

Minutes

United Faculty of Florida-UCF Chapter
January 27, 2016
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12:30pm

Scott Launier	Yan Fernandez
Keri Watson	Beatriz Reyes-Foster
Dan Murphree	Yovanna Pineda
Donna Malvey	Nick Shrubsole
Barry Mauer	John Fauth
Terri Susan Fine	

1. The meeting came to order at 12:40pm

2. President's report (Scott Launier)

The minutes from the December 2015 meeting were not available; we will vote on the minutes from December 2015 at the next meeting.

Scott reminded everyone to attend the statewide UFF-UCF meeting February 20-21, 2016; The registration deadline is today, January 27, 2016

Scott is creating a GoogleDocs space for us to prioritize tasks and initiatives

Initiatives: Give back to faculty, give back to the community, form a community among the faculty

UCF Chapter of the Dream Defenders—Scott will be attending the meeting of this group; encourages others to attend

The next consultation is on Friday, January 29 from 3-4:30pm, MH 395 is the location. The meeting will focus on Colbourn Hall renovations.

John Fauth confirmed that the new faculty contracts are being printed

Scott is looking for a newsletter editor;

3. Old Business (Scott Launier):

The chapter bylaws need to be targeted for revision; Scott is looking to appoint a task force to update the bylaws and Constitution

Discussion ensued as to how to pursue the needed alignment-Scott will figure out whether we will take care of this in-house, through UFF-NEA, or some other approach

4. New Business (Beatriz Reyes-Foster)

Beatriz Reyes-Foster reported that, in spring 2015, a UFF work-family life focus caucus was formed that met regularly

The group is seeking tangible ways to make the UCF campus more family friendly

This caucus joined forces with the Center for Success of Women Faculty and the UCF Student Union

They discussed the possibility of a play space and approach Rick Falco who directs the Student Union;

Rick Falco has committed an outdoor space in writing; he has committed to labor and materials

The outdoor space proposal would be in the shade (the available space is currently not being used

Orange County provided information on requirements for an outdoor play space (no climbing toys, everything must be secured down, no floor cover). Suggestions included a picnic table and tunnels

The equipment would cost around \$6000;

To fund the project, money would be sought from SGA, local businesses and possible crowdsourcing

This is a small, tangible way of improving quality of life on campus for faculty

Beatriz Reyes-Foster moved to commit an amount of UFF resources for the Little Knights project, Donna Malvey seconded this motion

Discussion ensued

Motion carried (unanimous)

(Note: There being no quorum, this vote must be voted on at the next meeting although this motion will hold; a quorum will be a majority in the room on the second vote, per Roberts' Rules).

John Fauth moved that we commit to providing \$2000 subject to the condition that the remainder be provided from elsewhere on campus (SGA at least matches with \$2000 AND UCF or some other entity completes the funding; if SGA declines then this proposal will not work). Keri Watson seconded.

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4. Reports

Grievance Reports (D. Murphree)

Grievance committee held an informal meeting;

- a. New Grievance Activity (12/8/15 – present)
12 inquiries of different types; these inquiries have come from different colleges

Membership Report: (Y. Fernandez)

- a. Update—a few new members, up to 424 members
- b. Would like to replicate the ELA Day in the spring by having a long office visit party
April 5 is being proposed
Training sessions will be set up before then
February 2 is the first scheduled training day
Other dates include: February 23, March 22

February 2 will be used as a planning session for the two trainings in late February and late March

People will be asked to attend one session; the February 23 and March 22 sessions will be a repeat of one another

On this one day of office visits a room in the Student Union will be “mission control” such that breakfast and lunch will be served

Will also try to talk to more people in CDL and the Library
Regional campuses—will seek out contacts for office visits

Events (S. Launier)

Spring social—the social on the study day has worked out very well

The spring social will take place on April 27; same day as the UFF Council meeting

There will likely be a UFF-UCF Council meeting at Azteca at 2:30pm on that day

Communications (Barry Mauer and Yan Fernandez):

“Did you Knows” are going very well

There is now a separate committee page on the UFF-UCF website

We are getting a higher rate of people opening the DYKs than last fall

Treasurer’s Report (Barry Mauer):

Roughly \$54,000 available; specific statement is forthcoming

He sent a statement to the state chapter as it was seeking information on organizing costs

That total amount was approximately \$16,000 spent since July 12, 2015

Bargaining (John Fauth):

John circulated a survey as to future bargaining priorities relative to raises

We have had some successes; need to focus more attention on CDL

Scott Launier suggested that a lot of what was included on the agenda is linked to partnering in the community. In partnering with these groups we strengthen the organization

The Diversity committee is making interesting progress

John Fauth moved to adjourn; the motion was seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Susan Fine
Secretary, UFF-UCF