

**FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes**

Date: 10/08/2010

Time: 9:30-11:30 am

Place: SU 213

Attendance:

Name	Att	Name	Att	Name	Att
Scott Anstadt	X	Joseph P. Kakareka	X	Morgan T. Paine	X
Margaret Banyan	X	Robert Kenny	X	Sandra Pavelka	X
Susan Cooper	X	Carrie Kerekes		Monika Renard	X
Jeanie Darnell	X	Jeff Kleeger	X	Maria Roca	A
Win Everham	X	Chuck Lindsey	X	Martha Rosenthal	X
Michael Fauerbach	A	Megan McShane	X	Jo Stecher	X
Patricia Fay	X	Angela Osterman Meyer	X	Mushfiq Swaleheen	X
Shelby Gilbert	X	Karen Mock	A	Amy Towne	X
Dahai Guo	X	Doug Morris	X	Arie van Duijn	A
Julie Hammerling	X	Menaka Navaratna	X	Gail Wright	X
Doug Harrison	X	Kay Oistad	X	Fan Zhao	X
Susan Hibbard	X				

Legend: X = attended; A = absent with alternate; blank = absent without alternate

Guests:

Paul Snyder

1) Gathering: 9:30 am

a) Welcome – Chuck Lindsey

2) Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2010

- Minutes approved with minor corrections

3) Standing Reports

a) Provost's Report – Provost Toll

- **NCAA** –We've dedicated a lot time to the full certification to Division One process. Our site visit was about a week ago. We received very good exit interview comments. There were no issues whatsoever. This was an enormous effort several of you participated in as well as administrators and staff from across athletics and the university overall. If you see Peg Gray-Vickrey, who led this effort with many others, please congratulate her. She put in an enormous amount of work in a very condensed time frame.
- **College Club Apartments** – Two days ago, FGCU officially took over College Club Apartments. It will now be known as West Lake Village. You will see a signage change very shortly. The facility is about 506 beds. In response to a question from a senator pertaining to security and the police force, Joe Shepard informed me that we

are going to add two additional police officers in order to maintain appropriate security. **Informal drop-in meetings with the Provost** - You should have received invitations to the informal drop-in meetings with me. The first is Thursday, October 28 from 9:00am-11:00am in the Student Union Ballroom. There will be some refreshments served. There is absolutely no format whatsoever. I will be there to listen and respond to questions and also enjoy recent successes. The second meeting will be Wednesday, December 1 from 3:00pm-5:00pm in Sugden Hall 114. You will receive an invitation to that as well.

b) SGA Report – Anthony Graziani, SGA Vice-President

- No report

c) UFF Report – Madelyn Isaacs

- We want to stress the faculty to get appropriately educated and vote in their best interest. That will be the biggest thing that will affect the future of higher education. We are certainly not telling people how to vote or how to think, but we are asking you stay involved and use you vote wisely. Please find out as much information as you can about the issues.
- Informal Meeting – Our informal meeting will be on October 12. This will give faculty a chance to talk to one another about issues that concern them and particularly talk to Jennifer Goen about how the University is looking, how we can find common ground, and how we can support the best agenda for higher education and the future of the state. This will be a very critical session. There are many issues that will be coming up affecting K-12 education, higher education, and the future of its stability in funding.
- Amendment 8 –Very controversial amendment about class size has been cleared to go back on the ballot.
- The last meeting we had was very well attended and received. Please try to stop by the informal meeting even if you can't stay the whole time.
- Membership is back up to about 50%. This is a very good sign the faculty want to invest in their own future.
- Workload Forum - There will be a workload forum on November 3 for faculty to exchange ideas how workload is being managed across campus. I have spoken with Hudson Rogers and Provost Toll about this. We're hoping to have more faculty attend and invite administrators and supervisors to come and listen to what faculty members are doing across the campus. Lunch will be served afterwards.
- We want to strongly encourage continued participation in the CORE Climate Solutions discussion and the Positioning and Alignment conversations.

d) Senate President's Report – Chuck Lindsey

- CORE 's "Solution Seeking Sessions" – Monday, October 11 and Wednesday, October 13. The exact times and locations are on the website.
- I was asked by the chair of the General Education Council to let you know there are a number of minor changes to GenEd course descriptions coming. They have approved about a dozen already. These are not changes to content, but changes to language in the catalog descriptions to reflect recent state-level changes.

- The Graduate Affairs team is proposing changes to the university's admission criteria. They want to give the programs more discretion about minimum test scores. I asked them to put this recommendation in specific language for us.
- All new positions are posted on HigherEdJobs.com. One thing the University is doing this year is tracking page searches and views for the open positions. Hopefully after a few years of doing this, we will have some longitudinal data about applications and position searches. The data presented is only searches and page views for HigherEdJobs.com; we will still use SOAR to track how many applications we actually receive.

4) Old Business

- a) *None*

5) New Business

a) *Positioning and Alignment Task Force update – Martha Rosenthal*

- We have been working very hard! Here is a short synopsis of what we have done so far:
 - September – Data Gathering
 - We had six open forums. We wrote down spoken comments, collected written comments, and printed website feedback. Some departments and colleges chose to collectively write a statement and submit it to us.
 - We have collected all data and feedback for analysis.
 - Data Analysis
 - We have started going through the data and coming up with basic principles. We are noticing a lot of the same themes coming up often. We are identifying key principles and issues.
 - Starting this week, we are working on a preliminary document of specific principles and suggestions. At this point we have not made any formal statements or suggestions to the Provost.
 - There are many rumors circulating related to specific colleges and departments; however, nothing has been decided on.
 - My understanding is we will come up with a document that most of us would like everyone to see and comment on. We want you all to look over it and see if there is anything we missed, ensure it represents your views, and/or if there are any changes you feel are necessary.
 - Once we get additional feedback, we will look over it again, rework it into the document and present it to the Provost.
- Members and Timeframe
 - Members – Cathy Duff (*chair*), Martha Rosenthal, Howard Smith, Russ Sabella, Lisa Banks, Tony Barringer, Lucero Carvajal, Kim Hobart, Dennis Hunt, Simeon Komisar, Kathy McElroy, and Ashlyn Gibbs.
 - Timeframe – The timeframe is tight. The expected timeframe written in the timeline has given us four weeks to go through all data. There is a chance we may request an extension. There is a lot of data and to do this job right, we may need more time. The current timeline is schedule for us to meet with the Provost the week of November 15 through November 23.
- We are still taking feedback! If there is anything you didn't get to say or weren't able to make a forum, please send us something!

- We're trying to look at this not as if anything is broken, but using this opportunity to be proactive rather than reactive. We are going to potentially grow to 20,000 students. This is our chance to shine even more, to build our strength and show who we are in our structure. Some of the things that are truly part of our identity are not in our structure.
- Within the next two weeks, our hope and expectation is to have a preliminary document out to the faculty and staff to get additional feedback.

Additional comments:

- Chuck Lindsey – As part of the materials that are sent out through Board of Trustees meetings is the BOTIS (Board of Trustees Information Systems). It is university wide numbers and projections. This gets updated quarterly.
 - Paul Snyder – A lot of information on programs concerning current and historic enrollment is available on the web. You can pull up historic information on discipline and program. There was work done in the Strategic Planning Committee and also include these enrollment projections. If you go to the Strategic Plan website, you can find information from the Enrollment Retention Management Committee providing detailed projections by college and by level. There is also data done by discipline. There is data available and I think the Task Force has gathered this information.

b) Faculty Excellence Awards – Chuck Lindsey

- This is a reminder we give excellence awards every year for teaching, service, team service, scholarship, and advising. Part of the annual process for these: “At the end of each award cycle, the selection committee should review the process and if appropriate, present recommendations in writing with associate recommendation revision and guidelines to the president of Faculty Senate...” Basically at the end of each year, the Excellence Award Committees are supposed to send in any suggested changes to the document and process. The issue we have is we do not have any designated committee or team charged with taking those recommendations and producing proposed, revised guidelines. I would like to propose the Senate creates an AD HOC committee for this task.
 - Win Everham – *“I move we establish an AD HOC committee to review and revise the Excellence Award guidelines. The size, selection of members, and the details of their task be left up to the Senate Leadership.”* The motion was seconded.
 - Doug Morris moved to suspend rules to vote on Everham’s motion at this meeting. Motion was seconded; passed 27 in favor, 2 opposed no abstentions.
- Original motion (Everham) passed 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. Lindsey will create a charge and bring to Senate leadership.

6) Good of the Order

- a) None

7) Announcements

- a) No new announcements

Meeting adjourned 10:40AM

Next meeting: Friday, October 22, 2010, 9:30AM – 11:30AM