

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
October 3, 2014

Members Present: see *appendix A* for attendance sheet

Guests Present: See *appendix B* for attendance sheet

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Ron Nyhan, President, at 2:05p.m. in the College of Nursing (NU 202) on the Boca Raton Campus and video conferenced to Davie, Fort

the past, President Kelly has indicated that this Committee should meet monthly. There will be full or subcommittee meetings monthly.

Senate Bylaws

There was a change in the Bylaws last year. There are several issues with the Bylaws that need some updating still. Ron welcomed anyone who would like to participate in putting together some changes to the Bylaws. He does not anticipate it to be a large job and volunteers will be requested at the next meeting.

In the interim, faculty has been asked to review the Bylaws as they stand now and share any ideas with Ron.

Facilitating Research for Faculty

Ron Nyhan has asked Chris Beetle to Chair a group of faculty members who will identify barriers in the current process as it exists; Ron emphasized that this is not a form of complaint, however, it is a form of identifying opportunities for improvement. With the VPR Search underway, Ron expressed how timely it is to positively prepare for instances where faculty has experienced trouble but also to come up with some positive recommendations for what changes can be made.

This can be done in the broader sense by not just focusing on DSR, but also by using alternative funding vehicles such as the FAU Foundation.

Please see Chris Beetle or email Ron Nyhan (

- ii. **Program Changes** – B.S. in Neuroscience and Behavior
No objections from Senate-

President Kelly and Provost Perry will meet with every department and College in the University between now and winter break. Departments will be contacted to arrange meetings. The President and Provost want feedback from the faculty on where they think the University should go next; how FAU be put on a national stage, and where should FAU invest.

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.