

**Florida Gulf Coast University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 9, 2018; 9:30-12:00pm; Cohen Center, Room 213**

In Attendance:

Dr Mike McDonald – President	Dr. Martha Rosenthal – Vice-President	Patrick Niner – Parliamentarian	Dr. Jo Stecher – Secretary	Brendan Bevins
Steve Rokusek for Anjana Bhatt	Anna Carlin	Mark Case for Daniel Acheampong	Charles Daramola	Rob Erdman
Michael Fauerbach	Doug Carothers for Penny Finley	Abbe Finn	BeeJay Girimurugan	Olivia Hung-Simons
Sharon Isern	Joe Kakareka	Anna Koufakou	Terry Leary	Jamie MacDonald
Beth Nehamkin	Morgan T. Paine	Bethany Petry	Alex Sakharuk	Jacqueline Salmond
Nora Demers for Serge Thomas	Jorge Torres	Jacqueline van Duijn	Claude Villiers	Joe Leah for Ara Volkan
Fan Zhao for Lan Jiang				

Absent (without Alternate/Proxy):

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Guests:

BOT Chair, Blake Gable	Provost Llorens	Dr. Paul Snyder	Dr. Tony A. Barringer	Lauren Strunk
Win Everham	Antonia Jacobse			

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Summary:

Agenda Item	Responsible	Discussion	Action/Vote	Follow-Up
1) Gathering	Dr. M. McDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 9:31am 		

2) Approval of February 9, 2018 Agenda	Dr. M. McDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted with corrected date. 	<p>Motion to Approve: S. Isern Second: O. Hung-Simons</p>	
3) Approval of January 12, 2018 Minutes	Dr. M. McDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted as written. 	<p>Motion to Approve: J. MacDonald Second: B. Bevins</p>	
Approval of January 26, 2018 Minutes	Dr. M. McDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted as written. 	<p>Motion to Approve: R. Erdman Second: T. Leary</p>	
4) Senate President's Remarks	Dr. M. McDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOG accepted FGCU strategic plan. Funding- committees on requests but not done. Trying to balance the budget. Requested \$13.6 mil. & \$7.5 mil. In recurring dollars. AB9 money will not be forthcoming so bldg. is on hold. Bill 423 is refinement of matrix where three lowest SUS' will not be penalized but will compete against themselves for improvement to established benchmarks. Intellectual freedom survey may be done to assess whether students & faculty feel safe in expressing their ideas. House Bill 909-Campus Fee Expression Act- cannot stop free speech. Refer to President Martin's 2/8 email to FGCU. Civic Literacy is coming from the Constitution Revision Commission Proposal. The BOG expects a stand-alone exam for this such as the citizen's exam with passing ~60%. Will not have a large impact on FGCU, as most incoming students will have taken a test prior to coming here. Links to the bills will be on the website. 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Ethics reviewed & many of the Senate's concerns changed in the documents. 		
<p>5) <u>Standing Reports</u> 5a) <u>Academic Affairs</u></p>	<p>Dr. J. Llorens, Interim Provost</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announced the SS & EMI team with Dr. Cordova has worked on the document to send to Pres. Martin. Dr. Cordova named VP. Dr. Joan Glacken will serve as interim Dean in MCHHS. The new VP position will have a minimal financial impact. It is mostly realignment within departments & one new position. The goal is to create an environment for students to matriculate in a timely process. Dr. L. requests we work with Dr. Cordova. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ P. Snyder added that early scores are looking better as compared to other SUSs. • Looking at summer classes to benefit the students with #'s & types of courses. Emphasis is on the student, not what faculty want to teach but what needs to be taught. Demand & progress to graduating is the priority. Chairs will assess needs within programs. Class space will be addressed. Enrollment Management will move to a more central location/quad area. • All bldg. renovations are on hold with re-allocating office space. May affect some classes. • Academic Affairs will have changes. • The 4th floor library project will go forward after all with approval of the president. CAS passed a resolution against moving instructors away from the academic core. Dr. Llorens stated the classrooms planned for the library 4th 		

<p>5b) <u>Student Gov't</u></p>	<p>A. Jacobse</p>	<p>floor are a priority, unfortunately that means that office space will move.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advising will be up to date on all changes related to students. • Meetings to be held regarding summer classes so informed decisions can be made for the benefit of the students. Each program needs to assess their needs, using both anecdotal information & data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noted some students do not want to take summer classes or internships. Dr. L. mentioned some programs & majors summer time is critical but perhaps classes & internships could be flexible. • Executive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uber Program is finalized & up/running, finishing graphics/marketing material so we can begin promoting the program in person/via social media. ○ Student Government Monthly Forum for February held last week. ○ Health & Wellness Week scheduled for March. ○ Homecoming, is February 14- 18. ○ Tabling at Eagle Expo on February 17th. ○ Tabling with NRHH for It's On Us Campaign on February 19th (National Residence Hall Honorary). ○ Filming online bill submission process video for RSO's to help alleviate confusion for students trying to receive A&S funding. • Legislative: 		
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<p>5c) <u>SAC</u></p> <p>5d). <u>UFF</u></p>	<p>T. Bigos</p> <p>W. Everham</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2018-2019 A&S Budget passed Senate. ● Judicial: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SG Election applications are being processed. ○ SG Elections in the last two weeks of February. ● General discussion SGA speaks about summer courses occasionally. They will try to get us some feedback on this topic. ● Dr. Villiers, as a club faculty advisor, went to Student Senate. Hopes more of us get involved. ● Draft of flextime policy sent to Pres. Martin. Committee has not met. ● Read a portion of CBA about summer appointments. ● UFF is focusing on labor & management teams for CBA. Mtgs. are posted on website. Opening them for better communication. ● PDP's are still in an open contract situation. There are no changes now. Until Monies are finalized by Acad. Affairs & UFF. ● Merit pay going to UFF to be differentiated from reg. pay. 		
<p><u>6) New Business</u> <u>6a) Information Item</u> <u>Board of Trustees</u> <u>Update</u></p>	<p>Chair B. Gable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General bio. and history given by Dr. McDonald and Chair Gable (Term 2018-2020). Discussed the goals of the BOT, BOG, & Governor for student success. 		

<p><u>6b) Information item By Laws Revision Presentation</u></p>	<p>Dr. M. Rosenthal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The best way for faculty to be engaged with the BOT is through Dr. McDonald. He can then give a report to the BOT as needed or have a specific agenda item. If there is a time sensitive item, Dr. McDonald could work through Academic Affairs & S. Evans so information can reach Chair Gable. • Discussions- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pres. Martin’s one-year contract came up. This cannot be discussed at FS but the BOT is well aware of how well FGCU is running and the job he is doing. ○ How does the BOT liaise with the BOG? The BOT reports to the BOG, no one is paid for these positions, & there is no advantage either way. Both view things through different lens but the same goal is to help students get a good education & be productive in society. ○ Comment-Thank you for collaborating & working as a team for University. ○ Faculty requested 1-2 visits by BOT Chair to Senate as a routine event- Agreed. ○ Question on how BOT prioritizes items. It varies but now the SS & EMI is Chair Gable’s priority. ○ Question on Pres. Martin’s evaluation with less than one year at FGCU. No details are available yet. • Complimented her team. Using the Power Point <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wants increased transparency overall & on website so anyone can view items. 	<p>Motion to extend time 5”: S. Isern Second: B.J. Girimurugan</p>	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Canvas is a working page for us to discuss items. It is open to senators & leaders of teams. Do we need both Canvas & website? One is for us, for internal discussions, the other open to the public. Comments on having one or the other, not both. ○ Key points- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Changing the name of the Senate leadership Teams. ▪ Changing # of officers from four to 5- showed both options to senate. Note how difficult it is to get four- how to get five? Perhaps a pilot study. Mentioned again, in terms of how difficult it is to get a secy. ▪ Who will manage the website? ▪ Discussed a transcriptionist rather than a secy. Concern about the essence of a meeting vs. verbatim words. ○ Question about officers getting course release time- only the president. Could speak with Provost on this. ○ Could a student do the web management, what about on Canvas, or just email information. ○ Discussion on keeping both the Secretary position & adding the Communications officer could keep continuity in Senate. 	<p>Motion to extend time 5”: O. Hung-Simons Second: S. Isern</p>	
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<p><u>6c) Information Item- Professional Development Enhancement Award 2018</u></p>	<p>Dr. M. McDonald</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A. Carlin indicated she has been a secretary of bylaws & managed the website. ○ Suggestion of minute taking services are ~\$180/hr. for audio. Does BTS have any software for this? ○ Comment on the difficulty to hear from a recording- think minute taker is best. Also, remove the website from Acad. Aff. ○ Concluded with the idea to see what other SUS' do. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A new \$1000.00 professional award is available to faculty for the next 12-18 months. Please see 2/8 email to all faculty. This does not compete with or eliminate PDFG money or other travel money. There is enough money for every faculty member to receive this. Not all will apply. ● A task force will be formed to develop the process and the criteria as it applies to the University's Guiding Principles. The task force will determine submissions, re-submissions, dispersing etc. A goal is for faculty to promote their goals in alignment with the guiding principles. This will be distributed as reimbursement so it will not be like a bonus, less taxes. It is a way to help with expenses for a professional award & help make someone a better scholar. It is not competitive as it is a personal growth & quality item. 		
<p><u>6d) Information Item- Classroom Utilization/Fact Finding</u></p>	<p>Dr. M. McDonald</p>			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senate Leadership Teams brought this up to be reviewed. Classes run from 07:30-10:15. Are these times working & efficient? Do we want to have IAT review this or have a task force? Data is available & could be looked at. This is being addressed as to whether the class times affects teaching & pedagogy.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ N. Demers revealed the Safety & Facilities Committee has staff & administrative membership that has been involved and are fully capable of doing these analyses about classroom usage, grade distribution and other related queries. Since the PBC subcommittees have been suspended, the ability to bring this request to that team is not possible, but we have a great staff fully capable of extracting these sorts of data for us.○ Concern over faculty having no input to begin with on changing the class times. How has this impacted us?○ There are others affected by the time changes- difficulty getting rooms for orientations.○ Need to look at the 2day classes vs. 2 day classes and compare with grades. Some faculty feel grades are lower now. There are also safety issues leaving late at night. Some feel the times are not a problem but the number of times a class meets is the issue.○ These ideas & thoughts need to be brought to Dr. Cordova for the task force that already exists.		
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7) Old Business		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 		
8) For the Good of the Order & Announcements	Dr. M. McDonald/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T. Leary voiced his compliments to the bylaws team! 		
9) Adjournment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting ended at 11:43am 	Motion to adjourn: J. MacDonald Second: A. Finn	

Next Senate Meeting: Friday, February 23, 2018 @ 9:30 AM – Cohen Center 213

Next Senate Leadership Team: Friday, February 23, 2018 @ 12::150pm– Cohen Center 213