

Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
January 19, 2016
BOT Conference Room, 2pm

Members Present: Chris Beetle, Ron Nyholm, Morton Levitt, Dilys Schoorma, Mike Harris, Susan Dyess and Kevin Wagner.

Guests: Beth King, James Hillabrandt, Ed Pratt, Janet Blanks, Theodora Leventouri, Diane Alperin, Russ Ivy, Debra Szabo, Ellen Ryan, Michele Hawkins, Tina Penhollow, Yuan Wang, Mare Cudic, Tito Sempertegui, Mary Ann Gosser, Bob Zoeller, Fred Bloetschen, Des Gallant, Gary Perry, Deborah Fl and Susan Fulks

1. The meeting was called to order at 2pm by Chair, DChris Beetle
2. The UFS Steering minutes from [November 2015](#) were approved as amended by the committee.
3. President's Report:
 - a. Dr. Chris Beetle announces the result of the Statewide Learning Management Committee which is that the state will be going with Canvas as its LMS. The SUS is currently working on writing up a contract with Canvas. The contract will be ept. This will be considered as part of a broader set of questions regards to whether FAU will be switching to Canvas
 - b. Second, Dr. Beetle refer back to the Workday discussion that was had at the last Senate meeting. He has no updates on this.
4. [UPC Consent Agenda](#) no objections from Steering; the consent agenda is approved by majority vote.
5. [UPC Action Agenda](#)
 - a. University-Wide
 - xMinor in Military Science
 - o Dr. Levitt would like to know if the Navy or Air Force have plans in this major as well, as the curriculum is primarily Army

state to be universitywide as it does not fit into any other department or college.

o Dr. Schoorman brings up concern regarding changes in the curriculum; who would make them and where would they go through? Dean Pratt says it would be posed through Military Science and through discussions with himself and then would go before UUPC.

o Dr. Wagner asks Major Hillabrandt if the names of the courses are specific to FAU or if they are general course names. Major Hillabrandt confirms that the numeric for the courses remain the same, however.

- o Dr. Wagner would like to know why the GPA requirement is being lowered. Dr. King explains that this requirement helps transfer students ad students who are already practicing RNs.
- o After a majority vote, the motion carries.

e. College of Science

xHonors Program in Chemistry

- o Dr. Nyhan moves to send forward with a positive recommendation
Seconded.
- o Dr. Dyess would like to know if we should be discussing the costs associated with creating an honors track. Dr. Mare Cudic explains that the costs will not cost the program significantly more. They are running the program as a compact. They are not introducing new courses, they are adding an additional component to the courses that will be associated with the honor students. Dr. Dyess confirms that the faculty workload will increase but not the costs associated with it.
- o After a majority vote, the motion carries.

6. [UGC Consent Agenda](#) no objections from Steering; the consent agenda is approved by majority vote.

7. [UGC Action Items](#)

a. College of Science

xGraduate Certificate in Cyber Security

- o Dr. Schoorman moves to send forward with a positive recommendation.
Dr. Levitt seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

xCombined BS/MS Program in Math

the time the state reviewed the various LMS programs. From February to March 4th Blackboard and Canvas will be on campus to meet with the committee along with any faculty members that would like to review the product, to let them test it out. Tied into the LMS update is online learning. Dr. Perry served the task force to develop a strategic plan for the SUS through 2025 i

to distribute to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee can then send their thoughts or suggestions to Diane. Dr. Nyhan says it's already being looked at by a Senate committee.

- c. Dr. Harris asks if the course schedule can be searchable by topic. Dr. Perry agrees this is a good idea. Dr. Hawkins agrees as well. She will look into it if it can be searched by topic.
 - d. Dr. Beetle mentions to the Provost there has been a lack of clarity concerning the Outside Activity Form. Dr. Perry explains that Dr. Perrin is revising the form along with the Division of Research. He goes over a few examples of when he expects the form should be filled out and when it's not necessary. After much discussion, it is decided that the Steering committee will review the document and determine which standing committee or ad hoc committee should review and draft this document. Dr. Perry asks that this is done expeditiously. Arcadia will email the draft to the Steering committee.
9. Good of the Steering Committee
- a. Dr. Wagner mentions he's had some faculty members express some dissatisfaction with the Senate meetings not moving to a Monday. Dr. Perry says she will look into it.