

MINUTES - Faculty Senate

**Friday March 19, 2021, 9:30 am-11:30
Virtual**

Attendance

Acheampong, Daniel	Present	Lura, Derek	Present
Allen, Tim	Present	MacDonald, Jamie	Present
Belanger, Brigette	Present		
Bhatt, Anjana	Present	Malimage, Kalana	Present
Bouldin, Elizabeth	Present		
Carlin, Anna	Present	Meso, Peter	Absent Proxy Acheampong
Colmer, Maria	Present	Paine, Morgan	Present
Connor, Annemarie	Present	Reilly, John	Present
Erickson, Mark	Present	Rhodes, Lyndsay	Present
Everham, Win	Present	Robb, Colleen	Present
Fortney, Jeffrey	Absent Proxy Bouldin	Rosenthal, Martha	Present
Frim, Landon	Present	Sadighi, Tammy	Present
Girimurugan, Senthil	Present	Sakharuk, Alex	Present
Houdyshell, Michael	Present	Szecci, Tunde	Present
Jiang, Lan	Present	Sughrue, Jennifer	Present
Komisar, Simeon	Present	Thomas, Serge	Present
Leary, Terry	Present	Van Duijn, Arie	Present
		Villiers, Claude	Present
		Weatherford, Elizabeth	Present
		Werder, Kelly	Present
		Yontz, Timothy	Present
		Zhao, Fan	Present

Guests: Mark Rieger (Provost’s office), Tony Barringer, Andi Clemons, (SAC), Patrick Niner (UFF), Carolynne Grischel (UFF), Alyssa Fleisher & Gracie Dougherty (SGA), Ruth Rodrigues (Director, Emergency Management), Sue Meyers, Assistant Registrar, and Mary Ann Zager, Chair of IAT

	Responsible	Discussion	Action/Vote
1) Gathering	Senate Faculty President – Jamie MacDonald		
2) Approval of the Senate Meeting Agenda	Jamie MacDonald	Approved	Leary/Sughrue
3) Approval for recording of meeting	Jamie MacDonald		Senators no objection. Guests no objection.

			Meeting to be recorded.
4) Approval of the Senate Meeting Minutes from 2/26/21	Jamie MacDonald	Approved	Villiers/MacDonald
5. New Business- Informational Item-COVID 19 planning and preparedness update	Ruth Rodrigues, Director, Emergency Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID/Vaccines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most adults will be vaccinated by July, 2021 ○ State COVID eligibility now involves all teachers K-12 in Tampa, Orlando, Miami and Jacksonville. Presently, Lee County is vaccinating teachers over age 50. ○ Federal Pharmacy Program includes Walgreens, CVS, Walmart and Publix. Florida vaccines have been administered from retail facilities that have increased from 190,000-610,000. ○ FGCU is a registered COVID vaccine distribution site and has distributed two sets of vaccines with expectation of a third set April, 2021. State plans on lowering age to 50 and over. ○ For details on FGCU's COVID information go to https://fgcu.edu/coronaupdate. ○ Fall, 2021 will see more of a "back to normal" with continued crowd avoidance, 6 ft distancing, masks, and a ban on international travel. ○ FGCU is still under travel ban and if needed can speak to Provost if exemption is being requested. ○ Daily COVID app survey will continue for summer and fall, 2021. ○ Fall, 2021 scheduling of courses will be "back to normal" with some modifications for high risk activities such as labs/music. Science will drive future decisions regarding COVID precautions. • COVID/Summer B Camp 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer camp B will be offered but only to FGCU affiliated groups. All staff will be tested. • COVID testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COVID testing will continue for symptomatic individuals at the Student Health Center. ○ Asymptomatic testing will be performed if a concern for potential outbreak. <p>Discussion: Van Duijn: Will FGCU begin collecting data on who has been vaccinated? Rodriguez: Would be nice but a practical versus legal issue due to HIPPA. Villiers: Summer B camp questions. Rodriguez: Virtual camps can begin 5/10/21. Face to face camps will run through 8/1/21. Outside camps will not be permitted. Werder: Would like to know how vaccines will be distributed to FGCU employees.</p>	Motion to extend 5 min Van Duijn/Welder

<p>6.a) President's Report</p>	<p>Jamie MacDonald</p>	<p>Rodrigues: We do not have information regarding employees with vulnerabilities. This is our next step but will need a form completed by the individual's primary care provider recommending the individual for a vaccine. FDOH consent from needs to be accompanied with vaccine request.</p> <p>Werder: Will students be vaccinated who reside in dorms?</p> <p>Rodrigues: Not at this time</p> <p>Houdyshell: statement regarding concern of scaled down commencement.</p> <p>Rodrigues: Commencement will be over 3 days and students will need to pre-register and social distancing will be mandated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACFS resolution in opposition to SB 0264 and HB 0233 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prohibits State Board of Education and BOG from shielding students, staff, and faculty from certain speech; requires State Board of Education to conduct annual assessment on intellectual freedom & viewpoint diversity; creates a cause of action for recording or publication of certain video or audio recordings; • PDFG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee is working on 79 applications. Notice should go out in mid-April. ○ Kayley sent out service letters March 10th. All Senators should have received letters. Only alternates that attended senate substituting for a senator will receive letters. Contact Kayley directly if you did not receive one. ○ Martha Rosenthal will be on the 25th anniversary committee. ○ The State continues to suggest a single digit budget reduction for the SUS. As stated last time, President Martin suggests that as long as enrollment stays strong, and FGCU remains fiscally conservative, a reduction of 6 to 8% may allow us to avoid painful decisions. ○ No word yet on stimulus money. The President is hopeful that we will receive enough funding to cover the 8 million FGCU has spent on COVID related items. ○ Inside Higher Ed and the Chronical both estimate FGCU may receive more than 18 million. ○ The Chancellor did suggest that State could keep all stimulus money. ○ BOG meeting Tuesday, March 23rd 8:30 until 4:15 PM. • Bright futures discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SB 0086 - potential discussion with Provost's office regarding Bright Futures changes and what this would mean for FGCU moving forward. 	<p>Motion to extend Rosenthal/MacDonald</p>
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6.b.) Academic Affairs-Provost Rieger	Mark Rieger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Matters will be discussed by Provost Rieger • Upcoming elections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President must be nominated at our next meeting and other officers can be nominated at next meeting or the last meeting. • SACSCOC accreditation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5th year interim report completed and will be submitted 3/21. This report addresses 22 standards and a QEP report. • Over the next 3 years, committee appointments will start with a representation across the University. This will be a self study committee reviewing the past 10 year span of FGCU. • The fall, 2021 schedule has been posted. Courses will be 77.5% face to face and 22.5% virtual. The state strategic plans would be more 60:40 possibly for the future. • Quality Matters is spearheaded by David Jaeger. This certification of excellence for virtual courses makes a case the course delivers quality education. It is measured by a rubric and puts a “seal of approval on the virtual course”. • Supports electronic portfolios. 	
6.c) Standing Report- United Faculty of Florida (UFF)	Niner/Grischel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBA full book negotiations continue between UFF and administration. Several articles have reached full agreement. • UFF-FGCU Chapter meeting will be scheduled for April date TBA. This meeting will provide updates of information to faculty and to encourage UFF participation as an officer, senator or delegate. • Legislative update: A full attack is being conducted at the state level against UFF chapters of Florida. This attack is on organized labor, academic freedom and Bright Future opportunities. • State UFF are sending faculty to Tallahassee to voice concerns. Please visit https://feaweb.org/issues-action/2021-legislative-session. • Each UFF chapter membership needs to stay at 50% or above to maintain a chapter. UFF-FGCU chapter is presently at 64% membership. Concern of potential laws requiring chapters to resign members yearly which could lower membership numbers below 50%. 	

6.d) Standing Report— Student Government	SGA Vice President- Alyssa Fleicher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deans meeting with SGA next week. • SGA Senate passed a resolution opposing the Bright Futures change at the state level and President Goldam has traveled to Tallahassee representing FGCU SGA’s stance. • Eagles Earth Week is happening on the library lawn. SGA has planted trees in honor of this event. • More quarantine kits have been supplied by SGA. • SGA elections are completed and the new term begins 4/1/21. • Gracie Dougherty was elected as the next Vice President of SGA and will be attending Faculty Senate meetings starting fall, 2021. 	
6.e) Standing Report— Staff Advisory Council (SAC)	SAC President -- Andi Clemons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently lost two officers to other positions. Two new officers named: Allison Bryant and Amy Craig who will fill the seats of treasurer and secretary. • HR will be performing a staff compensation study. 	
7.a.) Old Business- Action Item- 2023-2024 Academic Calendar	Sue Meyers, Assistant Registrar & Mary Ann Zager, Chair of IAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-2024 academic calendar modifications presented after input from Faculty Senate members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall and spring start dates changed to Mondays ○ Week of Thanksgiving changed to off days • Motion to approve academic calendar revisions <p>Discussion: Reilly: Reiterate that calendar provides for Thanksgiving week but should be noted semester is extended. Rosenthal: Concern regarding earlier start date for fall semester. Reilly: Some faculty concerned with earlier start and later end dates of semesters. Carlin: Concern of housing with change in calendar start dates. Meyers: No feedback on housing provided by administrators. Will reach out to Dr. Cordova. Sughrue: Strong recommendation across campus that Monday is a much preferred start day for semesters. Kakareka: This new calendar modification results in longer semesters compared to other SUS.</p> <p>Vote: Yes = 23 No = 7 Abstaining = 2 Calendar approved for 2023-2024</p>	Sughrue/Lura Motion to extend for five minutes Sughrue/MacDonald

8) New Business-Action Item- Reorganization Resolution	Win Everham & Sim Komisar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution on Reorganization/Resource Rebalancing Task Force has met with President Martin. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concern more about time constraint not the idea of rebalancing. ○ Provost needs time to evaluate our current structure. ○ Pandemic has created significant disruption with added stress. ○ Rewording needed on resolution with a change to “encourage administration to work with faculty on a community wide dialogue on long term changes.” ○ Overall, resolution is to request <i>no significant reorganization of academic units for 2021-2022 school year.</i> <p>Discussion: Should the wording on resolution be changed to rebalancing not reorganization.?</p> <p>Everham: Goal is to “do big things in the long run.”</p> <p>Paine: Statement: The task force is only an advisory committee to President Martin.</p> <p>Everham: Faculty cannot veto decisions made by administration; however, faculty should voice their opinions or recommendations. Committee will continue to represent faculty but would like a consensus from our colleagues to have a resolution to delay rebalancing for this fall, 2021.</p> <p>MacDonald: Resolution will be modified and brought back to Senate as old business at next meeting. Send any comments to Everham through email.</p>	Motion to extend time for 3 min Paine/MacDonald
9) Announcements/ For the good of the order	Paine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Roca and Dr. Fay are leading a campus wide effort entitled “FGCU remembers”. A COVID memorial will be held on the great lawn at FGCU in front of Veteran’s Plaza. Porcelain votive flowers will represent residents of Southwest Florida that have died of COVID. • Research Day 4/16/21 coincides with a senate meeting. Send email to MacDonald if you will be absent from senate meeting. • Exhibition in Art lab. • Wassmer art gallery student show currently on display (optical/visual experience). 	
9)Adjournment		Adjourned 11:55	Sughrue/Acheampong
Future Meeting Dates		<p>Next Senate meeting: Friday, April 2 @ 9:30am-11:45 am Virtual</p> <p>Next Senate Council of Chairs Meeting: Fall 2021</p>	