

Advisory Council of Faculty Senates
May 13, 2011
1703-07, Turlington Building
Tallahassee, FL

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chair Rick Yost at around 9:00 AM

Attendance : FAMU – Maurice Holden, Narayan Persaud; FAU – Bill McDaniel; FGCU – Chuck Lindsey, Halcyon St. Hill; FIU – Tom Breslin; FSU – Sandra Lewis, Susan Fiorito; UCF – Ida Cook, Arlen Chase, Manoj Chopra; UF – Scott Nygren, Rick Yost, Mary Anne Ferguson; UNF – Kathy Robinson, Jeff Harrison, Judy Solano; USF – Liz Larkin, Rick Smith

Absent - NCF; UWF.

Action Items: Highlighted below.

ACFS Business

The agenda for the meeting was handed out. Rick Yost welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced himself or herself. The signup sheet was passed around. The order of the chancellor staff today may change on agenda.

Approval of March 25, 2011 meeting in Tallahassee. Motion made and seconded. Approved unanimously.

Morning Sessions – Reports from the Chancellor and his Staff

1. Kristie Harris – Budget Director SUS

Health insurance was not increased although there is leg to study different levels (platinum, gold levels) by DMS. Not sure if this was passed. There is some confusion if Bill 2126 was passed, so DMS is not currently doing a study of this issue. Chair Yost stated that UF might have been authorized to study self-managed health care plans according to Pres. Machen.

Some student financial aid money has been moved to FL Student Assistance Grant office. Remaining balance handled by SUS is 7.1 million. Some of these funds may be available to university students.

Legislature decided not to fund major gifts matching (suspended by SB 2150 effective July 2011) or the Cortellis program. Suspension means that universities cannot accept gift with the promise of state match. Gifts during this interim suspension period will not be eligible. Existing gifts matches have NOT been wiped out but suspended.

Chris Kinsley

The Cortellis matching program is suspended. PECO funds were provided at the end of the session for a minimum amount for maintenance. Mr. Kinsley provided a detailed list of PECO funded projects. A request for \$109 Million was made in March and we ended up with \$137 Million in total where everyone gets utilities money.

- UF 1 project at the Lake Nona Facility \$6 million.
- FSU Applied Science Building \$6 million
- FAMU 0
- USF Main 0
- USF Polytechnic \$46 Million (override of previous vetos)
- FAU 0
- UWF 0
- UCF 4 projects Classroom II, Physics and Engineering Building renovation. \$6.3 million for Interdisciplinary Research Innovation Hub
- FIU Chiller Plant Fix \$6.3 million
- UNF 0 (just keep last year) 2 million from prior requests.
- FGCU Classroom A \$4.5 million to finish existing construction with equipment and \$5m for innovation hub
- NCF \$4.6 million to restore historic bldg.

Next year funding prospects look bleak but some recovery is expected in 2014. If unemployment goes down, it is expected that PECO will go up. On a related note, the State has eliminated concurrency trust fund. Universities still need agreements with host community and host local governments. We may have more legal authority but now the cost will need to come out of project funds instead of the state concurrency funds.

The legislature also passed number of bills on growth management implications to university campus development agreements. The Department of Community Affairs has been effectively eliminated.

Rick Maxey

Mr. Maxey handed out summary of legislation given to BOG. The handout describes most of the bills that were considered during this session and discussed in detail those that passed. The bill on the manner in which the student representative to serve on the BOG is selected did not pass.

Mr. Maxey provided some details on the activities of the Higher Education Coordinating Council. Finally, he stated that 25 new appointees to BOTs had been recommended. Out of this list, 15 were confirmed while 10 were not acted upon.

Chancellor Brogan

a. He continued discussion on some issues brought up by Mr. Maxey. Guns on campus are a fascinating issue. We did not want it to become a 2nd amendment issue. He stated that on this issue, the BOG decided to put police and public safety people on the forefront and let them explain it and kept it out of turning it into a 2nd amendment issue. The police chiefs, FL Sherriff Association and the Police Association of FL made presentations in front of the legislature. There was compelling testimony from police chiefs who explained that logically it did not make sense to allow guns on campus.

b. Library automation issue: The chancellor wants to bring experts to table, dialog and creation of blueprint. Vendors need to develop the product. Vision for FL relies heavily on streamlined opportunity and recognizing the integrity of each delivery system. He expressed his excitement about the potential this issue has for state of FL.

c. Session: The session could have been worse. Other states NC, are much worse with potentially 17% budget decrease. Florida faces tough issues such as a \$14 billion deficit. The legislature pulled every rabbit of every hat, as there was no cavalry coming with bizarre concepts. The chancellor stated that there was "No more blood left in turnip". Using some general revenue and Non-Recurring funds along with a tuition increase of 15%, SUS is going to reach a break- even proposition. We must do more with less and find efficiencies. We continue to grow in enrolment at a steady 3% growth pattern (321K students, 4th in nation). There is also an increase in the number of applications received for spots in SUS with checks to secure.

d. June BOG meeting: The BOG discussed several important issues. The BOG is in a fascinating predicament in the world of devolution – organization and anarchy. We are institution-centered and often do not care about how it affects the system as a whole. We are paid on enrollment only. Some feel that we are at the size that we want to be

institutions. If an institution wants to move into the proximity of another with a program, there must be a conversation between the presidents. There should also be a conversation with office of BOG. If it can be worked out with all parties and will have a positive impact on the system, then such a proposal will go forward. But if it is bad for the system, then it should go to BOG for decision. BOG wants to encourage but not micromanage. The philosophy needs to move away from – “we want it” and become “there is a need”.

Examples of this approach are the proposals to establish new Dental Schools proposal. There may not be a need for more dentists in the state. We have underserved areas and not enough minority dentists. There are two new private dental schools coming to Florida. Universities will sell the idea that while we may not need dentists, but we should get one. Dental schools are the most expensive type of medical schools costing between \$50 million to \$60 million. There may not be enough Medicaid dentists in rural Florida. This is not an SUS issue but more a public health problem – i.e., not enough services in rural FL to Medicaid patients.

e. HECC is good but does need to have statutory authority to create another board.

f. June BOG meeting major issue – state trying to put together a vision on how the state education system will look like in the future including all players like SUS, SBOE pre-K through 12 and the 28 State Colleges. It is looking at the number of comprehensive university (UG grad, and research) needed in the State. How many comprehensive state colleges (UG degrees) do we need that work in full alignment with university?

The group must also look at emerging industries and workforce needs and not follow a haphazard approach. For instance, it may be possible over time for IRSC in Ft Pierce to offer several 4-year programs with residential campus. It is two hours from the nearest university. This will increase baccalaureate degree production.

The Chancellor will go to presidents and ask them to assemble experts locally and come up with a full-blown treatise. Presently, there is no Space-related university. The presidents must reach out to collaborate to stress health education, alternative energy, and education and come up with coordinated efforts and academic excellence. Universities must not just conduct research on topics such as alternative energy, but work on creating an industry around it.

Dottie Minear – Sr. Associate Vice Chancellor

Dr. Minear had nothing specific to add.

Richard Stevens – Director, Academic and Student Affairs

a. Revision of new degree program format to align with authorization regulations. These

FAMU Report – Maurice Holder
Florida A&M University
Campus Report, Presented to the ACFS at its Spring meeting
May 13, 2011

FAMU

FAU Report – Bill McDaniel

Florida Atlantic University
Campus Report: May 13, 2011
Wm R McDaniel
Master of Parsimony

1. Brenda Claiborne, PhD accepted the position of University Provost and Chief Academic Officer. She currently is Dean of the College of Arts and Science at the University of New Mexico
2. Barry Rosson, PhD is the new Vice President for Research. He adds this duty to his current position as Dean of the FAU Graduate College
3. The new medical college has had about 1500 applicants for 64 openings in the initial class, to begin Fall 2011
4. FAU graduated more than 2600 degrees in its 100th commencement ceremonies on May 5 and 6.
5. Plans continue the celebration of FAU's 50th anniversary
6. Innovation Village, new dorms and a football stadium construction continues toward a Fall 2011 completion
7. William R McDaniel became the University Senate President on April 22

FGCU Report – Chuck Lindsey

Florida Gulf Coast University
Campus Report to Advisory Council of Faculty Senates
13 May 2011

Recent events of note at FGCU include the following:

1. The task force charged with reviewing the organizational structure within academic affairs (Positioning and Alignment Task Force) issued its final report in late March. After further consultation with a variety of groups, <http://www.fgcu.edu/academic-affairs/positioning-and-alignment-task-force-report>

The College of Professional Studies is

MDCPS in ADHD and disruptive behavior management, and through grant-based support offered more than 300 teachers and administrators full-tuition scholarships to complete their master's and doctoral degrees. From 2009 to 2011 dual enrollment programming has increased from 600 to over 1,800 students. MDCPS has hired 33 FIU students as math, science, and reading tutors in underperforming schools. Senior teams meet quarterly to review, plan and implement strategies for collaboration.

On May 10 and 11, members of the FIU chapter of United Faculty of Florida will vote on a new 3-year (2011-2014) collective bargaining agreement. The agreement would provide raises of 2%, effective the beginning of Academic Year 2012-3 and an additional 1%, effective the beginning of Academic Year 2013-4. The proposal calls for one-time bonuses equal to 1% of the bargaining unit payroll to be distributed according to departmental merit criteria in December 2012 and December 2013-the current agreement calls for a similar distribution in December 2011. Each year one percent of the bargaining unit payroll would be set aside for discretionary purposes. The non-discrimination article would be amended to protect employees from discrimination on the basis of gender equity.

Over 50% of FIU faculty members in the bargaining unit are UFF members. There is lingering apprehension that the university will move health-related units into a much discussed Academic Health Center and have them removed from the bargaining unit. In that event, it is likely that health-related faculty members would seek to organize a new bargaining unit. Overall, however, faculty re

University of Central Florida
Campus Report
ACFS, May 13, 2011

1. The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will consider on May 26 a proposal to establish a College of Dental Medicine at the UCF Health Sciences Campus at Lake Nona. It will be located in a new facility to be built adjacent to the College of Medicine in the heart of Lake Nona's 'medical city.' In addition to filling a need to provide students with a dental program, and it is expected to create at least 110 local jobs as well as an initial economic impact of \$73 million. The dental college also will benefit Central Florida's community by attracting research that could improve oral and overall health care. Funding for the program will be based upon an anonymous donation of \$10 million from a private donor to jump start the project. The university will secure a loan of approximately \$40 million to cover the necessary startup costs. The college does not intend to seek state money for the project. If approved and endorsed by the Board of Governors, the college will seek national accreditation from the American Dental Association. UCF expects to open the college in 2014. (paraphrase of news release, 5/12/2011.)
2. UCF Faculty Senate gave final approval to a major revision of the Student Perception of Instruction (SPol) form which will be administered online and consists of three different versions that match the format of the course, i.e. face-to-face, completely online, or media-enhanced courses. A fourth online form will be available for faculty to complete regarding their experiences with the class, its environment, issues, etc. Completion of the form allows the faculty member to record information which can be used as a record for a portfolio or for annual evaluations. The new versions will be implemented after the SPol has been tested with a sample of students enrolled in summer courses and reviewed in order to assure that it is methodologically sound. Four different faculty committees and the senate had worked for several years to develop the revisions.
3. The UCF/UFF union and UCF administration finalized a contract after 3 years of negotiation. Work has begun on the new contract.
4. Faculty Senate Chair and UCF Board of Trustees member, Ida Cook, has been selected by the UCF Board of Trustees to chair the Educational Programs Committee.

Submitted by: Ida Cook, Faculty Senate Chair, University of Central Florida

UNF Report – J. Patrick Plumlee

USF System Report –

ADVISORY COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA SYSTEM REPORT
MAY 13, 2011

Polytechnic. New constitution and bylaws for faculty senate. Among other things these documents expand the membership from 5 academic divisions and library to 7 academic divisions and the library. A new post of faculty senate secretary has been created and the executive committee has been broadened to include up to 8 members from the current 3. This was unanimously passed by the senate; pending faculty vote.

Sarasota-Manatee. Elected new faculty senate officers for next year. Will receive separate SACS accreditation next month and work is well under way to prepare for applications for NCATE accreditation for the College of Education and AACSB accreditation for the College of Business, once SACS notification is received. Planning to serve freshmen and sophomores as early as the Fall of 2012.

Just announced a collaboration between the College of Business and Sanborn Studios in Sarasota to offer a new concentration MBA program in Film and TV Production.

St. Petersburg. Ground was broken in April on the 81,000 sq. ft. Multipurpose Student Center. It will have a ballroom, dining facilities, meeting rooms, outdoor veranda, and a six-story residence hall that will accommodate 200 students. The center will be the second residence hall on campus. The first residence hall, with capacity of 350 students, opened in 2006.

Tampa.

System. Interviews just completed with three candidates for a new position: Sr. Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

UWF Report – Richie Platt
No Report

Attachment A

Academic Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS)

Statement of Shared Governance

Revised 9/13/10, 12/9/10, 12/8/10, 5/10/11

Definition of Shared Governance:

Shared Governance is the participation of faculty and students as applicable, administrators, the president and board of trustees (herein after referred stakeholder) in the decision and policy-making process to promote the institutional vision and mission, academic integrity and sustainability of the dynamic academic environment while maintaining public accountability.

Statement of the Purpose of Shared Governance:

The purpose of shared governance in an institution of higher education is to provide shared responsibility for quality improvement and productivity through the creation of a partnership based on mutual respect and collaboration. Such shared responsibility entails working toward mutual goals to embrace a unified vision

- c) Transparency and accountability to stakeholders throughout the process;
- d) Ongoing monitoring, mutual review and assessment that result in recommendations that further the efficacy of Shared Governance, and
- e) Clarity of roles and guidelines for stakeholders with respect to:
 - i. Academic Activities are areas for which the faculty holds primary responsibility; therefore, faculty will determine academic policy, scholastic policy and academic ethics. Academic policy includes programmatic accreditation and evaluation of students, authorization and direction of courses and program and degree offerings. Scholastic policy includes standards for admission, grading, continuation, graduation, and honors; and Academic Ethics including development of policies and procedures as well as research and scholarship.
 - ii. Administrative Activities are areas for which the administration holds primary responsibility. Therefore, the administration will determine educational policies and policy implementation, budget reports, compliance, resources,
 - iii. Strategic Planning involves multiple stakeholders. These areas include faculty positions, research space, finance allocation, and restructuring or making organizational changes. Administration will require recommendation from faculty. Staff recommendation is also required for finance allocation.
 - iv. Faculty status including appointment, retention, promotion and tenure criteria and evaluation and faculty development is areas that require faculty acting jointly with the administration. Reward systems; discipline and termination are areas require administration acting jointly with the faculty.
 - v. particularly those related to areas of faculty positions and faculty quality, welfare, planning, budget, resource allocation, academic facilities and infrastructure.
 - vi. Selection and review of academic administrators as well as making policy concerning the general academic welfare of the university requires faculty acting jointly with the administration. Faculty recommendations are therefore required. Staff and student consultations are also expected.
 - vii. Rules for due process and resolution issues responsibilities are required of the

Attachment B

Draft Resolution for the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates of the State University System of Florida

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has established a system of governance for the state university system of Florida through its constitution in order to achieve excellence through teaching students, advancing research and providing public service for the benefit of Florida citizens, and

Whereas, academic freedom is the defining criterion for higher education and the hallmark of excellence in universities, and

Whereas, academic freedom entails the freedom of faculty members to pursue an innovative course of study, carry out original research, publish novel findings, teach,