

**FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
Minutes**

**Date:** 10/22/2010

**Time:** 9:30-11:30 am

**Place:** SU 213

Name	Att	Name	Att	Name	Att
Scott Anstadt	X	Joseph P. Kakareka	A	Morgan T. Paine	X
Margaret Banyan	A	Robert Kenny	A	Sandra Pavelka	X
Susan Cooper	X	Carrie Kerekes	X	Monika Renard	A
Jeanie Darnell	X	Jeff Kleegee	X	Maria Roca	X
Win Everham	X	Chuck Lindsey	X	Martha Rosenthal	X
Michael Fauerbach	X	Megan McShane	X	Jo Stecher	X
Patricia Fay	X	Angela Osterman Meyer	A	Mushfiq Swaleheen	X
Shelby Gilbert	X	Karen Mock	A	Amy Towne	X
Dahai Guo	X	Doug Morris	X	Arie van Duijn	X
Julie Hammerling	X	Menaka Navaratna	X	Gail Wright	A
Doug Harrison	X	Kay Oistad	X	Fan Zhao	X
Susan Hibbard	X				

Legend: X = attended; A = absent with alternate; blank = absent without alternate

Attended with Alternate: Margaret Banyan (Howard Smith), Joseph Kakareka (Jaffar Ali Shahul Hameed), Robert Kenny (Doug Carothers), Karen Mock (Loureen Dowes), Angela Osterman Meyer (Michael Fauerbach), Gail Wright (Steve Scheff)

Guests: Dave Breitenstein, Paul Snyder, H. Rogers

Too late to be counted present: Monika Renard

**1) Gathering: 9:30 am**

*a) Welcome and Introductions – Chuck Lindsey*

- I sent an addendum to the agenda because a couple of things are not ready for presentation yet. The bookstore presentation is postponed until our next meeting, November 5. Also, the Graduate Affairs team has met, but do not have specific language ready for us concerning the graduate admissions requirements.

**2) Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2010**

- Minutes approved
- Attendance: Please remember to sign in before each meeting. Also, if you're alternating for someone, please sign in next to the person you're here for.

**3) Standing Reports**

*a) Provost's Report – Provost Toll*

- Provost Toll is unable to be here today due to another meeting he is attending on behalf of President Bradshaw on the other coast.

- *Hudson Rogers*: I want to thank publicly thank everyone inside this chamber for your thoughts, prayers, and e-mails during my time in the hospital.

***b) SGA Report – Anthony Graziani, SGA Vice-President***

- Date Auction, October 28 at 7:00 p.m., SU Ballroom: This will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank. We're asking you bring in canned food items to receive tickets. That's how you will be bidding. President Bradshaw has agreed to be auctioned off. It's also Italian Heritage Month, so it will be Italian themed.
- FGCU Pride Day, October 27, Library Lawn: There will be celebrity speakers and activities throughout the day on the lawn. You're more than welcome to stop by.
- Know Your Ballot, October 25 at 4:00p.m., Sugden Hall 114: Our Director of Governmental Relations is hosting this event and will have guest speakers discuss the amendments on the ballot. Also, they will be providing some information to help create more awareness for students and education on the candidates running in the November election.
- On Monday, President Diaz and I have a meeting with Dr. Rollo to discuss the future of The Perch. We're looking at making it more into a food court option. Student Government will be providing funding for that.
- This past weekend we attended FSA, Florida Student Association Board of Directors meeting. We set our legislative agenda.
  - We will be lobbying against block tuition. We will be lobbying for the New Florida Initiative.
  - We're also looking to lobby for a tax rebate for textbooks and waiving the requirement for summer credit hours because Bright Futures does not cover that.
  - Also, we want to lobby for the raising of funding for students with disabilities – This funding hasn't been raised in a couple years.
- Benefits for Grad Assistantships – We're trying to look into students having the same benefits as staff.
- The programming board has always been a branch of student government, but starting spring semester, they will be breaking off as their own entity.
- We're pretty excited for Bird Bash tonight at Germain Arena. It's our annual country concert.
- I am the chair of the Fee Committee. We had our first meeting with Dr. Rollo. We will be meeting again on Monday with his first presentation.
- Our student senate passed a resolution for the loss of Jeffrie Jinian and we'll be sending that to his family.
- Our Director of Communications has been working on a poll to gather information about making FGCU a smoke-free campus. We have placed it on our SG website for students to comment. If you're interested in what students are saying, it's available on our website.

***c) UFF Report – Maddy Isaacs***

- This election is very important for higher and K – 12 education. Students, thank you for running the "Know Your Ballot" event. We strongly urge faculty and their families to get

educated and involved. We had an informal meeting last week with Jennifer Goen. It was not as well attended as our last meeting. She has committed again for keeping us in the loop about legislative issues.

- We are now putting together and finalizing our team for bargaining. Morgan Paine has been working on getting this done. He has also been working with Hudson Rogers and Steve Belcher to identify when we're going to go back to interest-based bargaining.
- Some of you received a note from me and Steve Belcher regarding the sick leave pool. You got the note if you were eligible and have not yet joined. If you haven't filled it out yet, you have until next Friday to get the form in. It's the least expensive way you can ensure your salary for yourself and your family. You need 80 hours to join. I think many faculty don't realize they have earned sick leave.
- Life insurance was changed by the legislature. Previously to this, you could get one and half times your salary for 20% of the cost of your salary. Last year, in response to saving money, the state said they will pay for the whole thing, but it will be a max of \$25,000. Not everyone who is relying on life insurance is aware of this change. You have the opportunity right now to choose 1x your salary. You can cancel at anytime. This is very low cost and you don't have to show proof of insurability.
  - You are able to go up to 7x your salary, however, if you do that you will have to go through the full life insurance health exam. Once you own this insurance, you can go up 1x a year without showing any proof.
- Workload Forum, November 3: We are scheduled to have a forum on faculty workload and particularly how we're managing and negotiating workload issues. Many faculty have completed the survey we've designed to try and gather information for the forums.
  - The Provost will be there to listen and hear what we have to say. He has promised he will encourage other supervisors to come and listen – not to answer questions or get into debate.
  - There will be lunch served afterwards and a brief UFF meeting.
- Florida Education Association Senate – Next week is a meeting. There will be two of us going up to represent FGCU and higher education.

**d) Senate President's Report – Chuck Lindsey**

- Fall 2010 Commencement: You should have all received a postcard in your mailbox concerning the Fall 2010 commencement ceremony. It asks you to RSVP to Eileen Regelski if you plan to attend. Commencement is December 12 and will be held in Alico. We are expecting seating to be very tight. I believe students will be receiving only five tickets this time. It important to RSVP and actually attend when you RSVP for seating purposes.
  - Grades are not due until Wednesday or Thursday after commencement
  - There will be some space provided for the faculty receiving line.
  - We are about to outgrow Alico Arena even for fall; this might be our last commencement here.
- Graduate Affairs team - They met on Wednesday. They do not have a revised document ready regarding the potential revision on the university admission requirement. The other issue that came up is if potential graduate students could appeal admission decision. There is already an appeal process that goes up to the dean's level. No one wants to second-guess the judgment of graduate faculty committee as far as the qualifications; however, some questions have come up having some reports available if a department/program does not follow the same procedures in admissions process. You should be getting an e-mail asking your opinion on that.

- Technology team – They have met and you should be getting an e-mail asking about your technology needs.
- Workload Forum – This is a joint effort of UFF and the Faculty Affairs team. The FAT will be working with UFF in digesting this data and feedback from this forum.
- Process for proposing and approving changes for university policy – I made a proposal to the Provost and President to have proposed policy changes go through the Planning & Budget Council committees before going to the cabinet level. There are faculty and staff representatives on all those committees. The committees cover the majority of campus operations. Both the President and Provost agreed this was a good idea. Hopefully we will get something implemented to the official university policy process.
- I know you all teach classes and may find students visibly reading with their nose buried in the newspaper. It's a personal matter whether that bothers you or not. I have received some communication from people who are somewhat bothered by the appearance it presents when Senators are doing the same things here. It was something that was brought to my attention and I wanted to put it out there.
- The General Education Assessment Task Force met over the summer, and the second part of their charge is to draft a strategic plan for the future development of the general education throughout the next few years. Part of the specific things that need to be addressed in that plan is the Student Learning Outcomes & Goals. The task force is meeting with the GenEd Council on Monday morning.
- If someone has an issue, the bylaws state it comes to the Senate Leadership team. If I am not sure which team the issue should be directed to, we will discuss it in Leadership to determine that. I do not see my role as being a filter. The bylaws say it should go directly to the Leadership team, but Leadership only meets once a month. If it's an issue I know a specific team can address, I will send it their way first.

#### 4) Old Business

##### a) *None*

#### 5) New Business

##### a) *Faculty Excellence Award*

- The larger issue I wanted to get feedback from you all is concerning categories. Last year we broadened the Teaching Award by separating instructors by junior and senior. There have been comments about doing similar things for the Service Awards. (Graph shown on projector)
- For the exception of Team Service Awards, one cannot nominate their self.
- Responses-
  - Don't take this data and try to cut back, take this data and say let's really push hard for nominations this year and see what kind of responses we get back. – Win Everham
  - I don't feel there is enough data here to make any decisions concerning the new categories. It's a lot of work to put one of those portfolios together. – Doug Harrison
  - This could be a senate imitative this year for Senators to reach out to their colleagues. – Patricia Fay
  - I think this is similar to other nominating processes where you should ask the person first before you nominate them. – Michael Fauerbach
- It sounds like everyone for the most part wants to keep it this way for a while.

- There was a suggestion from the Service Award committee to splitting Service Awards into junior and senior.
- We will have draft revisions for you to look at during the next senate meeting.

#### **6) Announcements**

- Tuesday, November 9 – Alvin Dubin Resource Center is having their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual art event. There are 75 pieces of art, each one is done by someone with Alzheimer's. It's a free event at the Rob & Stucky furniture store on U.S. 41. It's from 6:30pm-8:30pm. For any art that is purchased that night, the money will go to the Resource Center. The Center provides information and programs for caregivers, persons with Alzheimer's, as well as EMTs, and paramedics.
- Earth Charter + 10 Week: During the week of November 1 – November 6, we are celebrating Earth Charter + 10 week. We are one of the few universities that is a full affiliate with the Earth Charter. You can view a full schedule of events on our website: <http://www.fgcu.edu/cese/>
  - On that Friday at noon, we will be planting the FGCU Peace Tree. It is a tree they have located that is the age of FGCU. It should be a wonderful event.

**Meeting adjourned 10:35AM**

**Next meeting: Friday, October 8, 2010, 9:30AM – 11:30AM**