

Advisory Council of Faculty Senates
September 17, 2010
MH 395E, University of Central Florida
Orlando, FL

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chair Rick Yost at 8:30 AM

Attendance: FAMU – Maurice Holden, Gwendolyn Singleton; FAU – Tim Lenz, Bill McDaniel; FGCU – Halcyon St. Hill, Chuck Lindsey; FIU – Tom Breslin; UCF – Arlen Chase, Ida Cook, Manoj Chopra; UF – Scott Nygren, Rick Yost, Mary Anne Ferguson; UNF – Kathy Robinson, Patrick Plumlee; USF – Liz Larkin, UFF – Tom Auxter; NCF – Rick Coe; UWF – Pat Wentz; USF-St.Pete - Richard Smith.

Absent: FSU – Eric Walker

Action Items: Highlighted below.

ACFS Business

The agenda for the meeting was handed out. Rick Yost welcomed everyone. There were no reports from Chancellor's office. The committee decided to follow a retreat format and call it a "Fall Retreat". BOG member Gov. Tico Perez will join the ACFS meeting right after lunch.

Everyone introduced themselves. Sign up sheet was passed around. All members were requested to indicate their governance role.

Approval of Minutes of June 2010 Meeting in Tallahassee – Approved unanimously.

Guests:

New UCF Provost Tony Waldrop joined the meeting at 8:45 pm. He welcomed everyone to UCF.

Topics for Discussions

1. Report from BOG Meeting at Jacksonville on Sept 15-16, 2010 – Chase, Chopra, Yost, Robinson and Plumlee attended.

Tuition increase was discussed. New Florida emphasizes STEM. FSU President requested more than 15%. He showed that student could afford it. Gov Tripp did not agree and insisted that we hold back tuition increases to decrease burden on students.

State college structure was discussed. President Delaney brought the Florida State College President with him to the BOG meeting. Coordination and partnership is happening well between the two entities.

There was extensive discussion on the role of state colleges, quality of preparation of students from state and community colleges and the rise of the for-profit colleges. Faculty are considered as the gatekeepers of the quality. The cheaper offerings at state colleges and community colleges does not reflect the

role of the faculty at the university where they do conduct research and service beyond teaching.

Next year, SB 6 may be passed for K-12 and possibly for universities in a few years. Some version of no child left behind may come to universities. State colleges are here to stay. The universities need to review what sets us apart from the state colleges. What is the meaning of the term Knowledge economy? Not just preparing the students for jobs but the ability to create jobs.

The chancellor provided an update on the Higher Education Coordination Council on Sept 8. The first meeting will be held in October.

Quote: State colleges will educate and graduate people to take jobs and universities will educate people to create jobs – Chancellor Brogan.

We endorse this and additionally we agree that universities create knowledge by engaging in research and service. In addition to creating knowledge, we also synthesize, apply and communicate this knowledge. Take the knowledge and apply to new opportunities of the future in the changing world. We are engaged mode of creating and applying knowledge with community. For example, the oil spill response.

2. State College Issues – Preservation of the university experience

Judy Solano presented a handout on this issue at the last meeting. Residency requirements to get degree from university in SUS were discussed. FSU has proposed to increase the minimum requirements. FSU has increased the requirements for 3000 and 4000 from 40 to 45. In addition, last 30 hours must be in residence at FSU. Half of the major courses must also be taken at FSU. UNF has proposed 45 or 75% of upper division instead of the old 30 hours. FAU – 75% of the upper division courses at FAU based on a proposal from FAU administration. ACFS deferred to a later time as Judy Solano was not present for further discussion.

3. Intercampus Collaborations and Efficiencies

Streamlining course delivery from Chancellor's updates. BOG did not discuss many details on this issue. We should develop a critique of not utilizing shared efficiency in sharing software collective purchase. Each campus is currently using its own version and purchase of Peoplesoft. Need to implement efficiency measures that save cost that can be transferred to benefit students and faculty.

One page per university on Efficiency – what they did to deal with the budget crisis. Strategies versus other schools' strategies.

Rick Yost: will send the document from BOG electronically to all

4. Distance Education

UF model – BOT at UF approved at retreat. There was a discussion about the Great brain race – restructuring the global universities book. What is global perspective?

Trustees support UF having a global mission. FIU has experience with this with campus in China. There may be a political downside with certain faculty may be unacceptable in certain parts of the world. Getting money out of the country may be problematic.

5. Bologna and other issues

There are efforts underway towards dismantling the traditional university system in Spain and across Europe. Proposal is for a three-year degree anywhere in Europe. Degrees are equivalent. Essentially 3 yr with no or reduced general education requirements. 47 countries have signed on and it is gaining traction worldwide including Canada.

This may be coming to Florida. The presidents have come out against it. BOG staff is now reviewing this issue. Subset of ACFS – subcommittee formed Chase, Robinson, Breslin, Lindsey, Scott. Breslin will lead and report back to ACFS at the next meeting. Send any information out between now and next meeting.

Resource website:

www.ehea.info is the original source of the Bologna Process sources and documents.

6. Statement of Shared Governance

A handout was prepared by the following group: St. Hill, MacDonald, Robinson. There is a need for a formal statement at the level of each university. It may lead to working with the Trustees and coming up with a statement by each BOT in support of shared governance. BOG may also draft a statement of support at each campus.

Yost handed out the Proposed Process of Shared Governance Activities Flowchart used at University of Florida. It shows who determines, recommends and consults. It clarifies the roles of the administration and faculty. UF BOT 2004 has also prepared a resolution on shared governance. Rick will share with everyone. The definition of determine, consult and recommend is provided in the UF BOT resolution.

On the statement, change 'governing board' to 'board of trustees' in two instances. It should be sent back to committee and solicit input. The committee will prepare an updated report. In Jan meeting, we can finalize and move it forward. Also, ACFS will prepare a draft resolution at the Jan meeting for the local boards of trustees.

7. UFF Report

Tom Auxter gave a report on UFF and SUS issues.

- a. For-profit college. Faults are dramatically under-reported. Jobs, what they are saying/promising to students. Rapidly growing colleges are having the most problems. There is data from the College Board and the Government Accountability Office. Tom Auxter will send link to all.
- b. Travel Ban to Terrorist States. Will be discussed later in the agenda fully.

Governor Tico Perez

ACFS welcomed Tico Perez from the Board of Governors. Gov Perez has been member of BOG for 4 years and chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. Rick Yost invited

him to share his thoughts on state educational issues. He stated that he encourages Faculty Senate chairs/presidents to contact him. He listed three issues –

- a. BOG yesterday set resolutions on Student Fees that impacts a lot of students. 10% increase for all. It impacts most universities.
- b. Block tuition resolution. Each student can be charged Block Tuition (lump sum) even if they do not take all the hours paid. **Please provide thoughts to Gov Perez.**
- c. Regulation to Council of Academic VPs on Market rate tuition (Provost Glover is preparing white paper). What is market rate, policy discussion, coverage area, in-state vs. out of state? No system in US has addressed it. He encouraged the group to look at the regulation and contact him with comments. Distance learning is not a part of the market rate issue. He may create a task force on DL.

Differential tuition or local option is here to stay. Next 2-3 years, 15% per year is expected. Legislature also allowed fees to go up to the level of tuition increase and removed the cap of 5%. A workshop will be held on Thursday of next BOG meeting at UF November 4, 2010 – on financial aid, resources and what does it really cost the students.

Legislature's most compelling argument currently is that higher education is meant for creating jobs and economic development. Other arguments being used are creating inter-university partnerships such as those addressing the oil spill response. It impressed the legislature.

He stressed shared services for cost effectiveness. Example, Peoplesoft and other systems.

Travel Ban

FIU Faculty Senate and ACLU have objected to travel ban bill to terrorist countries including Cuba. The state ruled that 'No state or non-state money through university can be used for travel to these countries'. A court case had been filed. Senate voted unanimously to pursue the lawsuit in Federal court. ACLU is prepared to go to the Supreme Court.

ACFS Constitution

Constitutional Revisions were approved and have been posted on the website for ACFS. ACFS website has been updated with contact information and officers/members. Please provide any corrections. Alternates may be listed as 'Friends of ACFS' and can be added to the mailing list. **Please let Rick know about other things to add to the website such as history, past leaderships.**

Date for Next ACFS Meeting

The group discussed options for our next meeting in January 2011. BOG meets at UWF in Pensacola. For travel convenience, a better option is Tallahassee. We can do late January or early February.

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Faculty involved in the past. It is very effective. Rick will let us know when it is and encourages attending it in Tallahassee.

Campus Reports

Campus Reports appear below. They were not discussed during the meeting.

Resolution of Service for Judy Solano

A resolution was passed and plaque handed to Judy Solano for her dedicated service as ACFS Chair for the past two years at the July 2010.

Adjourned at 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Manoj Chopra,
ACFS Vice Chair

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FAMU Report – Maurice Holder

FAMU continues its quest to maintain excellence in the implementation of its new strategic plan “2020 – Vision with Courage” in the face of limiting budget adjustments and a reduction in essential operating resources. The following are some of the recent events and actions that have occurred on campus:

1. A record number of students have been enrolled for the fall 2010 semester.
2. A reorganization of the university has been delegated to a committee which is to present its report during the semester. Yet, some shifts in administrative responsibilities have already been put into operation including a shift of the registrar’s office to the Office of Academic Affairs from Student Affairs.
3. The branch campus in Crestview to house a Pharmacy program and possibly other health care initiatives is well on the way to being operative in the near future.
4. At this year’s Faculty Planning conference the issue of low faculty salaries and increased workloads were highlighted and unveiled as one of the corrective measures needed at the university. As a result the Faculty Senate and the administration have begun assessing the extensiveness of the problem in different units and among adjuncts. The union has also been working with the administration to unfold a new bargaining agreement. The President has established a committee to address any possibilities of salary changes as soon as funds are available.
5. The question of Shared governance and the need to establish policies governing how it can be modernized and realized have started to occur within faculty groups
6. Concern as to a new direction to be followed by a new Athletic Director (highest paid ever for us) looms as a possible outcome of the hire.
7. Plans for the implementation of a college of Dentistry are still ongoing

8. Due to the budget cuts of last school year the administration has placed a whole unit (the college of General Studies) on stimulus funds which are slated to dry up at the end of the 2010 – 2011 school year.
9. FAMU mourns the loss of legendary director of the Marching Band and head of its music program for several decades. Dr William P Foster was memorialized at recent ceremonies in Tallahassee
10. The President's message to the university is that there are no more places to cut finances and keep the university fully operational. Resultantly, cuts in personnel, perhaps in places that challenges effective operations and that would defeat the move to correct problems inherited three years ago, are the only way to go. Yet, the CFO and a team of others continue to search for solutions

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FAU Report – Tim Lenz

Campus Report

- President Dr. M.J. Saunders will be inaugurated October 29th.
- Collective Bargaining Report. The administration and UFF announced a 3% faculty raise allocated for general, merit, and equity.
- Football Stadium. The Board of Governors has the proposal for a football stadium on its agenda.
- Student Success. The President and Board of Trustees are concerned about recent Education Trust data that indicate FAU ranks low in six-year graduation rates for FTIC students. The President is developing a comprehensive strategy to address the data.
- The University Faculty Senate approved a proposal to require that students earn at least 75% of the upper division courses in the major at FAU.
- As more and more academic units require a minimum 2.5 GPA for admission to a major, the University Faculty Senate is requesting a policy for approving such proposals. The issues include 1) whether it is good policy to require students to receive C-plus grades (2.33GPA) for admission to a major; and 2) what happens to the large numbers of students who are not admitted to a major.

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FGCU Report – Chuck Lindsey

- Two of FGCU's five Colleges (Health Professions, Professional Studies) currently have interim Deans; the Dean of the College of Business is retiring Jan 1 2011.
- At the beginning of this semester (Fall 2010), the Provost (with Faculty Senate consultation) created and charged an *ad hoc* committee (Positioning and Alignment Task Force) to study the current organizational structure of the instructional units of the university, and to make recommendations for possible realignment of departments and programs, to position the university to accommodate the expected growth outlined in the strategic plan. This committee consists of faculty, staff, and administrators, and is charged with presenting

recommendations to the Provost by the end of Fall semester. Link:

<http://www.fgcu.edu/PATF/index.html>

- The Campus Culture and Climate Survey conducted by the university during 2009-10 raised a number of significant subjects of concern among faculty and staff. Among faculty, major concerns were
 - Lack of communication between upper administration and faculty
 - Perception of lack of consistent commitment to shared governance
 - Salary compression/inversion
 - A campus atmosphere that is not supportive of broad-based consultation on major decisions and policy-making
 - Low overall morale among faculty

A committee of faculty, staff, and administrative personnel was involved in developing and administering the survey and in analyzing the responses. They have identified several themes and will be conducting focus group sessions during the Fall to identify possible solutions. Link:

<http://www.fgcu.edu/president/CCCSurvey.html>

- We completed and submitted to the NCAA in April a self-study as part of our transition to division I in athletics. A peer review team from the NCAA will be visiting FGCU at the end of September.
- The university acquired a new property about 10 miles north of campus. The property formerly belonged to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, which surplused the land as part of their consolidation of operations. The parcel is about 500 acres in size, with 300 acres already developed.
- At the June meeting, the BOT approved a new strategic plan for the years 2010 through 2015. The plan calls for FGCU to continue growing and adding new degree programs at a rate of 7-8% per year (current enrollment 12,000 headcount).
- FGCU hired 20 new faculty positions for 2010-11, bringing the total of faculty to around 400.

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FIU Report – Tom Breslin

Senate Chair's Report to the ACFS on FIU, September 9, 2010

Enrollments at FIU have continued to climb. Summer 2010 enrollments increased 11% from summer 2009 to 5,168 FTE. Large increases are projected for the fall. The University administration looks to enroll 60,000 students, up from about 42,000 this year, within 10 years. The growth is putting intense pressure on the physical infrastructure and the faculty and has already forced a reduction in core curriculum science lab courses from two to one. Substantial efforts are being made to simplify the core curriculum and at the same time inject a global perspective into it and the upper division programs as well. About 60 faculty replacements were hired this year and about 30 new faculty positions filled, a number sufficient, the administration believes, to maintain the student to faculty ratio at 27:1, one of the highest if not the highest in the SUS, and the nation. The University continues to hire more academic advisers in the hopes of reaching a student-to-adviser ratio of 300:1 within the next few years and improving retention and graduation rates. Last year, the first year to second year retention rate increased from 83.5% to 87.7%.

To facilitate enrollment growth and improve graduation rates, the university administration is making a special effort to encourage more students to apply for

financial aid and take more classes. Roughly three-quarters of FIU students were eligible for financial aid last year. The number of students receiving financial aid increased from 26,591 to 30,299. Total financial aid increased from \$233 million to nearly \$311 million. Last year, 12,639 students applied for and received Pell Grants totaling \$56 million; that was up substantially from \$33.8 million the previous year. The budgetary outlook for the University at the moment seems manageable within the framework developed in recent years. The framework projected a 4% cutback in state support this year, close enough to the now projected 5% reduction that officials feel further program cuts can be avoided if additional economies can be achieved by deferred hiring and other economies.

Reorganization of the College of Arts & Sciences forges ahead in the name of rationalization and economic efficiency but some among the humanities faculty feel so uncomfortable with the latest proposed grouping that they are calling for transfer of the humanities departments to the College of Architecture and the Arts. Still another effort at economizing, turning off air conditioning during weekends and holidays, seems to have been problematic: Faculty members in Modern Languages and Political Science have had to leave mold-infested offices and at least one colleague has already reported the loss of books. There is widespread concern that class notes and research materials may be lost as well.

An administrative reorganization of existing health-related units is being studied by the administration in consultation with the Huron Group. The proposal under study by the president would bring Public Health, Nursing, Allied Health, Social Work, and Medicine into one administrative unit with the announced intent of breaking down "silos" and bringing in more revenue. A dotted line would extend to the Departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry and Biological Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences. Concerns about conflicts in academic cultures, redistribution of resources, and professional accreditation of Public Health and Nursing have surfaced. If the proposal is realized, more than 100 members of the bargaining unit would be moved from the unit. In recent years the administration removed chairpersons from the bargaining unit; it now seems as if they will form their own bargaining unit. There is some feeling that, if removed from the main bargaining unit, health-related faculty would move to form their own unit. The UFF and the Faculty Senate have agreed to form a joint task force to study the matter and report at the end of the semester.

The University is planning a \$750 million capital campaign. Local competition with a \$3 billion U. of Miami campaign is anticipated. Miami is also heavily canvassed by fundraisers from other institutions from within and without Florida. Meanwhile, the University has appointed a Vice President for Engagement and submitted an application to the Carnegie Foundation for designation as an engaged university. An intense effort is being made to expand co-operation with the Miami-Dade Public School System, especially in the area of dual enrollment but the System balks at paying the current rate, an amount hardly enough to cover the supervisory costs required by the state and by SACS.

FIU passed the \$100 million mark in contract and grant awards last year for the first time; the face value of C&G proposals increased by 44% to \$496 million, another demonstration of faculty and staff effort to sustain and build the University.

The Wertheim College of Medicine admitted its second class and after surveying 1738 households has assigned its first class to participate in the Green Family Neighborhood Education Program. Forty-two medical students will each be assigned to a household in one of four low-income neighborhoods. As part of a team of social work and public health students and faculty members they will work with the household members to improve disease prevention, access to healthcare, and education.

The Personnel Committee of the FIU Board of Trustees noted that President Rosenberg has led the University through a very smooth transition year and achieved substantial goals in the process.

This promises to be a very busy year for the FIU Faculty Senate. The Senate's constitution calls for a review of the Constitution this year and every 10th year hereafter. That process must be completed by the end of the spring semester. Also, this year a review of our core curriculum is called for and proposals for the Global Learning/Global Citizenship courses to be included in the upper division program must be reviewed and approved. The Senate has met twice already and its committees are beginning to meet. The intensity of course scheduling has already led to the resignation of 5 Arts & Science Senators due to schedule conflicts with the Senate's 1pm Tuesday meeting time. Of immediate interest, Vice-Chair Delano Gray is recuperating from a heart attack and will soon return to work.

Finally, in the case of Faculty Senate of Florida International University et al versus John Winn, et al, the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, the Court upheld the right of the State of Florida to bar the use of contract and grant funds by SUS faculty to travel to Cuba. The ACLU has decided to Appeal. Our Steering Committee has decided to support an appeal to the full Court; I expect the full Senate to approve the Steering Committee's motion to that effect. The law curtails the freedom of inquiry and is a blow at Cuban Studies, with similar negative impact on study of Iran, Syria, and Sudan. If it is finally upheld it would be a clear demonstration of the failure of the SUS's constitutional status to protect the academic program from legislative meddling.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Breslin
Thomas A. Breslin
Chair, FIU Faculty Senate

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FSU Report – Eric Walker

No Report

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NCF Report – Rick Coe

Campus Report

1. This year New College of Florida is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its founding in 1960 with a series of events and fundraising initiatives.
2. New College is in the process of appointing a new Provost, who the President has indicated will be appointed by mid-October from a list of internal candidates. The current Provost, Charlene Callahan, is in the DROP program and will be retiring at the end of the academic year.
3. Provost Callahan has proposed a sweeping reorganization of our academic structure, which currently consists of three Divisions – Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences.

The second item is to report that Susan Marks, the Klingenstein Professor of Judaic Studies, is the Vice-Chair of the Faculty at New College, and, as such, is our second voting member of the ACFS. Her e-mail address is SMarks@ncf.edu.

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UCF Report – Ida Cook

UCF Report to ACFS
September 16, 2010

UCF’s newly-appointed Provost Tony Waldrop joined the UCF community in August 2010. He comes to UCF from the University of North Carolina, where he was vice chancellor for research and economic development.

Major work of the 2010-11 Faculty Senate will include major revisions to its Faculty Constitution to be completed by the end of fall term. The proposed revisions to the Student Perception of Instruction (SPol) forms are being reviewed by a consultant. During spring semester, SPol assessment results will be pilot-tested and final revisions or replacement of previous versions will occur. Consultant suggestions relating to the use of SPol for professional review and to promote quality teaching and learning will be provided.

Development and use of Electronic Promotion and Tenure Dossiers for faculty appraisal was approved. On-line filing and reporting of Conflict of Interest begins its second year. This reporting system provides for more efficient and timely update of professional work and engagement.

Fall enrollment at UCF is 53,500 students. UCF hosts its first mid-week football game on October 6. Scheduling of mid-week game will result in cancelling classes at noon on that day to allow for parking and activities associated with the event.

UCF’s College of Engineering and Computer Science has been highly ranked for for graduate engineering program for Hispanic students. CECS was also listed as one of the best 100 in the world, according to the Academic Ranking of World Universities. For engineering/ technology and computer science, UCF tied for 76th with Yale, Michigan State and Johns Hopkins universities, according to a UCF release. UCF ranked among the top 50 U.S. universities and the top 30 U.S. public universities. Also, the College of Optics and Photonics was recognized for its research funding in 2009-10. For second year in a row, G.I. Jobs magazine named UCF among the top 15 percent of universities, private and community colleges and trade schools for making recruiting and retaining military and veteran students a priority.

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UF Report – Mary Ann Ferguson

No Report

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UNF Report – J. Patrick Plumlee

Construction has begun on the Science and Humanities building which should be completed by the fall of 2012. Funding was approved by the state for the construction of an addition to the recently-completed College of Education and Human Services Building, for Phase 1 of a new Student Wellness Center, and for some increased faculty meeting space.

Preliminary enrollments for UNF for the fall semester are 14,472 undergraduate and 1,805 graduate students.

UFF, the President, and the Board of Trustees have essentially agreed to an approximately 3% raise for UNF faculty and staff. For faculty, about 1.75 percent of the raise will be ATB. The remainder will be split between merit and compression/inversion. Final details are still in process, but it appears that agreement has been reached on the major questions.

We are currently searching 23 full time tenure track faculty lines, the majority of which are in our College of Arts and Sciences. The Flagship Program (a competitive program where outstanding academic units can receive significant additional funding for a period of time to assist them in taking their programs to the next level), on hold because of budgetary constraints, is scheduled to be reactivated. Previous Flagship winners include the School of Nursing, the Department of Transportation and Logistics and our Coastal Biology Program. All have achieved national recognition for their excellence.

The UNF Values Integration Task Force has been assessing for the past year how UNF values can be effectively incorporated into the institution's organizational culture. The final report has been released. UNF community input will be solicited at a campus-wide workshop "UNF Values–Application and Action." The purpose is to develop strategies that demonstrate UNF values in concrete actions, policies, and practices.

UNF has submitted a strong application for designation by Carnegie as a *Community Engaged Campus*. This designation fits well with our mission, goals and strategic plan.

The UNF Board of Trustees approved a salary increase and performance bonus for UNF President John Delaney at its September meeting. This raise moves him from the least well compensated President in the SUS to the "middle of the pack."

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Plumlee
President, UNF Faculty Association

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USF Report – Liz Larkin

USF System Governance. President Genshaft has implemented the recommendations of the Pappas Group consultants, and dissolved the ten management groups, forming instead three System Advisory Councils that are aligned with the Board of Trustees workgroup structure. The three Councils are:

- *Academics and Campus Environment Advisory Council*, chaired by USF system Executive Vice-President, Ralph Wilcox

- *Finance and Audit Advisory Council*, chaired by USF system Vice-President (CFO), Nick Trivunovich
- *Health Sciences and Research Advisory Council*, chaired by USF system Sr. Vice-President Karen Holbrook

These Councils will have cross-institutional membership, and will serve as a forum for communication, review of items being forwarded to the Board of Trustees, and will make recommendations on policy and other matters to the system administration.

Another Council has also been established: the *System Faculty Advisory Council (FAC)*. However, it is not yet clear how this fits into the advisory structure with regard to the other councils. The Charter describes its purpose as “the principal faculty academic advisory body to the USF system President and the Provost and Executive Vice-President. The Council coordinates communications among the four Faculty Senates within the USF system located on the Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee, and Polytechnic campuses.” Officers, who must not be from the same campus, were elected in August to serve a one-year term. I was elected as President (USFSM), and Elizabeth Bird was elected as Vice President (USFT). The Council’s initial task is to create bylaws for this system-wide faculty governance body.

The FAC President is also the faculty representative on the Board of Trustees and a member of the Academic and Campus Environment (ACE) workgroup. The FAC President and Vice-President are invited to participate in the advisory councils as needed. The FAC President and Vice-President are the USF voting members of the ACFS.

College of Marine Sciences and Florida Institute for Oceanography. Dr. Jacqueline Dixon has accepted the position as the next Dean of the College of Marine Science at the University of South Florida. She will begin her appointment on January 3, 2011. Dr. Bill Hogarth will continue to lead the College through the end of this semester, at which time he has agreed to transition, on a full-time basis, to the position of Interim Director of the Florida Institute of Oceanography (FIO). The FIO is administering the process of grant funding for research on the BP oil spill in the Gulf.

ST. PETERSBURG: Richard Smith, President, USFSP Faculty Senate

College of Education Starts Digital Mathematics Program. In collaboration with SRI International and the Pinellas County Schools, the College of Education held its first course over the summer in its SunBay Digital Mathematics certificate program. The program is designed to increase student achievement on topics of Florida’s Next Generation Sunshine State mathematics standards for grades 6 through 8, using digital computer and Web technology. This first course was funded with a grant from Progress Energy, which allowed the course to be offered free of charge to the enrolled Pinellas County teachers.

Stavros Family Contributes to Planned College of Business Building. Gus A. Stavros and his wife, Frances, continued their longstanding commitment to USFSP and the USF System with a \$125K gift toward a conference room in the planned College of Business building, as well as \$150K to endow entrepreneurship scholarships. The College of Business ranks 36th among the top 100 business schools worldwide that integrate issues of social and environmental stewardship into its MBA program, and is

the only Florida institution on the list. Mr. Stavros serves on the Florida Board of Governors.

Professor Establishes Center for Scientists and the Mass Media. In an effort to improve communication among scientists and the public, journalism professor Mark Walters established the Center for Scientists and the Mass Media. Although brand new, the Center has already held a workshop for the Gulf of Mexico Alliance on communicating science topics with a lay audience. Plans are to hold four workshops a year and be a resource in other ways for science communication.

SARASOTA-MANATEE: Michael Richard, President, USFSM Faculty Senate

SACS. The USFSM campus has submitted its application for separate SACS accreditation, and the on-site review is scheduled for mid-November. Despite the dire budget projections and a drop in enrollment for this academic year, we are expected to successfully complete the process by June 2011. Once we have achieved this milestone, new academic programs can be developed to serve the needs of our community. Meanwhile, State College of Florida has been granted permission to offer 4-year degree programs, some of which are in direct competition with our current programs (e.g. Nursing; Early Childhood Education). Consequently, we are working on defining our distinctive mission within the USF system more clearly as we pursue strategically expanding our academic programs for the Sarasota-Manatee area, including at a new instructional site in Northport.

School of Hotel and Restaurant Management. A new Masters' degree program in Hotel and Restaurant Management has been approved by the USFSM Academic Programs Committee and the ACE workgroup of the Board of Trustees. The program is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2011.

POLYTECHNIC: Richard E. Plank, President, USFP Faculty Senate

USF Polytechnic made several major moves toward an independent mission as part of the USF system during 2009-10.

SACS. USFP spent the entire year fashioning a report requesting separate accreditation which is expected to be submitted to SACS following USF system approval in October of 2010. We will then commence the same process that Sarasota-Manatee has been following with expected completion sometime in 2012. At that point we institute new curriculum measures as we move our curriculum closer to the mission and vision we have established. In addition we have petitioned SACS for admittance of freshman which has already been approved by both USF and the Florida Board of Governors.

In anticipation of separate accreditation, USFP has already successfully changed their faculty governance council to a faculty senate and completed an initial constitution which now governs this body.

USFP faculty had four separate retreats where we outlined a preliminary plan to move forward as a polytechnic. This included not only long term plans, but also the development of programs within the current curriculum that are more Polytechnic in

nature and move us toward our mission and vision. Several bridge programs are being developed within the allowable SACS framework.

Administrative changes include assuming responsibility for our own hiring, promotion and tenure, and curriculum. During 2009-10 we hired approximately 23 new faculty members and are in the process of organizing to hire 38 more, develop several centers of excellence and hire numerous staff people.

New Campus. Planning and work continues on the new campus. The State, state agencies, County, and various municipalities have provided \$203 million to build the infrastructure around the new campus, new roads, a widening and new interchange for the Polk Parkway and other changes to prepare for the influx of traffic to the new campus starting sometime in 2012 or 2013. The overall campus design has been completed and the first building design has been proposed in preliminary form. Projected opening of the new campus remains as Fall of 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Larkin
President, USF System Faculty Advisory Council

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USF-St. Pete Report – Brianne Reck and Richard Smith

No Report

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UWF Report – Richie Platt

Fall, 2010 arrives with a bunch more students at UWF. Unofficial enrollment is at an all time high of about 11,700 (headcount). This increase is supplemented by the opening of phase I of the new Heritage Hall residence hall with 250+ beds in a “suites” style configuration. Heritage Hall is already filled to 100% occupancy and overall UWF residence halls are above 98% occupancy. When she was first appointed in 2008, UWF President Judy Bense established controlled growth as one of her first priorities with an objective to reach 12,000 student by the fall of 2012. At that time, UWF was barely 10,000 students and 12,000 seemed like a real stretch. Now, it appears that we *should* reach that goal a year early. Approval to begin construction of Heritage Hall phase II is on the agenda for the September UWF BOT meeting and, if approved, it is expected to be open for students in the fall of 2012.

UWF-UFF and the UWF administration reached an agreement (after more than two years of contentious negotiations) on a new collective bargaining agreement. Included in that agreement was a salary increase for faculty of 1.7%. The UWF faculty in the bargaining unit have already overwhelmingly approved the new CBA and the CBA is on the agenda for the UWF Board of Trustees meeting to be held on September 17. The 1.7% salary increase will be the first raise for UWF faculty in four years, although UWF did give faculty a \$1250 one-time bonus in 2009.

To go along with the increased enrollments, UWF added 20 new faculty. After several years of declining numbers in the faculty, this was a pleasant and much needed addition.

UWF faculty and researchers were front and center in the state response to the BP oil spill disaster. The UWF Center for Environmental Diagnostics and Bioremediation not only provides experienced faculty researchers, but also has many years of baseline data collected in the waters surrounding Pensacola. These data will be useful for comparisons as everyone works to mitigate the negative impacts of the oil spill on our environment and economy. Dr. Richard Snider responded to many requests for interviews with national and international media, including several television interviews for CNN and CNN International.

Richie Platt
President, UWF Faculty Senate

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Advisory Council of Faculty Senates

RESOLUTION



WHEREAS, Professor Judith L. Solano has served as Chair of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates and as a member of The Florida Board of Governors since August 2008, and

WHEREAS, Professor Solano brought to the ACFS her strong commitment to the importance of a collegial system of shared academic governance, and provided invaluable input to the BOG from a faculty perspective, and

WHEREAS, Professor Solano brought her independent judgment, knowledge, ideas and considerable wisdom to the ACFS and BOG to promote and strengthen the public system of higher education in the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, Professor Solano will complete her term of office as Chair of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates on August 1, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates does hereby recognize and commend Judy Solano for her manifold contributions to the State University System of Florida, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be presented to Professor Solano as a token of our appreciation and thanks.

For the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates

Vice Chair, ACFS

Past Chair, ACFS

June 18, 2010