

ADVISORY COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES
Remote meeting by ZOOM (COVID pandemic 2021)

Call Meeting
Monday March 8, 2021 11:00-12:00 PM

Attendees: Bill Self (Chair), Deanna Michael (Vice Chair), Sherry Schneider (UWF), Anna Carlen (FGCU), David Henry (NCF), Eric Chicken (FSU), Erin Ryan (FSU), Jenifer Schneider (USF), Tim Boaz (USF), Joe Harrington (UCF), Kimberly Dunn (FAU), Sylvain Dore (UF), Hanadi Hamadi (UNF), John White (UNF), Ray Thomas (UF), Todd Adams (FSU), Chris Beetle (FAU)

Discussion of pending legislation regarding classroom recording and other higher education issues

SB 264 and House companion bill HB 233

- 2019 BOG released its Free Expression Statement in response to a similar bill
- President of Senate supports the bill.
- Anticipated problems with the bill are
 - Federal legislation-Digital Millennium Copyright Act
 - Protected Rights of Students
 - Academic Freedom
 - Hindering classroom environment and discussion
 - Intellectual property rights
 - Copyrights for classroom materials
 - Threat to faculty and student recruitment
 - Threat to USNWR ranking for the state
 - Theft of class materials including homework answers and exams
- Suggested replacement of survey with a study of diversity of ideas by BOG.
- Proposed that ACFS create and pass a resolution outlining the problems and concerns about the legislation.

Discussion with Chancellor Criser

- Companion bills In House and Senate.
- Very little information on term “shielding.”
- Has been a topic with Presidents of SUS institutions
 - Concerns expressed about hindering student interaction in class.
- SUS System has a Diversity Audit that could become more reflective of diversity of ideas on campus.
- Very little evidence either way. Survey by the BOG could provide data on diversity of ideas at SUS institutions; there would need to a high response rate.

- Legislators view student government officer recalls over personnel views as damping expression on campus.

ACFS members thanked Chancellor Criser for attending the meeting.

ACFS members voted to create a resolution concerning SB 264. The resolution would be distributed and voted on by Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at noon. If passed the resolution would be sent to Chancellor Criser as an expression of ACFS's position on SB 264 and would be shared with faculty senates at SUS institutions.