



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

MINUTES  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
DECEMBER 3, 2014  
DODD HALL AUDITORIUM  
3:35 P.M.

I. Regular Session

The regular session of the 2014-15 Faculty Senate was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014. Faculty Senate President Gary Tyson presided.

The following members attended the Senate meeting:

T. Adams, S. Aggarwal, M. Akiba, E. Aldrovandi, E. Alvarez, A. Askew, H. Bass, F. Berry, B. Birmingham, M. Blaber, J. Broome, M. Buchler, E. Chicken, J. Cogle, M. Cui, A. Cuyler, W. Deng, R. Dumm, J. Fiorito, S. Fiorito, K. Fishburne, J. Geringer, T. Graban, K. Harper, E. Hilinski, K. Howard, J. Ilich-Ernst, S. Johnson, M. Kapp, T. Keller, A. Kercheval, J. Kesten, E. Kim, S. Lewis, S. Losh, D. Maier-Katkin, T. Mariano, K. McGinnis, M. Mesterton-Gibbons, U. Meyer-Base, D. Moore, R. Morris, J. Ohlin, I. Padavic, J. Reynolds, N. Rogers, S. Rutledge, K. Salata, K. Schmitt, J. Schwenkler, D. Slice, J. Standley, L. Stepina, J. Telotte, S. Tripodi, J. Turner, G. Tyson, S. Valisa, E. Walker, S. Webber, C. Weissert, W. Wise.

The following members were absent. Alternates are listed in parenthesis:

J. Adams, J. Ahlquist, C. Alexander (**G. Reese**), A. Avina, B. Berg, C. Bolaños, R. Brower, K. Brummel-Smith, C. Edrington, K. Erndl, J. Gabriel, R. Gainsford (**A. Darrow**), A. Gaiser, K. Goldsby, M. Gross (**L. Hinnant**), C. Hofacker, M. Horner, D. Humphrey, C. Jackson, L. Jakubowski, W. Landing, J. Larson, B. Lee, T. Luke (**S. Slavena-Griffin**), C. Madsen, J. McNulty, R. Miles (**M. Duncan**), O. Okoli, E. Peters, V. Richard Auzenne, R. Rodenberg, P. Rutkovsky, V. Salters, J. Sobanjo, O. Steinbock, M. Stewart, F. Tolson, O. Vafek, D. Von Glahn, W. Weissert.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting were approved as distributed.

III. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**IV. Report of the Steering Committee, S. Fiorito**

The Faculty Senate Steering Committee has met twice (November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>) since our last Faculty Senate Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

At our brief November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting before the faculty senate meeting, Gary announced that John Thrasher received unanimous votes from the Board of Governors for his appointment as our university's 15<sup>th</sup> President. Also a decision was made to make Eric Walker the faculty representative of the Council of Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA). He will report to the FS regarding the meeting he will attend early next year.

At our November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting we had invited Graduate School Dean Nancy Marcus to discuss the changes to the policies on teaching standards for Graduate Teaching Assistants. Minor wording changes were agreed upon in the policy. There was more discussion about the Koch gift agreement and a decision to seek further information about changes that have and have not occurred since the report from the FS was presented.

FS President Gary Tyson also announced that the Board of Trustees (BOT) approved to move the Panama City, Panama programs under International Programs.

Finally, the FSSC discussed a student's concern about our religious holiday's policy. Suggestions were given that information regarding Religious Holidays be posted on the Student Central web site. Also, the University Calendar committee needs to be sensitive when planning Parent's weekend, and other University activities during Religious Holidays. This concludes the minutes of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. I would be happy to respond to questions.

**V. Reports of Standing Committees****a. Graduate Policy Committee**

As further roll outs of Campus Solutions go along, the latest development is something called the GST – Graduate Student Tracking system. As we were looking at this coming down the road, it lead us to back and look at how we have our graduate teaching assistants categorized. If you recall from what we passed a year and half or so ago we have a system with 7 levels. We revised that 7 and clarified the requirements for each one and we are down to 4. (See addendum 1.)

Tyson – The Steering Committee met with Nancy Marcus and clarified that criteria would be validated by The Graduate School.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**VI. Old Business**

There were no items of new business.

**VII. New Business**

There were no items of new business.

**VIII. University Welfare****a. United Faculty of Florida Update, J. Proffitt****Bargaining**

As I reported at the last Faculty Senate meeting, departmental merit and dean's merit were implemented November 7 and reflected in your November 26 paycheck. You should also see a bonus in your December 12 paycheck that is the difference between the start of our contracts August 8 and the day the \$1500 performance increases were implemented in October. . We are hoping to begin bargaining the implementation of market equity in January, but we should know more after next week's consultation.

**Consultation**

Our consultation with President Thrasher, Provost Stokes, VP McRorie, and other administrators that was scheduled for November will actually be held next Wednesday, December 10. One of the key discussions will be market equity, in addition to other items such as hiring plans, background checks, and the legislative outlook for 2015.

**Next Luncheon**

I am happy to announce that the luncheon with President Thrasher scheduled for December 9 is "sold-out" as it were. We are looking forward to this luncheon and to our visit with President Thrasher.

On behalf of the UFF-FSU Chapter, I wish everyone a non-stressful and successful conclusion to this semester and a restful and productive holiday break.

**b. ACCRoadScholars Mini-Series, D. Moore**

Thank you, President Tyson, and thanks to my colleagues on this new Faculty Senate committee: Senator Todd Adams, from Physics; Jane Clendinning, from Music; Aline Kalbian, from Religion; Greg Beaumont, the liaison between Academic Affairs and the Athletics Department; and Peggy Wright-Cleveland, Director of the Office of Faculty Recognition. I thank each of them, and we all appreciate the support of Sally McRorie, Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement. We also deeply appreciate the response from many of you here today -- including Senator Steve Johnson from the College of Law; Senator Marshall Kapp, who directs the Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law; Senator Richard Morris from Communication Disorders; Senator Silvia Valisa from Modern Languages; and Senator Bridgett Birmingham from Strozier Library -- each of whom responded to our committee's request, following our October Senate meeting, for suggested speakers.

On that note, please plan now to attend the first session in next semester's mini-series: historian Catherine Fosl, who directs the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research at the University of Louisville, will speak on **Friday, January 23**, on the topic "Using Biography to Explain Social Movements of the Twentieth Century." That presentation will begin at 1:30 that Friday, in Strozier Library's Robert Bradley Reading Room, followed at 2:30, there, by another in a series of delightful receptions. As a reminder, that Reading Room is an integral part of the

“Scholars’ Commons,” the operation at Strozier that is one floor below the main level and that is dedicated specifically to working with faculty members and graduate students. Our committee is pleased to be working with Professor Maxine Jones, who directs the Program in Women’s Studies and who will be helping bring this visiting scholar together with interested people from across campus.

That *partnering* -- by which our committee’s budget covers round-trip transportation, a modest honorarium and a place to stay, and one or more units in effect “host” the visitor – has helped make each of this Fall’s three ROAD SCHOLARS presentations a success:

- On November 7, Professor **Craig Volden** of the University of Virginia gave a talk “Building a Better Congress, One Effective Lawmaker at a Time,” in the Bradley Reading Room at Strozier. Charles Barrilleaux, the LeRoy Collins Professor and Chair of the Political Science Department, introduced Professor Volden’s talk, in the middle of a visit that included considerable opportunities for colleagues and grad students from our Political Science Department to meet with and interact with this distinguished scholar (his visit also included getting to watch that Saturday’s game between FSU and Virginia from the President’s Box at Doak Cambell Stadium). Vice President McRorie extended a welcome at the start of that after- noon’s event.
- On October 17, Professor **Sandra Gustafson** of the University of Notre Dame gave a talk, “Reading Fast and Slow,” building on the paradigm that Nobel laureate in Economics, psychologist Daniel Kahneman, had posited in the 2011 book Thinking Fast and Slow. (Our committee appreciated Gloria Colvin’s having agreed to schedule a discussion of the Kahneman book in September, as part of Strozier Library’s ongoing series of book discussions, in conjunction with this Road Scholars event.) The “partnering” for Professor Gustafson’s visit directly involved my colleagues in the English Department; we hosted an informal supper with this distinguished scholar that Friday night at the home of an especially generous colleague on this Faculty Senate committee, a meal that coincided with the much larger, more heavily funded kickoff for the Capital Campaign that coincided with the Notre Dame game weekend. Senate president Gary Tyson gave the welcoming remarks at that Friday after- noon’s talk, in the Great Room at the new Honors, Scholars and Fellows House, and I introduced the speaker.
- On September 19, computer science professor **Shaundra Daily** of Clemson University – who had been an undergraduate in Florida State’s and Florida A&M University’s joint College of Engineering – gave the first-ever Road Scholars talk, here, “Affective Computing: Emotion Detection, Reflection, Interactivity.” In advance of her visit, our committee managed to arrange what amounted to two “partnerships”: Professor Patty Phillips and her colleagues and grad students in Dance spent time with Prof. Daily the night before her presentation – marveling, I hear, at the ways this dynamic young scholar has been addressing dance and movement in some of her research. Our Senate president and his colleagues in Computer Science also spent time with this visitor on the day of her presentation, which was at the Honors, Scholars and Fellows House. That first session began with V.P. McRorie’s welcoming remarks and then Professor Tyson’s introduction. The following day, Professor Daily attended the football game in FSU’s President’s Box.

President Tyson, I thank you again for having e-mailed me, last December, saying you had noticed that I had been Florida State's faculty member whom Clemson University had invited to participate in their "Road Scholars" series last Fall – and to ask if I thought we could develop our own series along these lines.

I told Gary that Peggy Wright-Cleveland and I had already been comparing notes along those lines, and when he asked if I would chair and help populate a Faculty Senate committee that would adapt this model, I was happy to agree. Along the way, my committee colleagues and I have been acknowledging the fact that we learned about the idea from Clemson, where my counterpart in the English Department wanted to emphasize that it's not all about athletics. In that spirit, our committee is busy putting the Spring 2015 mini-series together, planning events around spring-sports encounters between Florida State teams and visiting teams from other institutions in the Atlantic coast Conference. I've already urged you to put Cate Fosl's talk on **Friday, January 23**, on your calendar; the evening before, FSU will have hosted a *women's basketball* game against the University of Louisville. Our **February 27** Road Scholars presentation will feature a scholar from Boston College, coinciding with the next day's *softball* doubleheader against Boston College, and then on **April 17** we'll have a talk by a scholar from the University of Pittsburgh, coinciding with a pair of *baseball* games against the University of Pittsburgh. As you can see, it's really not all about football, either.

Thank you -- and thank you ahead of time for watching for announcements and then helping spread the word among your own colleagues and students.

**IX. Announcements by Deans and Other Administrative Officers**

**a. Response to the report from the Ad hoc Committee on Units without Ranked Faculty, Sally McRorie**

See addendum 2.

**X. Announcements by Provost Stokes**

Provost Stokes was not in attendance.

**XI. Announcements by President Thrasher**

President Thrasher was not in attendance.

**XII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



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