

Faculty Assembly

Friday, April 13, 2007

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Videoconferenced to Davie, Ft. Lauderdale, Jupiter and Port St. Lucie - originating from Studio Two – Learning Resources, Boca Raton Campus

1. Chair of the Faculty Assembly, Mark Peterson, called the meeting to order. He stated the college currently has 105 tenured/tenure track faculty and the bylaws call for a quorum of forty-percent to be present in order to conduct business. Instructors, visiting faculty and adjuncts are ineligible to vote. A show of hands was called for and 52 members were present, representing a quorum.

2. Dr. Peterson asked if there were new members or visitors to introduce. There being none, he then called on Dean Coates to give a college update.

3. Dean Coates congratulated Eric Chiang and Patrick Bernet for winning University-wide teaching awards this year.

The dean stated that our accreditation site visit is scheduled for October 22-24, 2007. Donna Cooke has been the college's accreditation point person, especially in the assessment area. In early fall, faculty will receive the agenda and information from Donna Cooke in preparation for the site visit.

The State legislative session ends in April, therefore we do not have the budget for next year. The State budget is not in as good a position as last year due to the downswing in the housing market. FAU plans to ask legislature for \$44 million to fund Harbor Branch with recurring funding.

The Barry Kaye gift will pay out over a period of the next several years. Dean Coates has been working with the Strategic Planning committee on ways to spend the money.

4. At-large elections. Paul Koku was elected Chair of the Bylaws committee for 2007-08. Julia Higgs was nominated, seconded and unanimously elected to serve on the committee for another two-year term. Brenda Richey was elected to replace Tim Allen on the committee.

The college representative to the Faculty Senate has been John Stephan. This representative handles academic matters for the college. Bill Bosshardt volunteered to serve and was unanimously elected.

The dean announced that Eric Shaw will become president of the University Faculty Senate in two weeks. John Valentine is the Boca Raton campus representative and Bob Cervený is representative for the Port St. Lucie campus.

5. Election of Faculty Assembly Committee Chairs for 2007-2008.

The Steering Committee Chairmanship is for a two-year term. The person receives a one-course release and must be willing to chair the Faculty Assembly. Ravi Behara was nominated but declined. Brenda Richey and Julia Higgs were nominated. They were asked to leave the room and a show-of-hands vote was taken. Brenda Richey was elected by a majority vote.

P&T Committee: Ken Orbach was elected Chair by a unanimous vote. Economics must elect a representative.

Bylaws Committee: Paul Koku was nominated and elected as Chair for the coming year.

Strategic Planning Committee: Pradeep Korgaonkar was nominated and unanimously elected to serve as Chair.

Graduate Council: Kay Means and Bill McDaniel were nominated to serve as chair. They were asked to leave the room and a vote was taken. Kay Means was elected by majority vote. Economics has an empty seat.

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Undergraduate Committee: Alan Friedberg was nominated to Chair the committee and the vote was unanimously in favor. Eric Chiang will represent the Economics Department. Ethlyn Williams will represent the MIBE Department.

Faculty Development Council: Rupert Rhodd and Tammy Mangleburg were nominated to serve as Chair. Rupert was elected by a majority vote.

6. Policy Proposals and Announcements from College Administration. Donna Cooke stated the college is in good shape regarding assessment. She asked assembly members to please continue to collect information and send to her for AACSB documentation. The college is considering supplementing data with ETS information on motivating students, etc. She has been working with the ITOM Department regarding this matter. Donna then asked members to review an overhead regarding PQ qualifications and called for revision of the document. After some discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed by majority vote. (The full text of the approved PQ qualification is attached at the end of this document.)

Dr. Wiley mentioned the university now holds three commencement exercises. Due to the college's size, it will be the only college represented at commencement, which makes the new college policy on graduation attendance even more important. Mark Peterson stated the Steering Committee reviewed and approved the policy. The provost also approved the policy. Dean Coates feels it is very important to the president and our graduating students for faculty to have a presence. Dean Coates mentioned the Registrar's Office is attempting to rotate the times of graduation to include morning, afternoon and evening. He asked department chairs to make sure all ceremonies are covered with a reasonable number of faculty present. After some discussion, a vote was

taken and passed by a majority vote. (The full text of the approved policy is attached at the end of these minutes.)

The Steering Committee proposed presenting a plaque to Barry Kaye at the college dedication event. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

An amendment was introduced. "Motion: Candidates for positions as visiting professors, instructors or tenured/tenure-earning faculty must receive a majority vote from a department's tenured and tenure-earning faculty before an offer is extended." One department chair stated that visiting faculty are hired on an as-needed basis, many times within days prior to the beginning of a semester. Visiting faculty are hired on a temporary/renewable basis for up to three years. A search must be done after that time period to hire on a permanent basis. A search committee must be appointed, thus faculty have input into the hiring process. After several amendments, the motion finally passed by a majority was: "Regarding candidates for positions as faculty, instructors or tenured/tenure-earning, chairs must document an advisory vote from a department's tenured and tenure-earning faculty before an offer is extended."

Julia Higgs presented an amendment from the bylaws committee to change the name and scope of the P&T committee. The change would include committee involvement in policies rather than actual faculty evaluations. Mark Peterson stated that instead of ad hoc committees being formed to handle issues throughout the year, the committee would handle numerous issues. Pradeep Korgaonkar stated he was opposed to the change because it would give that committee too much work and too much power. The motion was defeated.

Alan Friedberg asked faculty to email any suggestions regarding the video teaching policy.

The meeting was adjourned at the end of the scheduled meeting time. Other agenda items were deferred to the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Holden