

ADVISORY COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES

ZOOM (COVID Pandemic Spring meeting)

Friday May 21st, 2021 9:00 – 12:30 pm

Attendees: Bill Self (Chair), Deanna Michael (Vice Chair), Shawn Felton (Past Chair), Joe Harrington (UCF), Keith Koons (UCF), Anna Carlin (FGCU), Jamie McDonald (FGCU), Kevin Wagner (FAU), Kim Dunn (FAU), Ann Marie Cavazos (FAMU), David Bloom (UF), Deanne Butchey (FIU), Matthew Crow (UWF), Sherry Schneider (UWF), Erin Ryan (FSU), Tim Boaz (USF), Jennifer Schneider (USF), Hanadi Hamadi (UNF) Fawn Ngo (USF), Gary Tyson (FSU), Ray Thomas (UF)

The meeting began at 9:00 AM and Chair Bill Self welcomed the members. Announcements were requested.

- Ralph Turlington, former Commissioner of Education, had died May 12.
- Anna Carlin was elected President of the Faculty Senate at FGCU.
- Ann Marie shared that she had been re-elected at FAMU and there were new BOT members who were alumni.
- UCF has new trustees and the chair is stepping down.
- FIU has new trustees appointed by the governor.
- Kim Dunn was elected Faculty Senate President at FAU and there is a new student government president.
- Tim Boaz and Jenifer Schneider will continue as President and Vice President. Will Weatherford was elected Vice Chair of the USF BOT, which has new members as well.
- Matt Crow and Sherry Schneider were re-elected and there are two new BOT members.

The minutes from past meetings were approved.

Elections: Shawn Felton presented the rules for elections and ask for nominations for Chair. Bill Self was nominated and elected. Deanna Michael was nominated for Vice Chair and elected.

Janet Owen, legislative liaison for UCF, was delayed and the agenda item for meeting plans was moved up. Bill Self suggested three face to face meetings: September 10th at UCF, January 28 in Tallahassee because of the early legislative session, May 20th in Tallahassee, and then pre-BOG meetings.

Janet Owens, Legislative Liaison for UCF, joined the meeting to discuss the legislative session. The lobbyists are meeting to reflect on the session. The discussion centered on the application of the HB 233 and the discussion between the ACFS members and the legislators on simple modifications of the bill and concerns expressed by faculty at SUS institutions. Chair Self requested that the members share any syllabus statements developed by their institutions. Members shared information about different BOTs

questioning the need for tenure and the post tenure review process. It was decided to stay focused on this issue as well.

The BOG is meeting at USF ST. Petersburg campus on June 22 and 23. It will be the first face to face meeting. It is hoped that the ACFS breakfast can be continued at this meeting. The Pre-BOG meeting will be longer than usual and will be held on Zoom.

While waiting for Chancellor Criser to join the meeting, members began the campus updates.

FSU-The FSU presidential candidates put forth by the search committee are all highly credentialed and capable leaders.

USF-Tim Boaz (USF) shared that three tenured professors were being laid off for financial reasons.

Chancellor Criser joined the meeting: The discussion centered on the budget process in the legislature, the BOG approach to the survey required by HB 233, the three tuition waiver bills (BOGOs, grandparents' residency, and veterans). Mask policy will be relaxed in June due to changes at the CDC, the Florida Surgeon General, and the governor's Executive Order. The BOG will be putting out a statement to the universities. The SEC will have no limits on fan attendance at events. The ACC may be doing something similar. The members thanked Chancellor Criser for his time.

After the Chancellor left the meeting, an article in *The Review* was shared ("The Tenure Denial of Nikole Hannah-Jones is Craven and Dangerous") was suggested to the members.

UNF- Hanadi Hamadi shared that the Faculty Council at UNF was sending out a survey to learn the faculty's position on the university president.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.