

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

Date: 11/19/2010

Time: 9:30-11:30 am

Place: SU 213

Attendance:

Name	Att	Name	Att	Name	Att
Scott Anstadt	X	Joseph P. Kakareka	X	Morgan T. Paine	X
Margaret Banyan	A	Robert Kenny	A	Sandra Pavelka	X
Susan Cooper	A	Carrie Kerekes	A	Monika Renard	X
Jeanie Darnell	X	Jeff Kleeger	X	Maria Roca	X
Win Everham	X	Chuck Lindsey	X	Martha Rosenthal	
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	A
Dahai Guo	X	Doug Morris	X	Arie van Duijn	A
Julie Hammerling	X	Menaka Navaratna	X	Gail Wright	
Doug Harrison	A	Kay Oistad	X	Fan Zhao	X
Susan Hibbard	X				

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

Absent with Alternate: Margaret Banyan (Tara McKenna), Susan Cooper (Susan Hibbard), Doug Harrison (Sue Henson), Robert Kenny (Doug Carothers), Carrie Kerekes (Claude Villiers), Angela Osterman Meyer (Michael Fauerbach), Karen Mock (Lorie Lupe), Amy Towne (Jaffar Ali Shahul-Hameed), Arie Van Duijn (Doug Morris)

Guests: Paul Snyder

1) Gathering: 9:30 am

a) Welcome – Chuck Lindsey

2) Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2010

- Minutes approved

3) Standing Reports

a) Provost's Report – Provost Toll

- *Algenol Biofuels:* I had a meeting with senior leadership, scientists, engineers from Algenol Biofuels. We had about 25 people present and discussed engineering and scientist interest of Algenol Biofuels. This company recently relocated to Lee County (on Alico Rd.) with benefit of some economic inducement money the county had to offer. Faculty who attended saw a great opportunity for cooperation and education. We have extended courtesy faculty appointments to their senior scientists. We did this to welcome people to our community. This company's work could significantly lower our CO2 footprints and reduce dependency on fossil fuels. It's a fantastic opportunity and I was very

pleased to see a positive meeting occur at Holmes Engineering Hall yesterday morning.

- *UFF Meeting:* Administration participated in a consultation meeting with UFF. I trust Maddy will have remarks. However, I do want to say from the perspective of administration. We are very pleased with the openness and tenor of those conversations as we move further into the year.
- *PATF Memo:* I believe everyone received the PATF memo that was sent out to all faculty. The memo discussed the progress of the Positioning and Alignment Task Force. Given recent updates, I understand things are going well. We will proceed to adjust the time frame to not take important time away from them in terms of them exercising their responsibility and reflection of the charge.
- *Provost Drop-in Sessions:* About a month ago, I hosted the first drop-in session in the Student Union Ballroom. There was no agenda or fixed set of topics. About 25 faculty came in and out over the two hour session.
 - On **Wednesday, December 1, 3pm-5pm**, we will have an open house in the Provost Office. We will have light refreshments and my colleagues in the Provost Office will welcome your visitation. So if you have an opportunity that afternoon, please stop by.
- *Tallahassee:* We are hearing many messages from Tallahassee as a new governor will take office on January 4. I understand that Chancellor, Frank Brogan was asked to serve Governor-elect Scott's Transition Team. This is an important, positive step for us.
- *New Parcel Purchase:* I think the best way to address this discussion is to invite Joe Shepard to attend a meeting and talk to us about what these parcels are and how they will be used.
- Everyone have a great and well deserved Thanksgiving.

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

- Athletics flagpole bill – Last week it was passed in the Student Senate. We will have polls by the bus loop where the Eagle Express picks up housing students. The flags will be raised on game days.
- We had 17 bills submitted before the end of the semester. We received quite a few high number bills. The highest was a ropes course bill. We propose to construct a challenge ropes course on the Buckingham property. It would be ran and paid for by Campus Recreation. I believe the cost is \$120,000.
- We will hopefully be drafting a waste policy for campus. I was a keynote listener at the Terry Tempest Williams event.
- We have been working on our legislative agenda. We are planning for the Rally in Tally and of director of Government Relations is working with Jennifer Goen to put together a good agenda.
- We just concluded the Student Fee Committee. We are now in the process of drafting the document and submitting it to Dr. Rollo.
- Student Government has a resolution going through Student Senate in support of the new campus recreation center.

c) *UFF Report – Madelyn Isaacs*

- I want to thank Provost Toll for talking about the recent consultation. We believe also we had a very productive consultation. The climate between UFF and Provost Office is starting to get ahead of the issues and having more informal conversations. I think this will work out very well for everyone concerned. We are going back to interest-based bargaining. Morgan has assembled a very diverse and able team. We are trying to have people from ranks of advising, primarily research faculty, instructor base, or a different base than us to really begin to spread out whether the contract may be silent or not easily read or easily interpretable for the diversity of activities is growing into. We are not just doing teaching, service and traditional scholarship anymore. We want to make sure there are more voices at the table and hopefully it will add to the discussion. The premise for interested-based bargaining, is that it is a problem-solving bargaining approach. The issue is stretch yourself to identify problems and mutual interests and figure out how you're going to solve your problems working together. It worked well for us before and we want to go back to it. I believe the Administration is very earnest in their statements that they have a lot of faith in that as well.
- Domestic Partners Benefits Task Force – This task force is operating through the Labor Management Committee and it has begun to do some research on the campus to find out what other state universities are addressing concerns and issues to that.
- In terms of the Compression and Inversion study, Morgan and Monica are working to get a RFI out to solicit some selected proposals to an external agency. We think this will work out very well for us.
- We are hopeful the PATF and Climate Study survey results. We talked in the Consultation about the openness of the processes and our confidence as those unfold, we will see transparent results.
- The Consultation this time was about process and identifying our mutual goals. From the Union standpoint, we believe it's about recruiting and retaining excellent colleagues and faculty. We talked about mutual respect, shared governance, and advocating for FGCU. The outcome of the recent election will be very tough for education. The news from Florida's retirement plan is very good. It's actually funded at 104% of what they anticipated. It's the long-term health for retirees that have not been funded. Make sure to keep looking at hot topic, Mark Simpson will be covering this topic.
- There is unit clarification we will be looking into. There have been some issues raised about position changes in one unit. We're going to be looking at that.
- We had a Workload Forum. About 50 people came including Provost Toll who was a very effective listener. I believe Hudson Rogers was there taking note. It was a great conversation between the colleges. We are working on a report now. We had a little fewer than 100 people who participated in our survey.
- In two weeks, on Tuesday, November 30, we will have our end of semester celebration in AB5 from 4pm to 6pm. Every faculty member is invited as our Provost and Presidents office are invited to attend.
- The main issues we need to be focusing on will not be happening on this campus, it will be in Tallahassee. We will do our very best to work with Jennifer Goen to advocate for the University's interest and faculty.

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

- At our next Senate meeting, President Bradshaw will be attending to give a report.
- The Technology team sent out a survey. Once the results are done being analyzed, a report will be coming back to us.
- The Institutional Affairs team met this morning. The main theme of their meeting was to review the 2011-2012 academic calendar. We have calendars proposed through 2014, but must be approved by this body. They are also drafting a report for making FGCU a smoke-free campus.

e) *Library Presentation – Dean Kathy Miller*

- We had a major redesign over the past year on the Library website.
- We did a feasibility study and asked students to click through the website and recording what they thought about the process.
- Much of our library is available online and the aspect students tend to use the most is the academic resources section.
- We have a “make a request” section on the library. Faculty are able to get what they need from the library for their teaching and research needs. There are library loan requests available online, renew your books so you don't have to physically come to the building, recommending titles for purchase, research consultations (open to students and faculty), or instruction sessions request for us to come to your class or vice versa.
- We have many tutorials and handouts you can use for your students. For example we have information on the differences of a primary source, a secondary source, scholarly or peer reviewed literature.
- Skunk Ape: The tutorial is designed to help guide you through the research process using Skunk Ape as your subject research. If you go to the main library page, click “Tutorials and Handouts” you will see a link on that page to it.
- If you forget something I have shown you or have questions later, please don't hesitate to contact us.
- We have been talking about making the entire library website mobile friendly.

4) Old Business

a) *Graduate Admissions Requirements*

- This document is on the floor for voting and hopefully approving. The reason this is on the floor is because the Graduate Affairs team was evenly divided whether to leave the university level requirements alone or change to a new policy which is the markup version you have.
- Win Everham moved for approval, the motion was seconded.
- The motion passed, with 19 in favor, 8 opposed, and 3 abstentions. We will forward this to Graduate Studies.

b) *Faculty Excellence Awards*

- Include a “...with at least one fall and spring semester teaching experience at FGCU” to the award requirements.
- Teaching Excellence Award – Motion passed: 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstain
- Scholarship Award – Motion passed: 24 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstain
- Individual Service Award – Motion passed: 25 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstain
- Team Award – Motion passed: 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstain

- Advising Award – There are no new changes to this document. Motion passed

5) New Business

a) *Construction related issues (parking)*

- Some faculty may appreciate earlier notice of future construction before parking purchases.
- Now there are very few available handicap parking spots close to the academic buildings.
- We could communicate our concerns back to administrative services. We could also ask for Joe Shepard to come to a Senate meeting to discuss parking.

6) Announcements

- “Finals: Fall Senior Project Exhibitions” – The opening reception 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 30 at the Art Gallery. Each student will give a brief presentation on their exhibition beginning at 6 p.m. The show runs through Dec. 12.
- Annual Pottery Sale and Empty Bowls Soup Lunch – FGCU will host the annual Pottery Sale and Empty Bowls Soup Lunch events for pottery enthusiasts, holiday gift buyers, and community supporters at the Arts Complex courtyard on campus. The sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and the soup lunch from 11:30 a.m. until the soup and bowls run out.

Meeting adjourned 11:33AM

Next meeting: Friday, December 3, 2010, 9:30AM – 11:30AM