

MINUTES
 FGCU Faculty Senate
 Friday, September 7, 2012
 9:30-11:30 am
 SU 213 (Student Union Chambers)

In Attendance: Benford, Bottinger, Brooks, Carlin, Carothers, Condori, A. van Djuin, J. van Djuin (alternate for Z. Ritrosky) Epple, Erdman, Everham, Fauerbach, Felton, Gilbert, Gunnels, Harrison, Hoyt, Isaacs, Kakareka, Kim, Morris, Nguyen, Pavelka, Randall, Renard, Rosenthal, Simpson, H. Smith, Torres, Urakawa, Venglar, Zhao

Absent without alternate/Proxy: None

Guests: R. Toll, P. Snyder, S. Belcher, L. Vargas, E. Elliott, M. Logier, C. Steinberg, T. Berringer, M. Banyan, J. Wohlpart,

Media:

Agenda Item	Responsible	Discussion	Action/Vote	Follow-up
1) Gathering: 9:00	Douglas Harrison			
2) Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2012	Madelyn Isaacs		Approved as filed.	
	Harrison and van Djuin	Presentation and orientation of the role of the Senate, sign-in procedures, and for parliamentary procedure for the conduct of Senate meetings.		
3) Old Business Action item: a) Proposed Resolution on Shared Governance and Realignment (second reading)	Senate Executive	Discussion about motion to postpone and issues pertaining to whether the issue of realignment and transition process has been satisfactorily resolved or whether those most affected have been satisfied since the motion was made. Also discussion of what it means to postpone indefinitely.	Motion to postpone indefinitely by Felton, second Venglar. Approved.	
b) Information Update: Textbook Adoption and Affordability Policy	Harrison	Explained new policy as more responsive to concerns raised by Faculty Senate previously, especially the concern about developing a web-based check-off system for changes of texts that comply with the law. Question – What is an open-access text and what is faculty responsibility to hunt it down. Response is that it is not produced by publishers nor are students charged. No expectation that faculty have to do exhaustive search for such books. Discussed legislative language and obligation to meet the law and for audit. Expect new		

		<p>online check off system will be available for Summer 2013. "Designee" left as ambiguous to allow department assistants, for example, to complete the form. Reminded senators to communicate with the draft to their colleges and seek feedback. Will be vetting through Senate when on-line form is finalized, probably through leadership and FAT.</p>		
<p>c) Information item: Update from Safety and Facilities Committee of PBC</p>	<p>Margaret Banyan</p>	<p>Discussed representation on the committee and its charges. Examples recently were phones in classrooms and dealing with FGCU Master Plan. Latest issue is now space and is taking a great deal of time. First task, inventory of campus space, purposes, flexibility, restrictions, and got feedback about space usage and maximizations. Suggestions to increase utilization (Fridays and Saturdays) which often have costs. Office space another issue – conversation about enclosing Merwin Hall. Recommending no sharing of space and use regular office sizes. Overall recommendations, SFC work with enrollment, retention and budget to benchmark how much growth can we hold in current space, aligning with master plan, recommendations for classroom and office space needs and parameters. Director of Facilities Planning is retiring, Banyan agreed to be faculty rep on the search committee at Magiera's invitation for faculty representation. Let Banyan know about particular interests in search criteria for replacement and about space more generally. Question about State statute on office space – answer it is guidelines.</p>		
<p>4) Standing Reports a) Provost's Report</p>	<p>Ron Toll, Provost</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complimented Banyan on her work and on the way the process is operating as well as bringing faculty real world/academic expertise to this process. • New faculty – around 50 (of which were 30+ new positions). Each year try to do more to expand notion of faculty academy concept. • Will continue drop in meetings as has in the past. Will be starting a similar practice for staff. • Will speak to President to lease his box for basketball and invite Senators to attend. • Good news over the summer – another newly accredited program (Resort and Hospitality Management) and received reaffirmation for 	<p>Motion to extend for five minutes.</p>	

		<p>Athletic Training. Looking forward to hearing from NCATE and NASM (Music) this fall following site visits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget issues have necessitated - more adjuncts, upping class sizes, restriction of hours in Cohen Center and Library. Are looking carefully about growth, budget and resource issues in ways that haven't done in the past and reconfiguring enrollment management targets in different ways and using different models. Has authorized 14 positions to get started but that is a higher number than will really need and will be making more data based conversations. • Talked about relationship with UFF and desire for it to be positive. 		
<p>b) SGA Report</p>	<p>Luis Vargas, SGA Vice- Pres</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented report in writing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New late night food truck for late night food needs. ○ Car rental program at reduced rate. ○ Printer stations around campus. ○ Hoped to have 24 library coverage during finals and midterms. Students will cover cost to extend hours during midterms and finals. Sending petition to legislature about this showing students are suffering from budget cuts. Senator raised issue that if students pay to keep library (\$60,000) and student center open (costs \$45,000), it lets legislature off the hook and sends message that students are paying too much tuition/fees if they have money left over to cover these services. Librarians ask that they need to know what is needed in those extended hours, just the doors open or more expanded services. ○ Can review initiatives on their website. • Developing leadership academy for emerging student leaders. • 30 students going to New Orleans as a service project in Spring. • Expanding study abroad opportunities, example with hospitality majors. • Working with VP Thomas to create freshman scholarship for full ride – targeting around 12 million. • Want to have town hall meetings to identify student issues and concerns and engage 		

		<p>students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question about smoking survey (and also to reduce gum on campus). • Senator questioned about transportation concerns on campus; buses stop running before last classes end. 		
c) UFF Report	Beth Elliott, UFF Pres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank Monika Renard as outgoing President. • Have been bargaining through the summer, Leave, Grievance, Salaries and Benefits. • Began this summer to try to “heal the climate” and put out joint statement, and MOU. One more piece coming out to individual members of former CPS to select their document for evaluation and promotion. • Thanked Provost to have a spirit and climate of collaboration. • Hosting Social in RMH Exec dining Room 115 on September 20. • Will be visiting each college to meet with each group of faculty. • Sheila Bolduc-Simpson is our recruiting and membership chair – if you are not a member; she will be recruiting you. 		
d) Senate President’s Report	Douglas Harrison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOG meeting here next week. Faculty Senate Presidents will be working to ensure that faculty and issues get recognized. • Academic standing memo. • Land use forums coming up next week to shape how campus land is used in the future. • PBC appointments have been made for the year; all on the website. • Next Senate meeting at 8:30 to discuss Planning; 9:30 will host President Bradshaw. 	Information/Report	
5) New Business a) Information Item: Legislative revisions to General Education	Jim Wohlpart, Undergraduate Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred to next meeting 		
b) Discussion Item: Senate strategic planning and visioning	Senate Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task – faculty going into college small groups to discuss plans to bring back suggestions, priorities, etc. about what Senate should be doing to shape the Senate’s and University’s agenda. This will provide feedback to next Senate meeting at 8:30. Senate has to hear from colleagues about what they want, value, and how they define and envision key terms and aspects of the future. • Question -- <i>What goals, objective, actions, or initiatives should the Senate prioritize for this</i> 		

		<i>year and beyond?</i>		
6) For the Good of the Order				
7) Announcements		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Rollo, VP Student Services: United Campus Ministries Luncheon; Chris Wheeler, Minister, light lunch for one hour with reps from school and faculty to speak with regard to holistic education for FGCU students. 		9/7 at noon; Sugden 114
Future Meeting Dates		<p>Next Senate Meeting: September 21, 2012, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Senate Leadership Team: September 21, 2012, noon</p>		

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