

Florida Gulf Coast University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of 2/1/08
Student Union Chambers

Attendance: Phil Allman, Sheila Bolduc-Simpson, Jon Braddy, Brad Busbee, Tony Burkett, Erik Carlson, Rod Chesnutt, Rachel Cooke, Lisa Crayton, Terry Dubetz, Beth Elliott, Mike Epple, Rob Erdman, Win Everham, Abbe Finn, Nicola Foote, Debbie, Giambo, Lakshmi Gogate, Sue Gregitis, Billy Gunnels, Doug Harrison, Anne Hartley, Jeff Jinian, Joe Kakareka, Sandra Kauanui, Jeff Kleeger, Karen Landy, Barry Langford, Chuck Lindsey, Mel Madanoglu, Doug Morris, Beth Murray, Morgan Paine, Martha Rosenthal, Shirley Ruder, Halcyon St. Hill, Alexander Sakharuk, Gerry Segal, Mushfig Swaleheen, Tunde Szecsi, Dayle Upham, Elia, Vazquez-Montilla, Clause Villiers, Mary Voytek, Mary Wisnon, Julie Yazici, Fan Zhao.

Absent with proxy: Michelle Angeletti.

Absent without proxy: Dave Deiros, Peng Feng, Lee Kirche, and Glenn Thompson.

Guests: Madelyn Isaacs, Dave Breitenstein, (News Press) Paul Snyder, Monika Renard, Peg Gray-Vickrey, Lenore Benefield, Hudson, Rogers, Audrea Anderson, Ashlyn Gibbs.

I. Gathering

President Halcyon St. Hill called the meeting to order at 9:05a.m. when quorum was reached. She welcomed Dave Breitenstein, from the *News Press*.

II. Reports

A. Interim Provost – Peg Gray-Vickrey

- Dr. Gray-Vickrey updated the Senate on the budget discussion at the recent BOG Meeting. She said the budget is “a moving target” and she has met with President Bradshaw several times this last week to discuss it. FGCU has pledged \$2 million in funding for faculty positions and at the present time we are going forward with these new hires.
- The University Compact was approved subject to some revisions by the university presidents. The accountability contracts will be used by all universities and will provide some very useful information
- Summer Guidelines considering the following factors have been approved:
 - Demand Driven Enrollment
 - Student credit hours,
 - Staying within the Summer School Budget
 - Eligibility of the Faculty
 - Consideration of a faculty member’s other paid university assignment(s)
 - Special needs in the program and college unit
- In answer to questions regarding the Summer budget, Dr. Gray-Vickrey reminded the Senators that we have given back 3.8% of our budget to the state and will be giving back probably another 4%. There is just nothing there to add to the Summer budget. No course caps have been mandated by Academic Affairs. In looking at your respective college’s needs, please consider all the course variables and take your concerns to your deans. No one is happy with the budget situation. It is a very difficult subject for everyone and we must remember that the deans can choose to use their available funds for additional summer courses or other things such as equipment, etc. Distribution of funds varies from college to college.

- The Space Committee notes that when the Lutgert School of Business and the School of Engineering buildings are completed, we will have a little more breathing room as far as space is concerned.
- The American Association of State Colleges and Universities is looking at a voluntary system of accountability. Please take a look at their website and give me your feedback.

B. President's Inauguration – Audrea Anderson

- Audrea Anderson described the presidential inauguration as one of the highest academic ceremonies that a university can undertake. It signals not only a new president but new hope and a new era and sets the tone for the entire presidential tenure.
- Faculty is very important participants in this process and, as such, Faculty Senate President Halcyon St. Hill will be leading the processional with the faculty in the FGCU colleges followed by representatives from across the nation.
- FGCU will be inviting Governor Crist to attend as well as two alumni for each year of FGCU's history.
- The entire campus community is invited to attend.
- The Bower School of Music is creating special music for the event.
- The amount being budgeted for this event has not yet been determined but E&G funds cannot be used.
- The ceremony will last approximately two hours and FGCU is expecting 100 to 200 other colleges and universities to participate in the processional. This is a long-honored academic tradition.
- The academic community will serve as hosts before, during and after the ceremony.
- In lieu of traditional souvenirs given to guests, FGCU will develop a four-year full tuition scholarship for a student from Palm Beach County in honor of President Bradshaw's inauguration. The scholarship is renewable each year as long as the student remains in good academic standing with FGCU.

C. SGA Report – Jameson Yingling

- Jameson commented that he had just returned from a state conference. A new executive director and a lobbyist have been hired.
- Concert this Saturday evening will feature O.A.R. and Sister Hazel. Both of these groups feature jamming rock reggae music that transcends the generations. Tickets are available at Germain Arena.
- Budget hearings start today. Have been receiving more requests for funding.
- SGA is conducting Voter Registration Awareness Drive to get student participation in civic engagement for the Presidential election.
- SGA plans to put together an end-of-the-year portfolio/ newsletter recapping the projects worked on during the year.
- Water Ski Project should be open in a week or so. Facilities are free to faculty and staff, but unfortunately, present facilities will not be the families of faculty.

D. UFF Report – Maddy Isaacs, UFF President

- Met with the UFF Steering Committee last weekend. The picture is grim because reduced tax collection due to reform.
- UFF filed a lawsuit regarding the travel ban. The ACLU lawsuit did not fare well.
- Chancellor said that statistics indicate that we lose 8% of faculty under 55 years of age. That means that we replace a quarter of the faculty every three years.
- Chapter meeting will be held on February 14, 2008.
- End of Semester social will be held from 4 to 6 pm on March 17th. All faculty members are invited.
- The chapter is funding two faculty members to attend the NEA's 26th Higher Education Conference in Washington, DC in March.
- There is a strong relationship between the size of a chapter and its influence on contract development, enforcement, advocacy, etc.,

- We are happy to welcome back Monika Renard from her sabbatical.
- Collective bargaining will be working on salaries and benefits this year. Will be engaging in Interest Based Bargaining which was very successfully implemented last year. If interested in participating in the process, please contact Maddy.

E. Senate President's Report – Halcyon St. Hill

- Dr. St. Hill introduced Ashlyn Gibbs who works 8 hours a week for the Senate out of the Provost's office. She thanked Ashlyn for the new name cards and for her fine work on the Senate website.
- The Inauguration Committee is exploring the possibility of creating a time capsule. Faculty participation is needed to look into what this would entail. This needs to be done quickly as time capsule must be completed the week before the inauguration. A Faculty member is invited to participate. Please notify Dr. St. Hill if you are interested. Items going into the time capsule must be representative of the history of Florida Gulf Coast University.
- Dr. St. Hill noted it would be very nice if we could have as close as possible to 100% faculty participation in the procession at the inauguration. There is a possibility that classes might be rescheduled to allow the student body to fully participate.
- Excellence Awards – To date, we have received very few nominations. Please send nominations as soon as possible; these can also be sent by e-mail. The awards are as follows:
 - FGCU Excellence in Advising Award
 - Individual Service Award
 - Teaching Awards
 - Team Service Award
 - Scholarship Awards
 - Excellence in Advising is a new award. A faculty member is needed to serve on Excellence in Advising Committee. Rachel Cooke (Library) volunteered.
 - Meetings for each committee will be held in the very near future.
- The FGCU Master Plan for the next five to 10 years will greatly impact the university. The Long Range Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Committee (LRPIEC) will be meeting soon. We are just in the basic beginning stages. Addition to the Student Union will include club offices, meeting spaces, offices, kitchen expansions, etc. Some changes will also be made to food services.
- Faculty Affairs team is working on the question of putting the SAI on line.
- Hope to have Senate agendas out by the Friday prior to meeting so Senators have time to review.
- Asked to move the University Calendar agenda item up on the agenda to accommodate schedule for Dee Burgess. There was no objection to do so - this agenda item was moved up.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January 18th meeting; minutes approved as written.

IV. Old Business

A. FPED Revision - Chuck Lindsey – Next Meeting

B. University Calendar 2009 – 2010 - Dee Burgess

- Dee Burgess noted the suggested calendar changes were made in yellow on the new version. There is still some play in the schedule.
- Dr. St. Hill noted that this was an action item. Motion to discuss was made and seconded.
- Discussion included:
 - Location of hurricane days
 - Extending Thanksgiving vacation

- Moving fall break
- Time between end of semester and spring commencement
- Moving fall graduation to December 12th 2009.
- Eliminating fall break and thereby finish one week earlier
- Time ran out and a motion was made and passed to extend time by 10 minutes.
- A friendly amendment was made to adjust the 2009-2010 schedule. It was noted that a motion must be made before a friendly amendment could be proposed. Motion to amend presented, seconded and discussed. Further discussion took place. Motion to extend by five minutes made and passed.
 - Claude Villiers called the question. Objections were raised and a vote was taken on calling the question. The required 2/3 majority in favor, was not reached and the question was not called.
 - Fall Break – Monday, October 19th 2009
 - Thanksgiving – Start Wednesday the 25th 2009 - Vacation Day
 - Tuesday, Nov. 24th 2009 - Democratic Wednesday
 - Hold classes Dec. 3rd 2009. Finals – December 7 - 1, 2009
 - Reading Days – December 4th and 5th 2009
 - Finals – December 7th – 11th 2009
 - Commencement – Dec. 12th 2009

Action Item

- Motion made and passed to extend time by five minutes. Vote was taken on the amendment covering the following points:
 - Fall Break – October 19 - 20, 2009
 - November 25th 2009 – No Class
 - November 24th 2009 – bureaucratic Wednesday
 - Classes End - Monday Dec. 5th 2009
 - Reading Days Fall 2009 – December 3rd and 4th or 2nd and 3rd
 - Eliminate reading days
 - Hurricane Days – October 19, 2009 and November 25, 2009
 - Final Exams – December 8th – 12th 2009
 - Commencement – December 13th 2009
 Amendment voted on and passed to accept as is with the above changes.

C. Commencement Location – (Action Item)

- Dr. St. Hill told the Senate this is an action item; we need to make a recommendation to Paul Snyder and the Commencement Committee regarding the questions posed to the Senate (see attachment):
 1. Given the existing conditions, should FGCU move Commencement to Germain Arena?
 2. If yes to question 1 above, should the move occur now for the staging of Commencement XX on Sunday April 27, 2008 in the late afternoon (best available date) or should the move to Germain be delayed until some future Commencement? (See attachment).
 3. Given the existing conditions, should FGCU Commencement remain at Alico Arena in Spring 2008 and disallow early walk requests because of space limitations? (Not going to Germain, in Spring 2008 and not allowing early walk requests because of space limitations).

Action Item

Dr. St. Hill noted the Senate needs to make a recommendation either to move or not to move Commencement to Germain. Discussion then took place regarding costs, facilities, etc. for conducting commencement exercises. Dr. Paul Snyder said approximately \$30,000 would be saved by having one ceremony at Germain. Senate voted on and approved moving commencement to Germain.

Regarding question 2, when should this move be made?

A vote was made and 15 Senate members voting for moving this Spring 2009 and 22 voted against. One senator abstained.

Motion was made to get feedback from the students and follow their recommendations regarding commencement. The motion failed.

V. New Business

A. Bylaws Revision 2008: Membership and Representation – Win Everham will present this at the next Senate Meeting

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

VI. Announcements

- Date of Next Senate Meeting: 2/15/08
- Senate Leadership Meeting: today, 2/1/08 at 11:15 AM – 12:30PM in SU Conference Room 217.