

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

Date: 12/03/2010

Time: 9:30-11:30 am

Place: SU 213

Attendance:

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

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

Absent with Alternate:

Guests:

1) Gathering: 9:30 am

- a) **Welcome – Chuck Lindsey- Before** We start with the agenda, I am sure you all saw the announcement of the passing of Karen Eastwood. I would like to have a moment of silence for the recognition of Karen.
- b) **President Bradshaw’s Report** – Good Morning! For part of my update, I asked Dr. Shephard to address some of the concerns about parking and construction.
 - **Legislative:** We are rapidly approaching the next legislative session. We have been very diligent about developing the agenda.
 - First and foremost, we are seeking funding for the enrolled students. We have done calculations and spoke with legislative. I also spoke with the Chancellor and hope to have our students funded at the level of our peer institutions. Our initial figures would have us get an additional \$12-\$15 million. We would like to get that in one year; however, it is likely we would get that over the span of a couple years.
 - We will also be looking to get funding for the initial building of the Innovation Hub. Last year, we requested \$5 million and legislature had that in their budget request sent to the governor. That was one of several projects the governor vetoed.
 - **Backe Chair search:** We are in the middle of a search process for the Backe Chair for Renewable Energy. We recently received a \$200,000 grant that will allow us to use this to attract a scholar/researcher.

- **Evaluation and Climate Surveys:** In September, I had my 360 degree evaluation. I learned a lot from that process. That report is being given to the Board of Trustees.
 - I have met with the leadership of UFF, Faculty Senate, and the Staff Advisory Council. We had a very good, candid conversation about the issues that came to light in the evaluation and climate survey. I have learned from my evaluation to approach issues as “How can I be better?” “How can the administration be better?” Please understand this administration does not think we are broken. We do believe we can be better. I believe I can be better in what I do. I have met with the direct reports of VP in Student Affairs and direct reports of VP of Financial Administration. I will be meeting with the direct reports of VP for Development and direct reports of the Provost. Then I will determine how I will forward this out to the rest of the university.
- There is a group working on a report to forward to the Cabinet on what they have learned with some suggestions. This administration is not trying to manage this process. This also goes for the Positioning and Alignment process. I have not intervened in that unless I have been invited as well as the CORE group.

Joe Shepard, Vice President for Administrative Services and Finance

- You have probably read in the paper there will be changes along Alico Rd. to an area called Alico West.
- Alico West is where the old rock crushing plant was (northeast of the university).
- There is a plan of developing a “University Village” within Alico West. It will be affordable housing and boutique shopping. This land development has gone through transmittal, acceptance, and it’s now back to the Department of Community Affairs. There will be an appeals process for the surrounding land owners.
- There will be an interior road that will go up to Alico Rd.. from the campus, which will provide us with an access point to the university.
- Innovation Hub building – Hopefully will be funded this year. That will create about a 40,000sq ft building on five acres of land that was donated by John Backe.
- **Campus Construction Concerns:**
 - The new Academic 8 building being built is located between Lutgert Hall and Academic Building 5. It will be the new Health Professions building. Next to that building, we’re building a 700 space parking garage. The garage won’t be done until January 2012. It will be a mess for the next year and we recognize the challenges.
 - Handicap parking: We are going to put temporary handicap parking in Parking Lot 2.
 - If anyone feels uncomfortable walking to your car at night, please call the campus police officers. They are more than happy to help faculty and students to get from one place to the other.
 - Parking is a challenge on all college campuses. I apologize for the feeling of lack of communication with faculty. I will take this under light for the future and see what we could do better.
 - If you go on Ride2FGCU.com, it will take you to a page and show you others living in your area that you could carpool with.
 - We are putting a traffic light on the north road of Ben Hill Griffin.
 - If anyone would like to contact me concerning these issues, you can give me a call at 590-1121 and e-mail me at jshepard@fgcu.edu

- ***President Bradshaw***

- We would be please to come back to answer questions about construction or land acquisitions at any time. We do have committees with faculty representations. Our expectations are that communication goes back to the colleges.

2) **Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2010**

- Minutes approved

3) **Standing Reports**

a) Provost's Report – Provost Toll

- *Faculty Service Awards:* I approved the final track changes for the Faculty Service Awards. Those changes go into effect during this round of awards.
- *Graduate Admissions:* Two weeks ago, changes were voted to graduate admissions. Many of you expressed concern as to what the admission changes at the program level meant to us as a university and to individual units that support graduate programs. Some of you also mentioned those units should be clear as to what those admission standards will be (in light of the university). I agree and will be speaking with Greg Tolley.
- There was a wonderful event held this week in Sugden Hall by the Resort and Hospitality Management program. It was the first chance to see the new wine tasting room, kitchen, and ballroom facility. The Culinary and Hospitality Education Foundation attended in support of student scholarships. The facility is absolutely fabulous.
- Last Wednesday afternoon, we had our second drop-in style meeting in my office. About 25 faculty members came by. It was a great set of conversations. I plan on having two or three in spring semester. I thank those of you who came by.
- *Commencement:* We will most likely have changes to commencement in the near future. Eventually, we will not be able to fit students in Alico Arena or Germain Arena for a single ceremony on a single day.
- *Dean Pegnetter's Retirement:* Next Friday, there will be notices going out for Dean Pegnetter's retirement celebration outside of Lutget Hall. We just gave Dean Pegnetter his 15 years of service pin. He did an unbelievably, fantastic job building the College of Business and working with regional economic development authorities to brand county organizations into regional organizations, along with the success of FGCU and economic development of SWFL.

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

- *Finance Code:* We are almost done updating our finance code. It hasn't been updated since 2003. It's next stop is the Board of Trustees.
- *Senate Bills:* We spent over \$100,00 on senate bills this past Tuesday including our ropes course that was approved.
- *Campus Rec Resolution:* This was passed and will be sent to the appropriate channels.

- Dr. Shepard approved our campus garden. It will be a small initial garden. Our director of environmental initiatives will be scoping out the various approved sites that were recommended. I will keep you updated.
- Our programming board is throwing an event today in the Student Union called “PJs and Jammies.” There will be aqua massage beds, make your own socks, and other activities to help students relax and do well on their finals.
- President Bradshaw was nice enough to share some of his report time with us regarding the Collier County Delegation Meeting. We were there to support the increased money he was requesting.
 - We will also be at the Lee County Delegation Meeting in part of our FSA initiative in lobbying a tax rebate for textbooks. They seemed pretty responsive to that.
- We have a group of students leaving for the Alternative Spring Break trip to New Orleans. They will be leaving December 15.

c) *UFF Report – Madelyn Isaacs*

- We had a good end of the year social last week. We are looking forward to more activities and meetings in the spring.
- I believe Interest-based Bargaining training is coming in January.
- We’re hoping to follow-up on the workload forum with another event in the spring to continue helping the faculty and their supervisors negotiate doable workloads.
- Membership is moving up across the state.
- We are encouraged by the President’s sense of FGCU’s legislative agenda; it gives us a very good opportunity to come together as a whole university.
- The state supplied life insurance policy is changing as of January 1. Historically, we have been given 1.5 times your salary life insurance benefits at the state level. That number has been changed to \$25,000 for everyone in the system except state legislators.

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

- The Excellence Award changes have been finalized. The call for nominations should be going out any day now and the clean copies will be posted on the website.
- The Professional Development Grant Award letters have gone out. If you applied, there should be something in your mailbox. My involvement in this process is to sign the letters. Julie Yazici is the chair of this committee.
- We will have to have serious discussions in the spring about how we will change commencement. It has to change in some way. I wrote down the comments and suggestions mentioned here and I will get more input.
- Graduate Admission changes are being incorporated into a draft regulation that covers all of Graduate Admissions.

Howard Smith – Positioning and Alignment Task Force

- Our current plan is to present the draft report to stakeholders, including Faculty Senate, for your review at the beginning of next semester.
- This will be our opportunity to get more feedback before we put together a revised, integrated and final report.

- We're looking at getting the final report to the Provost and President by the end of February to early March.
- To briefly address some circulating rumors:
 - There was no attempt by anyone on the committee to force a solution. There is no dogmatic approach as to how the report should be written or what the recommendations should be.
 - The ultimate purpose of this behind everything is to try and present us with a shape of the university as it grows. Any recommendation we may give is based on collected data.
- We intend to show as much work that will fit in the document.

4) Old Business

- a) None

5) New Business

- a) None

6) Announcements

- Empty Bowls Project, December 3 – Arts Complex: Starts at 11 a.m. and soup is served at 11:30 a.m. until the soup.

Meeting adjourned 10:55AM

Next meeting: Friday, January 14, 2011, 9:30AM – 11:30AM