

**Florida Gulf Coast University**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, October 30, 2015; 9:30-11:30am; Cohen Center, Room 213**

**In Attendance:**

Dr. Shawn Felton- President	Dr. Sandra Pavelka- Vice President	Dr. Tom Felke- Secretary	Lan Jiang	Mary Krome
Daniel Acheampong	Kazuo Nakatani	Fan Zhao (Lan Jiang)	Scott Anstadt	Jo Stecher (Brendan Bevins)
Brendan Bevins	Trent Brown (	Dean Croshaw	Alex Sakharuk	Rob Erdman
Win Everham	Melissa Lingle- Martin	Joe Kakareka	Patrick Niner	Sulekha Coticone
Martha Rosenthal	Mike McDonald	Eric Strahorn	Jamie MacDonald (Daniel Rosenthal)	Steve Rokusek
Olivia Hung-Simons	Robert Triscari (McDowell)	Jorge Torres	Claude Villier (Kristoph Kinzli)	Danvers Johnston

**Absent (without Alternate/Proxy):**

Vicki Johnston	Nora Demers			
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**Guests:**

Dr. Toll	Dr. Snyder	Dr. Barringer	Jessica Scanlon	Beth Elliott
Dr. Rottig				

**Media:**

None				
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**Summary:**

Agenda Item	Responsible	Discussion	Action/Vote	Follow-Up
1) Gathering	Shawn Felton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order at 9:30am</li> </ul>		
2) Approval of October 30, 2015 Agenda	Shawn Felton		Motion to Approve: Rosenthal; Second: Strahorn	
3) Approval of October 16, 2015 Minutes	Shawn Felton		Motion: Hung- Simons; Second: Krome	
4) Guest – Jennifer Goen, Director of Government Relations	Jennifer Goen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Session begins January 12th; four more committee weeks than usual</li> <li>BOT Approved legislative agenda in September</li> <li>Two priorities:</li> </ul>		

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Targeting Existing Talent Gaps Request: Construction Management, Supply Chain Management, &amp; Business Analytics and Informatics; and</li> <li>2. Student Success Initiative</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a capital request (AB 9/Integrated Watershed &amp; Coastal Studies Building) but with no bonding there is not as much money available</li> <li>• FGCU was not on September list of priorities; looks like they will stay with list; other projects may be supported if non-recurring revenue funds become available</li> <li>• Affordability – textbooks</li> <li>• FGCU Day at the Capitol – January 26<sup>th</sup>; focus will be on the FGCU Effect</li> <li>• Handguns on Campus bill – moving through committees; BOG has drafted a strong response against it; FGCU Senate resolution will be taken to Tallahassee</li> <li>• Pavelka – Question on amendment to allow BOT</li> <li>• Goen – filed by Senator Sachs in committee but then was withdrawn</li> <li>• Snyder – Will the Governor sign the bill?</li> <li>• Goen – Governor has not committed either way</li> <li>• Everham – Anything more Senate could be or should not be doing to support advocacy efforts?</li> <li>• Goen – Be vocal by writing letters and contacting legislators with a rational, well-thought-out response/opinion; being silent is problematic; get to know the members of the local legislative delegation; let Jennifer know if you have contacted or met with a legislator</li> </ul>		
5) Faculty Senate President's Report	Shawn Felton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOG meeting in Orlando next week</li> <li>• PDFG is due 10/31/2015 at 11:59pm</li> <li>• Promotion Workshop on Monday, November</li> <li>• Promotion intent letters are due on November 30<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Fall 2015 Commencement on December 12<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Shawn is away week of November 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> so please be patient with communication</li> </ul>		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most recent draft of Strategic Plan is available</li> <li>• Elliot – Thought the Strategic Plan process was a good one</li> <li>• Scanlon – Think it is a great document that touches on issues important to students</li> <li>• Strategic Plan may be taken up at either the December or possibly January meeting of the BOT</li> <li>• Pavelka – What is the next step for the plan?</li> <li>• Toll – Aiming for approval at the December BOT meeting but that is at the discretion of the BOT</li> <li>• Everham – Believe the Strategic Plan process was a good example of shared governance; question about promotion workshops given future plans regarding promotion process</li> <li>• Toll – Workshops are open for everyone not just those planning to go up for promotion this year</li> <li>• Snyder – Believe it is important that the student and SAC representatives present to the BOT what they feel is important in the Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Anstadt – Appreciate the Strategic Plan process particularly the inclusion of environmental sustainability and enhancement of distance education</li> <li>• Billy Gunnels and Deb Giambo (Faculty Ombudsman) will be visiting our next meeting</li> </ul>		
<p>6a) Old Business: Promotion Ad Hoc Team Document (Action Item)</p>	<p>Sandra Pavelka</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strahorn – Appreciate effort but general concern of potentially having three documents</li> <li>• Pavelka – Was a concern of the team; Intent was to keep university-wide document general, crossing across all disciplines</li> <li>• Ramos – Are you looking for a resolution today or something else?</li> <li>• Pavelka – Report is being brought forward for a vote to approve recommendations</li> <li>• Triscari – It is feasible to have a universal document; recommendations are not binding but are just ideas to be brought forward for discussion</li> <li>• Everham: Still struggling with the minute</li> </ul>		

		<p>on this topic; looking to empower a committee to look at this more intently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toll – Suggestion came from Provost’s Office for Senate to consider this idea; believe that this will assist faculty given experience at other universities though understand faculty concerns; goal is to help faculty understand the process and remove the siloism that seems to currently exist; current documents seem to promote redundant language</li> <li>• Rosenthal – appreciate language to remove silos but it sounds like we are moving toward eliminating college criteria</li> <li>• Toll – Not talking about having one document but pulling the best language of what currently exists into one common template that could then be used to create documents at any level that faculty wish to pursue; teaching sections of all documents are very similar for example</li> <li>• Pavelka – charge was to say whether or not this was feasible and the committee believes it is</li> <li>• Everham – There is some potential benefit to faculty to work collaboratively</li> <li>• Nakatani – Clarification on whether we can edit FPED rather than creating a completely new document</li> <li>• Pavelka - Some universities have documents that include the various aspects</li> <li>• Barringer – FPED is only the procedural document, the other document would speak to the criteria and standards</li> <li>• Pavelka – Other universities had a document that included both</li> <li>• Rosenthal – What will be the next steps of voting today?</li> <li>• Pavelka – Have a motion to accept and if accepted would create a committee to look at making changes</li> <li>• Rosenthal – If we vote no, does this happen anyway?</li> <li>• Pavelka – Understanding is that it would stop here.</li> <li>• Elliott – No issue with this in terms of negotiation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion to extend time 10 minutes: Acheampong; Second: Krome</b></p> <p><b>Vote: 14 for, 7 against, 3 abstentions</b></p> <p><b>Motion to postpone a decision on motion until next meeting – Everham; Second – Rosenthal</b></p> <p><b>Motion passes to postpone vote until next meeting</b></p>	
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<p>6b) Old Business: Excellence Award Documents (Action Item)</p>	<p>Daniel Rottig</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ad hoc committee came together to look at changes to all excellence awards</li> <li>• Online submission was approved along with two-page</li> <li>• Suggestion from Trent Brown that award criteria for scholarship award to evaluate candidates on respective college missions; Scholarship committee supports this suggestion</li> <li>• All suggestions that were presented at last meeting come 100% from the experience of committee members involved in process</li> <li>• Rosenthal – Would like to see list on pg. 3 -4 alphabetized and see language in nomination process stay at five years versus three</li> <li>• Lingle-Martin – Support suggestion made by Trent Brown</li> <li>• Kinzli – Why is clause there regarding less than 3 nominations?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion to keep language at five years versus changing to three years: Rosenthal; Second: McDonald</b></p> <p><b>Vote: 14 for, 7 against, 3 abstentions</b></p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rottig – Language makes it the discretion of the committee whether or not to select an awardee</li> <li>• Ramos – Clarification that criteria would be changed from ‘FGCU mission’ to ‘college mission’</li> <li>• Rottig – That is correct, it would change to college of nominee</li> <li>• Rottig – Committee discussed the five to three year change seeing the possibility of putting faculty who conduct a lot of research</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion passes to keep language at five years versus changing to three years</b></p> <p><b>Motion to accept document: Lingle-Martin; Second: Rosenthal</b></p> <p><b>Vote: 23 for, 0 against, 3 abstentions</b></p> <p><b>Motion passes to accept document</b></p>	
<p>7a) New Business: Policy on Timely Graduation (Information Item)</p>	<p>Shawn Felton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy is still in the drafting process; sent forward for review and comment</li> <li>• Rosenthal – Concern about selection of a major by second term of attendance ad would like to see moved to end second year</li> <li>• Scanlon – Agree about moving selection of major back to end of second year and have concern regarding ‘timely graduation’ impact on students who double-major</li> <li>• Toll – Need to consider this due to students adding majors in fourth year, having multiple minors, etc.; there is an impact when students go beyond four and/or six years</li> <li>• Strahorn – Clarification on Florida statute</li> <li>• Erdman – Have concern with comment made by Rosenthal based on developed curriculum maps</li> <li>• Bevins – Have four-year curriculum maps and working on academic tracking and</li> </ul>		

		<p>Milestones.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kakareka – Studies have been done that suggest moving to fifth-year</li> <li>• Anstadt – Any provisions or leeway for students who are taking one or two courses at a time?</li> <li>• Toll – Part-time students are not negatively affected by this policy</li> <li>• Everham – Does anything lock a student in if they declare in their first year?</li> <li>• Toll – Intent is not to lock a student in to a major; there will be milestones though and there will be limits</li> <li>• Everham – Concerned about potential limits but think argument may be moot as long as students are not locked in and have the ability to change majors</li> <li>• Rosenthal – Just looking to leave door open for students to change majors and not locking students in</li> <li>• Scanlon – feel that students should have the opportunity</li> <li>• Bevins – course success sometimes dictates ability to complete a major and waiting may limit their ability to change and forces them to incur excess hour fees</li> <li>• Hung-Simons – appreciate comments and this is why have advocated previously for an interdisciplinary science degree</li> <li>• McDonald – Is policy designed to calculate an average time to completion in general or according to program?</li> <li>• Snyder – intention is to look at this at a university level not at a program level</li> <li>• McDonald – Can we identify programs that may need this policy?</li> <li>• Toll – Two metrics are involved here: four and six year graduation rate; six year graduation rate is not even 50%; looking to see if there is a system that can be put in place to assist students in graduating on time in light of performance metrics and their impact on the university</li> <li>• Strahorn – may be able to approach this in a way that is less formally rigid if we consider making it more about selection based on credit hours rather than term</li> </ul>		
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8a) Provost Report	Dr. Ron Toll	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minor change was to the 2017 – 2018 calendar; based on input from Housing/Resident Life</li> <li>• Faculty Meet &amp; Greet held on October 29<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• BOG meeting coming up and faculty are encouraged to watch particularly concerning performance-based funding</li> <li>• Travelling with Linda Serro and a first-year faculty member to a conference to present on the Lucas Center; paper was also accepted for presentation at the SACSCOC meeting</li> <li>• Provost and Senate President Felton will be travelling to Tallahassee in December to begin legislative visits</li> <li>• Engineering held accreditation visit and site visit went very well</li> <li>• Naming of buildings and subsequent changes can be influenced by political climate and is not an attempt to limit input from faculty</li> </ul>		
8b) SAC Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passed resolution regarding the handguns on campus legislation similar to Faculty Senate resolution</li> <li>• Voted not to approve strategic plan based on not seeing staff inclusion but this was a previous version of the strategic plan than what is now available</li> <li>• Everham – Glad that SAC is here to bring forth this piece on strategic plan; What is current process with strategic plan?</li> </ul>		



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8c) SGA Report	Jesscia Scanlon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florida Student Association conference was held at FGCU</li> <li>• Holding site visits with possible food vendors</li> <li>• Farmers market coming this Tuesday</li> <li>• SGA Senate passed resolution in support of 7:30am start time; working with Dr. Toll on supports related to schedule</li> <li>• Faculty meet and Greet with SGA is being scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Pavelka – Will be meeting with Jessica on a monthly basis</li> </ul>		
8d) UFF Report	Beth Elliott	Chapter meeting held a week ago on Tuesday FGCU chapter won a gold membership award from the Florida association and Beth Elliott's personal award for sustained numbers and growth		
9) Good of the Order		None		
10) Announcements		None		

**Next Senate Meeting:** Friday November 13, 2015 @ 9:30 AM – Cohen Center 213

**Next Senate Leadership Team:** Friday November 13, 2015@ 12 Noon – Cohen Center 213