

**Florida Atlantic University College of Education  
Faculty Assembly Meeting  
Friday, January 22, 2010  
10:00 – 12:00  
Boca COE 313, Davie LA 139,  
Jupiter EC 202C, Port St. Lucie MP 114**

**I. Call to order**

**President Warde** called to order the regular meeting of the Faculty Assembly at **10:00 am.**

**II. Attendance**

**CCEI-** Tracy Baxley, Nancy Brown, Carlos Diaz, Jim McLaughlin, Dilys Schoorman, Noorchaya Yahya, Hani Zainuddin

**CE-** Paul Peluso, Michael Frain, Irene Johnson

**CSD-** Connie Keintz, Carol Hess

**Dean's Office-** Valerie Bristor, Donald Torok, Patricia Heydet-Kirsch, Eliah Watlington

**EL-** Deborah Floyd, Valerie Bryan, Mary Lieberman, John Pisapia, Pat Maslin-Ostrowaki, Dan Morris, Meredith Mountford, Daniel Reyes-Guerra, John Shockley, Anne Mulder, Steve Rios, Lucy Guglielmino

**ES & HP-** Robert Zoeller

**ESE-** Mike Brady, Mary Lou Duffy, Lydia Smiley, Larry Heiser, Beverly Warde, Cynthia Wilson, Peggy Goldstein

**OASS -** Deborah Shepard

**Teaching and Learning-** Susannah Brown, Sharon Crawley, Penelope Fritzer, Joseph Furner, Deb Harris, Ernest Brewer, Philomena Marinaccio-Eckel, Barbara Ridener, Jennifer Bird

Please advise **Marinacc@fau.edu** if you attended and your name does not appear.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Dr. Mary Lou Duffy; the motion was seconded by Connie Keintz. The minutes were approved by a majority vote.

**IV. Old business**

**A) New faculty search committee and the role of department chairs on search committees.** Brought by Dean Valerie Bristor.

- 1) **Search committee purpose:** gather information on candidates, discuss this data, and make recommendations to the department chair.
- 2) **Case law:** if the purpose of a meeting is to rank and recommend then it needs to be open to the public, search committee chair needs only to meet

one-on-one with the department chair to follow this law, department chair may be the search committee chair. If serving as committee chair, department chair may reclude themselves for discussion by committee.

- 3) **Search committee composition:** if the composition of your department's search committee changes due to this clarification please notify the EOC.
- 4) **Faculty search process checklist:** in revision, committees to follow current checklist for now.

## V. New business

### A) **COE Strategic Planning. Coordinated** by Dr. John Pisapia.

- 1) **Proposal of new approach to strategic planning called Strategic Thinking: Steering Committee will be established to guide process.**  
After an approval process of the statement of intent a quality committee will be formed as a standing committee that meets every six months to advise on implementation of the statement of intent.
- 2) **This is an inside-out process:** Dr. Pisapia will provide a succinct one-page summary of this strategic thinking process in about one month. In teaching, researching, and servicing we are looking for a focus that at some point will move our thinking up a level guiding an adjustment. This process is about our own belief system as a college that will allow us to become more self-managed with a flexible set of guidelines that could never be done bureaucratically.
- 3) **Expect an email list:** for the College of Education Strategic Thinking Initiative to notify faculty of strategic thinking activities so everyone can fully participate in the process.
- 4) **Expect a website:** so all information, process and documents are transparent.

### B) **Changes to Florida Teacher Exams (FTCE).** Brought by Joe Waters.

- 1) **Changes and impacts:** change in the fee structure, new requirements for all passing scores on subtests, and a switch to all computer-based testing. Students should be encouraged to take the GK (English and Math) during their sophomore year. Advisors would help students to strategize the appropriate time to take the remaining subject area tests.

### C) **Graduate Faculty Status.** Brought by Dr. Deborah Floyd.

- 1) **Approval needed:** of college criteria for COE graduate faculty status for compliance issues.
- 2) **Recommendations:** eliminate the waiting period for teaching at FAU for one year to be considered for graduate faculty status, a five rather than six year window for a faculty member to renew graduate faculty status, note that everybody who is currently granted graduate faculty status, as of Dec 31 2009, is approved through December 31, 2014.
- 3) **Approval of COE graduate faculty status revisions:** A motion to amend the document by allowing the publication of a book to be given the value

of two evidences instead of one was made by Dr. Mike Brady; the motion was seconded by Dr. Deborah Foley. The amendment did not pass by majority vote.

A motion to amend the document by raising the criteria for level A graduate status from 5 to 8 criteria was made by Dr. Mike Brady; the motion was seconded by Dr. Dan Morris. The amendment did not pass: yeas 5, nays 16.

A motion to amend the criteria for serving as a dissertation chair from the rank of associate professor to assistant professor was made by Dr. Susanna Brown; the motion was seconded by Dr. Barbara Ridener. The amendment did not pass: yeas 12, nays 19.

A motion to continue the meeting after 12:00 pm was made by Dr. Dylis Schoorman; the motion was seconded. The motion was approved by a majority vote.

A motion to amend the criteria allowing “unfunded and funded grants” as criteria for graduate status to be limited to “funded grants” only was made by Dr. Mary Lou Duffy; the motion was seconded by Dr. Floyd. The vote resulted in a tie: yeas 16, nays 16. The amendment did not pass on the deciding vote of FA President Warde.

**4) Document approved with changes COE graduate faculty status revisions:**

A motion to vote on the document on the floor was made by Dr. Carlos Diaz; the motion was seconded by Dr. Floyd. The document was approved with changes: yeas 30, nays 6.

**D) Syllabus Statement regarding LIVE TEXT:**

Due to time constraints this will be discussed at the April 16, 2010 FA meeting.

**VI. Departmental Reports:**

FASC proposed that departmental committee reports of pressing issues and agenda items be sent to FA president ahead of meetings in an effort to avoid department reports taking up limited time during FA meetings. In addition, there was a suggestion that instituting reports from departments and committees to be posted prior to FASC meetings and included in minutes.

**VII. Announcements:**

The week of March 15<sup>th</sup> an announcement will go out seeking nominations for FA elections (vice president, secretary, archivist, and senators). Responsibilities for positions are archived on the FA web site. At the April 16<sup>th</sup> FA we will announce election results. We have about a month to get an announcement out during

Spring break, set up electronic voting, and allow a week for voting. Faculty members are urged to start thinking about nominees for those positions.

### **VIII. Open Discussion:**

Dr. Deborah Floyd announced that the University Graduate Council was informed that FAU/UM relations for a medical school were severed. The UGC wants transparency in respect to this process. Issues can be brought for representation to Dr. Floyd.

**ADJOURN** President Warde adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Philomena Marinaccio-Eckel  
Secretary, Faculty Assembly

Future Faculty Assembly Meetings / Steering Committee Meetings

- Faculty Assembly Meeting – Last meeting will be held from 10am-12:00 pm. April 16, 2010
- Steering Committee – Last meeting will be held from 12-2. March 31, 2010 (ED 411)

*The Faculty Assembly is an advisory body. As such, it passes along the faculty concerns, recommendations, and motions to the Dean. The Assembly does not create or prohibit programs/policies. It does, however, communicate issues to which the Dean is expected to respond.*