

Advisory Council of Faculty Senates
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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

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.

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.

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

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:

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- *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

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

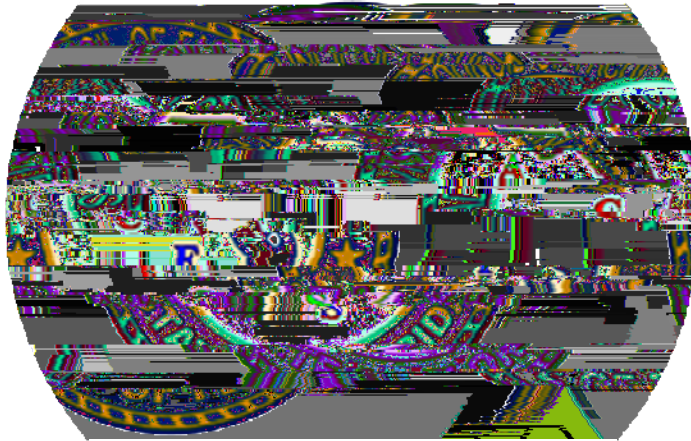
UWF faculty and researchers were front and center in the state response to the BP oil spill disaster. The UWF Center for Environmental Diagnostics and Bioremediation not only provides experienced faculty researchers, but also has many years of baseline data collected in the waters surrounding Pensacola. 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

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