

**Florida Gulf Coast University  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes of 4-11-08  
Student Union Chambers  
DRAFT**

**Attendance:** Michelle Angeletti, Sheila Bolduc-Simpson, Brad Busbee, Tony Burkett, Erik Carlson, Lisa Crayton, Beth Elliott, Mike Epple, Rob Erdman, Win Everham, Peng Feng, Nicola Foote, Debbie Giambo, Lakshmi Gogate, Billy Gunnels, Doug Harrison, Anne Hartley, Jeff Jinian, Sandra Kauanui, Jeff Kleeger, Karen Landy, Chuck Lindsey, Mel Madanoglu, Beth Murray, Morgan T. Paine, Martha Rosenthal, Shirley Ruder, Halcyon St. Hill, Alexander Sakharuk, Gerry Segal, Mark Simpson, Mushfiq Swaleheen, Glenn Thompson, Mary Voytek, Mary Wisnom, Julie Yazici, Fan Zhao.

**Alternate Senators:** Kay Oistad for Rachel Cooke, and Ken Watanabe for Terry Dubetz.

**Absent without Alternate or Proxy:** Jon Braddy, David Deiros, Joe Kakareka, Lee Kirche, Barry Langford, Dayle Upham, and Claude Villiers.

**Absent with Proxy:** Phil Allman, Rod Chesnutt, Abbe Finn, Sue Gregitis, Doug Morris, Tunde Szecsi, and Elia Vazquez-Montilla.

Guests:

Peg Gray-Vickrey; Mike Savarese; Anne Nolan; Hudson Rogers; Madelyn Isaacs.

**I. Gathering**

President Halcyon St. Hill called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. when quorum was reached.

**II. Reports**

**A. Provost's Report** – Interim Provost Peg Gray-Vickrey

- Dr. Gray-Vickrey congratulated both the Senate membership and the Senate Leadership team for another successful year.
- Dr. Ron Toll has been selected as our new Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and will be officially joining us around July 1, 2008.
- One slight discrepancy exists in the FPED document that does not meet the approval of the CBA. On page 23, on “faculty forms” there is a three point scale for “exceeds,” “meets,” “does not meet.” The committee wants to put the word “objective” back into the document. Then the FPED will be signed and become official.
- The Provost office will be sending out sabbatical letters today.
- Space re-allocations are being worked out as two new buildings (business and hospitality) are due to be operational for fall and will be followed shortly thereafter by the engineering building in December or January. Current goals are to minimize the number of times people have to move, enhance student access to faculty, keep faculty together, comply with accreditation and state standards, and provide student and staff lounges in each building as applicable. The Provost Office is recommending that Reed Hall house the faculty of Arts and Sciences and provide two offices for Instructional Technology and that Academic Building #3 house the College of Education and College of Professional Studies. Networking Operation Center (NOC) needs to expand and will take five offices in January. We also want to move faculty out of the modules and the third and fourth floors of the library.
- The budget is still uncertain. The State is trying to figure out how many dollars from the lottery will be going to education and we are in an election year. Budget does not preclude a special session in January. At the recent LRPIEC meeting, each unit submitted its budget and talked about the guiding principles in higher education. There is going to be a lot of discussions about

universities in Florida but remember that FGCU is different. FGUC is not anticipating any layoffs.

**B. SGA Report – Jameson Yingling**

- Jameson said the SGA elections were very successful with over 20% of the student population, or approximately 1,700 students, voting. Most colleges have only a 2 – 3% student turnout.
- Jameson introduced the new president, Sean Terwilliger and the new vice president, Isaac Roman, who told the Senators they were looking forward to working with them next year.
- Jameson said it had been an honor and a privilege to work with the Senate the last two years. He will be teaching in Jacksonville, Florida for the next two years as part of Teach for America and then pursuing a master's degree. He told the Senators that their job was extremely important and that they were making a difference which was very much appreciated by FGCU students.

**C. UFF Report – Maddy Isaacs, UFF President**

- UFF meeting scheduled for this afternoon.
- CBA negotiations are ongoing.
- An informal chapter luncheon meeting will be held Monday in AB5 #210 at 11:30.
- UFF is again offering the three for free new members program. Faculty joining UFF now will not be paying dues until the first week of August.
- Question was raised on whether faculty had been receiving results from the independent outside UCLA survey. Results were supposed to be available in April but now will not be available until May. It was suggested that results may be questionable due to a poor response rate. Some faculty members never received surveys.

**D. Senate President's Report – Halcyon St. Hill**

- Dr. St. Hill said the annual report will be posted on the website.
- Information regarding the General Education Council was received too late to place on the Senate agenda. The Diversity Proposal is getting close to completion. Draft is coming in conjunction with EEO to establish criteria for courses, etc. Preparations are underway, primarily in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the SACS re-accreditation. General Education Council is coming up with evaluation criteria.
- Professional Development Grant letters signed yesterday. Recipients should be receiving today.
- Congratulations to everyone who received a promotion.
- UBOT Meeting being held this Tuesday, April 15, 2008. There is a new link on the website to which I have attached the legislative agenda documents. Please look at this agenda so you will know what items will be up for vote.
- Chuck Lindsey has sent an e-mail to the Faculty Affairs team asking for feedback on the Deans and Chairs faculty survey instrument. This has not been completed but subgroup will work on over the summer.
- Leadership Team will hold a summer retreat to identify those items that need to be on agenda for fall. Student Affairs team will address financial aid and the issue of the add/drop date.
- Senate meetings for next year have not yet been set up with the Leadership team. September 5, 2008 will probably be the date of our first meeting. Senate will plan to hold some kind of orientation for its new Senators.
- Thank you for all your hard work this year. My role as President has enabled me to look much more closely at processes at every level. Transparency of process is important.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2008 meeting; minutes approved as written.

Recognition of Jameson Yingling - Debbie Giambo said, "I would like to recognize Jameson's two years of service to the Faculty Senate. He has been consistent and responsible in his representation and reports.

Additionally, his well thought-out contributions to some of our discussions when we needed the voice of students were very helpful.”

#### IV. Old Business

##### A. FGCU Faculty Senate Bylaws Proposed Revisions (Attachment) – Win Everham (*Action Item*)

- Chuck Lindsey told the committee that these changes were being made to more accurately reflect the functions of the Senate.
- Win Everham said that Article VII. Faculty Affairs Team – Section 4.02(b) is an action item on which the Senate needs to vote today. (See attached handout for current wording and proposed changes.) Win Everham noted that we need the approval of 60% of the Senate membership. Vote was taken and 43 members voted “Yes.” Revision passed.
- Article II – Mission and Vision Statement. This item is currently tabled and we need a motion to move from the table to an action time. Mark Simpson made the motion and Chuck Lindsey seconded. Sixty percent approval rate is needed to pass. Vote was taken and 38 voted “Yes.” Revision passed.
- Article VIII. Leadership Transition-Section 3.03(a) is an action item on which the Senate also needs to vote today. This has come forward from the Leadership Team which wants us to vote up or down. This also requires a 65% approval rate. Vote taken and 0 voted for. Revision failed to pass.
- Win Everham noted that we are not putting forward the following at this time: Extending Terms, Senate Officers, and Standing Teams.
- Morgan Paine made a motion to suspend rules as he wanted to present a new idea on determining Senate membership numbers. He recommends a bylaw change to move back to the original number of 45 senators instead of 35. This ratio would be a straight representation and would be more equitable. Time ran out and a motion was made and passed to extend time by five minutes.
- Win Everham said that a motion was needed to suspend rules. Vote taken and motion passed.
- Morgan Paine made a motion to change the representation formula so that an equal percentage comes from each unit versus equal number from each unit. Morgan also said we need to consider the current election cycle. Time ran out. Question was called and vote taken. Needed a 60% approval rate to pass. Twenty six Senators voted for. Motion failed.

##### IAT Action Item

- **2010 – 2011 Calendar (Attachment)** –Vote was taken on the 2010 – 2011 calendar. Vote taken and 28 voted for. New calendar was approved.

##### Action Item

- **Election of President managed by** – Win Everham
- Dr. Halcyon St. Hill, was the only presidential candidate, and she told the Senate that she wanted to continue the charge begun this year. She was accepted by acclamation.

##### Action Item Managed by Parliamentarian, Win Everham

- **Nominations and Elections of Senate Officers (Vice President, Parliamentarian, Secretary)** - Chuck Lindsey was the only candidate for Vice President and was accepted by acclamation.
- There were no nominations for secretary.
- Morgan Paine was nominated Martha Rosenthal for parliamentarian. He declined the nomination. Win Everham was nominated but declined the nomination. Martha Rosenthal was accepted by acclamation.

#### V. New Business

##### A. Proposed Graduate Policies Document – Anne Nolan, Graduate Affairs Team (GAT)

- Dr. St. Hill said this was not an item to be voted on today but might call for a summer vote. Ann Nolan put together this document which sets minimum standards for graduate programs and is a

culmination of two years of work. Item is for discussion today. The current concern is whether or not this document needs to be put in place by summer. All colleges are looking at this document.

- Mike Savarese asked the Senate to make sure what is written in this document is consistent with the operations of respective graduate programs. He commented that in March SACS will be evaluating our credential processing.
- Dr. St. Hill asked the Senators to take the document to their respective units and send feedback to Mike Savarese. She asked Hudson Rogers to review it for the administration and Maddy Isaacs to review it for UFF to address the faculty concerns expressed with respect to consistency with the CBA. She will check with Paul Snyder to see if it needs to be put on summer agenda.

**B. Proposed Changes to Graduate Faculty Appointment Document – Anne Nolan**

- Will be put on the agenda for first fall meeting or Summer Agenda if necessary.

**C. Summer Senate**

- Dr. St. Hill said there are no regular Senate meetings in the summer. If issues come up needing attention, these will be handled by the Summer Senate. The Leadership Team will be available for any budget issues. Dr. St. Hill said she would e-mail everyone if the need arose. She passed around a sign-up sheet for Senators to indicate whether they could or could not serve by e-mail this summer.
- Dr. St. Hill suggested setting up electronic voting on the website rather than e-mailing and asked Senators if they would be comfortable with this process. Vote was taken and 31 voted “Yes”. Dr. St. Hill will ask Pat Greene to assist her.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**VI. Announcements**

- Date of Next Senate Meeting: