College of Education
Faculty Assembly Meeting
Friday, April 15, 2011
10:00 – 12:00
Boca COE 313, Davie LA 139
Jupiter EC 202, Port St. Lucie MP 223

#### **Minutes**

### **WELCOME**

FA President Beverly Warde called to order the regular meeting of the Faculty Assembly at 10:15 am.

# ATTENDANCE

CCEI- Jim McLaughlin,

position to negotiate raises. To help to contact your colleagues to become members email Chris at mbudd@fau.edu.

#### **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, ANSWERS:**

**Faculty:** I want to thank you for coming. I have been a member for 10 years it is important that everyone does his/her fair share. An added incentive to join UFF is that membership is tax deductible.

**UFF Speaker:** The danger with the new legislation is that if we don't have a 50% majority, FAU's UFF would have to recertify. FAU will have to recertify by rejoining the union by July 1<sup>st</sup> every year. This is the second of two bills. The first bill would take away our payroll deductions and make it more difficult to be a member.

**Faculty**: Faculty members complain that dues are 1% of his/her salary and they can't afford it. Without the UFF bargaining for our raises we would not have raises.

Faculty: In addition, if we lose the union we can kiss our summer teaching goodbye.

**UFF Speaker:** In addition, we are trying to develop more benefits for instructors, possibly multiyear contracts.

**UFF Speaker:** There is 41% UFF membership in the COE.

# DEAN'S TALKING POINTS Speaker: Dean Valerie Bristor

**Updates** 

**Provost Search:** The search advisory committee for the new provost has concluded interviews for three candidates. The president met with the search committee to hear feedback and review interview forms. The committee gave feedback about the strengths of each candidate. The final decision is in the president's hands. We should hear something confirmed in a month or so.

**Instructors:** The FASC has voiced

**Faculty:** At this point are you doing the evaluations for the associate deans independently? **Dean Bristor:** If anyone had any concerns or positive comments please send them to me.

FA PRESIDENT'S REPORTS Speaker: Beverly Warde Status of the College: **Faculty:** That is a concern. If they are going to move forward, should all senators

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**Bob Shockley:** I want to commend the faculty, our priority was to come to a consensus and this due diligence of the faculty, committee, and discussions at the department level will payoff in the future because of the buy in and the discussion and due process.

**Bob Shockley:** We will be sending out something before you leave for the summer in terms of next year. We have a lot of work to do but we are on target.

**Jim McLaughlin:** I want to discuss serious misinformation and lies about an FAU faculty member being harassed. He has no connection whatsoever to terrorism.

**Faculty member:** We can't recruit with these demonstrations going on outside our gates.

## Thank You to Faculty Assembly Steering Committee and Department Representatives.

**Speaker: Beverly Warde** 

Thanked FA Representatives and announced next years' officers are:

**President:** Connie Keintz

Vice president: Susannah Brown

Secretary: Philomena Marinaccio-Eckel

**Archivist:** Tina Penhollow

#### Adjourn

FA President Warde adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

#### Announcements

COE Strategic Planning Meeting, 9-10, April 15 (just prior to Faculty Assembly and in same rooms)

COE P&T Workshop, 12-1, April 15 (immediately after Faculty Assembly and in the same rooms)

Submitted by, Philomena Marinaccio-Eckel Secretary, Faculty Assembly

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.

#### Departmental Reports, April 2011

Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry Department- Dilys Schoorman
The Department of Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry is pleased to note that our
next Brown Bag session on Friday, April 22nd will include the work of Dr. Janet Towell
from the Department of Teaching and Learning. The FASC had asked if the department
would consider extending invitations to other departments to present, and we are happy that
Dr. Towell will be presenting. The presentation also enhances CCEI's inter-departmental
work in ECE. We also wish to report the extremely successful presentations of Dr. Shirley
Steinberg who invigorated our students and faculty on critical pedagogy. Her presentation on
publication for doctoral students was deeply appreciated and her public presentation on
"Radical Love" was a resounding success with close to 100 attendees. It has been a boost to

our students who have been demoralized by the political climate that is hostile to teachers and public education.

**Educational Leadership and Research Methodology Department**-Meredith Mountford Deborah Floyd will be giving the keynote as the 2011 Florida Atlantic University Distinguished Teacher of the Year at this year's Honors Convocation.

Office for Academic and Student Services-Lorraine Cross