
ABSENT: Bliss, Swanson

GUESTS: Chabayta, Seal, Sandford, Nocella, Fuller-Stanley, Wolf, Goldstein, Tiernan, Noonan, Cohen, Ferguson, Trelisky

PRELIMINARIES: Levitan called the Senate to order at 12:33 PM. Pavese and Perez moved and seconded a motion to accept the Agenda as distributed and the motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the Minutes from the October 8, 2013 meeting of the Faculty Senate was made and seconded by Sheffield and Duffy. The motion was approved unanimously.

CHAIR’S REPORT: Levitan thanked the AFT for hosting the legislative breakfast held on the 22nd of October. The Chair also clarified that items labeled forthcoming in #8 of the agenda would be distributed to the Senators when received by the Executive Council. The Chair announced that if given consent Monica Dufour, photographer for the Pioneer Times, would be taking photos during the meeting. No Senator objected to the request. The Chair announced that Crisp and Decker would co-chair the Admissions and Enrollment Council.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL: There was no objection to the Academic Standards Council removing from the table a motion from the previous meeting (October 8th Meeting) regarding the declaration of major at 45 credits. The Academic Standards Council and Falk-Romaine motioned and seconded the motion on the Scholarship Policy Recommendation (dated October 21, 2013). After a discussion the Academic Standards Council requested an opportunity to adjust the language of the motion and bring the proposal back to the Senate at the next meeting. Tardi and Steinhart moved and seconded a motion to withdraw the motion on the Scholarship Policy. The motion to withdraw was approved unanimously.

UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL: Duffy and Dinan moved and seconded the motion to accept the change in the Minor in the Spanish program. The motion was approved unanimously. Duffy and Dinan moved and seconded the motion to accept the change in the Spanish Major. The motion was approved unanimously. Duffy and Wicke moved and seconded the motion to accept the new Accelerated BA/MA in Sociology/Applied Sociology program. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL: Decker and Crick read the following statement. The Council recommends that the Faculty Senate endorse the implementation of the proposed Scholarship Policy as is written with the exception of the academic scholarships. The Council believes that the academic scholarships should be held until
criteria can be set for determining how these scholarships will be awarded. The Council has discussed one model for awarding the academic scholarships that would be competitive between academic programs. This model would give all academic programs within the university an opportunity to apply for scholarships. In order to be considered for scholarship money, programs would write a proposal. Further discussion of the content of the proposals and the criteria for selections would need to be determined. Also, a process for collecting proposals and selection of the programs would need to be defined. The Council believes that this model provides a fair opportunity for everyone across the university; however, the Council encourages feedback and other suggestions. Duffy and Lee moved and seconded a motion to accept the document with the exception of item # 5 pertaining to the distribution of academic scholarships. After an initial discussion Steinhart and Wicke moved and seconded a motion to call the question. The Chair reported that the motion failed to achieve the 2/3 votes necessary to pass. Following additional discussion, the motion to accept the proposed Scholarship Policy was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Kim requested that Senators to read and consider the implications of two newspaper articles that he distributed. The first article was entitled “FDU adds dual admissions with BCC” (THE RECORD) and the second “Florida State Colleges Drop Remedial Class Requirements, Make It Easier for Strugglers” (HUFFPOST MIAMI).

OLD BUSINESS: S. Tardi requested an update on the status of the administrator’s evaluation. The Chair responded that the issues regarding this matter are being addressed. Wicke (Chair of the Administrator’s Evaluation Ad-hoc Committee) indicated that the evaluation would be administered early in the spring semester.

ADJOURNMENT: Tardi and Wicke moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved at 1:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Kevin Martus, Secretary

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