakawa) Simpson, Torres, Urakawa, Venglar, Villiers (for Yeop)

Absent without alternate/Proxy:

Guests: R. Toll, De Welde, Otto, Wohlpart, Bouche, Lindsey, Elliott, Vargas, Berringer, Snyder

Media:

Agenda Item	Responsible	Discussion	Action/Vote	Follow-up
1) Gathering: 9:00	Douglas Harrison			
2) Approval of Minutes of November 16 and November 30th , 2012	Madelyn Isaacs		Approved as filed.	
3) Resolution recognizing the contribution of Dr. Howard Smith, former VP of Senate, 2011- January 2013	Executive Team	Harrison presented resolution	Everham first, Rosenthal second Motion carried	Leadership will be sent to Howard and posted on website
3) New Business Action item: a) Election of Vice President	Senate Executive	Everham nominates Shawn Felton (accepted nomination by alternate) seconded by Mollie Venglar Nominations closed Motion Carries	Motion carried	
4 Old business Information Update: Changes in Gen Ed Requires	DeWelde, Otto, Wohlpart and Chuck Lindzey, Bouche	Discussion about how discussions will go forward to fit 4 credit courses into 3 credit models. A number of glitches exist (no consideration of lab courses as example) which should be raised during this period of feedback. Other discussion deferred to proceed through presentation which reviewed new proposals and changes. Want to develop Gen Ed recommendations based on a cohesive philosophy and outcomes. The state really wants to hear from faculty to identify gaps or misfit situations in the law.	Motion: time extension – Kakareka, Rosenthal (second) passed	

		<p>Encourage faculty to provide feedback. SACS is watching how this unfolds and there is an aggressive timeline set by the state.</p> <p>Encouraging faculty to attend the all college faculty meetings where faculty can express concerns and provide feedback. Feedback is only open until January 18 because feedback is due to state by January 31. (No mechanism for student input.)</p> <p>Eric Otto – presented information about the lack of a statement of purpose which might be more inviting of feedback and comment rather than the current mission statement (from Spring of 2004).</p> <p>There will be another chance for feedback after BOG staff have reviewed it. It will be a brief period of feedback after there is a legislative bill to repair and clarify the current changes created last year.</p> <p>Provost recognized De Welde and Wohlpart for their activity on this issue and encouraging faculty engagement.</p>		
b) Follow-Up Discussion: Faculty response to FAT report on uncompensated teaching activities	Harrison	<p>Reviewed action to date; FAT produced report and it was adopted then went back to faculty in the Colleges for more feedback and ideas. Received reports and suggestions from two units which were distributed with Senate materials. A resolution is also proposed.</p> <p>Discussion – should we suspend rules and decide today or delay this for a second reading. UFF (Elliott) endorsed this approach.</p>	Motion to discuss resolution Gunnels; Rosenthal (second)	Bring resolution back to colleges for feedback for second reading on 1/25/13
5) New Business continued b) Information Item: Post-OATF Revisions to Institutional Effectiveness Directives	Harrison	Moved to next meeting.		
5) Standing Reports a) Provost's Report	Ron Toll, Provost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provost shared some perspective on his trip to Israel and recent shootings in US. • Encouraging faculty to attend BOT meeting on Tuesday. • BOG – Ed Morton, from FGCU BOT has been asked to serve on BOG which is good news for 	BOT meeting on Tuesday and BOG meeting on Thursday in Gainesville. Rosenthal/Erdman motion to	

		<p>FGCU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last night had an event called “Eagle Advocacy” which is expanding FGCU influence; especially through a newly elected strong legislative team. Can play a strong role as individual voters (using personal email) in advocating for FGCU. Big dollar issues out there – restoration of \$300 million (FGCU 3.2 million) to SUS that was to have been a one-time reduction; also talk of \$118 to SUS if SUS agreed to not increase tuition. If got fair share of these two pots of money, FGCU would be in better position than before. BOG will have other new members and governor is choosing people on local and state boards (BOG and BOTs) so he is selecting people who are like minded. Will keep us posted about this as it unfolds. • Major law suit about 3% retirement contribution that is pending. Rumor has it that governor violated the Florida constitution if that is true all employees will get a refund which totals \$2 billion for the state against the \$71 billion total state budget. Decision is not out there yet. • Merwin offices – discussed in PBC, will go with all individual offices at average size of slightly smaller than 100-120 currently on campus. Will get 20, 90-100 square foot offices to take pressure off office space issue. Good compromise. Construction to be delayed until 5 minutes after graduation and may move summer classes. Expected completion date for the fall. • Program review, before new programs are mounted at individual Universities. All new degree programs went through a pilot review process this past year (about 6 from FGCU) and some were approved and some not approved. Non approval doesn’t prevent us from moving forward and still trying to understand the implications. This goes back to concerns from BOG about duplication of programs around the state. Provosts decided to try to self-monitor rather than have external monitoring placed on them. • Promotion review process – state is now requiring each University to keep a digital copy of entire portfolio to be archived until individual has left the University. Provost will 	<p>extend time. Shahul-Swaleen, second Gunnels – motion to extend again. Gunnels and Condori (second) extend time</p>	
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		<p>be notifying all potential applicants that they must submit a digitized copy as well as hard copy for this spring. Provost apologized; this was not his choice and he tried to get a reduced obligation for this year. They were told by the state it means everything although the digital format was not specified; can use an inexpensive disk or thumb drive. Suggestion that we use Mark Simpson's suggestion of a digitized portfolio instead of the paper portfolio. Some concerns that this didn't come forward sooner because faculty are very worried about getting the portfolio in on time. Digital version will be due in a couple of months. Discussion about wisdom of moving to digital portfolio.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Six years ago started initiative regarding portfolio development and bringing Peter Seldin forward; wants to reaffirm centrality of teaching at undergraduate level at FGCU. Has consulted with Elliott, Harrison, Wohlpart, and Serro to plan for new faculty academy for all new faculty to jumpstart their careers in terms of effective teaching and student success. All new faculty with less than two years of full-time teaching experience will take this class twice a week by existing faculty starting in fall 2013. It is a unique program in the US. Not punitive but an intensive form of faculty development. Will replace their service requirements for the fall and will have schedules adjusted to be able to attend this course. Will announce this on Tuesday at BOT. Part of appointment letter and is not optional. Discussion of ideas including ensuring that faculty have input to design and deliver and that on-line learning be incorporated into the delivery. Have fewer new faculty than in prior years – have 9 new positions and several replacements totaling around 20 or so new faculty which is good for a pilot. Discussion about how to involve existing faculty. Faculty thanked Provost – it is a good idea and good dedication to faculty. Comment concerning that this is a good thing that again feels like something is being done to us and not with us like the fingerprint policy; still begs question of shared governance. Wanted to make sure there was no CBA violation, ensuring costs can be met,		
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		ensuring it was feasible.		
b) SGA Report	Luis Vargas, SGA Vice- President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of January the student leadership will be going to Washington meet with delegation to discuss higher education. • Remaining initiatives for the year – want printer stations in all buildings; amphitheater will proceed (with additional \$75,000 cost to be absorbed) to be built by May 1, 2013; looking into campus charging stations for phones; and also repair stations for bikes. • Biggest project – Eagles Care – week of alumni weekend on Feb 7-9; fund raising events and fun events are planned. Fund raising will go to feeding the hungry and providing gifts at the holidays for children who will not get them. 		February 7-9 – Eagles Care week events.
c) UFF Report	Beth Elliott, UFF President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to all who voted to ratify recent contract. • New negotiations begin on January 14. • Fingerprint policy statement – (will be provided to the record.) Outlined UFF work on policy, our existing obligations that have not changed with this policy and how the new policy has been impacted. • Statement that we may have reached the best outcome we could in the circumstances, but it doesn't address how this was put forth, the lack of faculty input to begin with, and the waste of resources. 		Elliott will send out transcript of her remarks today to all faculty, from the UFF.
d) Senate President's Report	Douglas Harrison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bradshaw will announce the consensus on a definition of shared governance at Tuesday's BOT meeting. Once BOT briefed, there will be an all campus announcement. • Will include in his report our discussions and debate about policies and resolutions; especially finger printing. • Support for the Provost initiative on first year teaching. This results from an open dialog between Provost and Harrison. Wanted to make sure this is an opportunity and not a burden on new faculty. Suggestion for a course release for these faculty who will be participating in this initiative. Perhaps these faculty should get a release from a course rather than just service since service is light for new faculty anyway. • Breakfast on February 8th with the SGA reps. President Bradshaw will attend. 	Information/ Report	Breakfast on February 8 th with the SGA reps before Senate meeting. President Bradshaw will attend.
6) For the Good of the Order				

7) Announcements		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASPIRE conference in Math on 1/25. Free registration and lunch will be provided. 		ASPIRE conference in Math on 1/25.
Future Meeting Dates		<p>Next Senate Meeting: January 25, 2012, 9:30 a.m. Senate Leadership Team: January 25, 2012, noon</p>		

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