

## ACFS Minutes Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Florida Polytechnic University hosting)

### Attendees:

Bill Self, UCF; Keith Koons, UCF; Maria Colmer, FGCU; Joerg Reinhold, FIU; Eric Chicken, FSU; Sarah Hernandez, NCF; Ray Thomas, UF; Deanna Michael, USF; Victoria Astley, Florida Poly; Kevin Wagner, FAU; Gordon Rakita, UNF; Janet Owen, UCF; Sylvain Dore, UF; Scott Hochwald, UNF

- Introductions around the table
- Approval of the minutes (unanimous)

Overview of legislative session (past) and current updates from Janet Owen, Vice President for Government Relations who was invited by the Chair to speak to the group. Janet previously updated this group when she worked both with BOG and UNF.

- Discussion of Universities of Distinction and Pre-eminence and impact of these new designations
- Discussed the use of carry forward for facilities and the lack of PECO funding; what new sources of revenue might be used to increase PECO?
- Discussed concerns by some (legislators, BOG) on the amount of administrative staff at each of the SUS members versus faculty (ratios)
- *Potential action item* - ACFS write a letter of support or resolution supporting the BOG and legislature's recent support for recurring funding to support faculty hiring across the SUS
- *Potential action item* - Members suggested that the ACFS meet with legislators during January meeting to raise the status and clout of the ACFS and give more input in an appropriate and positive way

ACFS members discussed a concern of the 'real cost' of tuition waivers that no one is recognizing

FSA (students) – what is on the agenda (Janet Owen)

- Focused on food insecurity and housing insecurity
- Mental Health Initiatives

Questions on 'survey bill' – will it come up again? Should we be concerned?

- *Potential action item* - Set aside first 10 minutes of ZOOM conference call for any legislative issues or other issues to address each month (monthly ZOOM meeting spread with BOG pre-meetings?)
- Discussion of the really tight and short contracts for Presidents (3 year max?); UF president has recently changed to 'at will contract'

(Owen leaves at break)

Morning session:

- 1) Discussion of bylaws changes/constitution revision
- 2) Vice Chair (Self) appointed by the Chair to lead this constitution revision committee (charged)
- 3) Gordon, Ray, Joerg, Bill all constitute this committee

Brief discussion on 'lockstep' provision for ACFS officers and election

UF Chair discussed his frustration with lockstep one-year issue at UF (he aims to start conversation on changing UF election through constitution revision there)

(LUNCH)

Afternoon discussion

- Kognito (topic)
- Paid license, not clear on who has it, who doesn't
- Clear consensus it is a good idea and ACFS will support
- Goal (Felton) to have a coordinated effort – we need to find out where each institution is before we can help roll it out
  
- *Potential action item* Each ACFS member will send the Vice Chair information on where they stand on rollout, who (admin) is the point person and a point person for ACFS rollout (ACFS member); Vice Chair will compile and send out and to Chair
- Idea - PPT developed by ACFS to share at Faculty Senate meetings?
- Confusion at each institution for "who should I call if..." – this is needed best practice across the SUS
- Easy Access guide for faculty (each one should have and it should be updated)

ACTION on this topic:

- 1) Contact person for ACFS/ Admin
- 2) ACFS rollout with Faculty Senates
- 3) Conference Call on plan (for rollout)?
- 4) CARE CARD for each institution?

**Campus reports:**

Why do we do them?

What do we get out of them? (not much)

***Consensus to end campus reports***

***Change to Campus issues – going around the table at each meeting (not sending in documents) – centered around learning from shared experiences and best practices***

### ***Campus ISSUES:***

UF

- Annual report is changing at UF based on academic analytics; some concern from faculty on this issue but also some advantage on workload
- Software is being implemented this year

FGCU

- Searching for a new Provost (search firm being picked)

UF

- Expertnet discussed and possibility of using this statewide to find collaborations
- Better websites and support for faculty needed alongside this issue

(Retreat portion after discussion around the table)

### **GOALS for the coming year – ACFS**

- 1) More exposure to legislature/Gov office
- 2) Specific asks (things) rather than previous white paper ideas
- 3) *Faculty support* key issue (existing and new faculty)
- 4) What changes in BOG reg or statute could?
  - a. Improve lives of faculty
  - b. Improve support for faculty
- 5) Well informed proposals or resolutions on key issues
- 6) No therapy session in front of leadership - just respectful advice and thoughts
- 7) What is good for the system that relates to faculty? Champion these items
- 8) Constitution revision
- 9) Establishment of 'standing committee on strategic planning'?
- 10) Add conference calls to pre-existing BOG pre-meetings so we chat monthly, can cancel if too many (add telecon in gaps)
- 11) Get Janet Owen to each year's retreat (next one UCF in Sept 2020)
- 12) Tenure/non tenure issues for faculty?

Chair's report (brief) – covered in goals above

Vice Chair's report – updated recent BOG meetings (brief)

### **Final discussion:**

- 1) We will try and schedule legislative leaders at Jan meeting (Self with Owen planning)
- 2) Dinner at BOG summit Tuesday night and Thursday night (Sylvain and Ray hosting)
- 3) Florida Poly – discussion with faculty and ACFS on recent faculty issues

- 4) Revisit Shared Governance discussion or re-iterate at each faculty senate? Adopt as a resolution across the system?

**Meeting date planning:**

September 2020 – Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at UCF for retreat

Update to membership lists and update BOG website

Upcoming meetings: January 31, Tallahassee; May 15<sup>th</sup> Tallahassee