

**Faculty Senates Coordinating Council
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**Faculty Senates Coordinating Council Notes
APPROVED**

**Faculty Senates Coordinating Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2015
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM**

1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MARCH 24, 2015 AND MINUTES OF FALL 2014.
(discussion/action)

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.
Lema, Organ, and Henderson were present.

It was MSC to approve the agenda for March 24, 2015. All present were in favor. Approved.

It was MSC to approve the minutes of February 11, 2015 with corrections. All present were in favor. Approved.

2 PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - All Meetings Are Open - Everyone Welcome
(information only)

None.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS/COUNCIL COMMENT (information only)

Organ said he would like to discuss Uniform Employment Selection Guide and equivalencies at the April FSCC meeting.

4. FSCC CHAIR (discussion/action)

Council will vote on the 2015-2016 FSCC Chair.

Lema nominated Henderson for chair next year. Henderson accepted the nomination. Organ supports the nomination. All present were in favor. Approved.

5. 16-WEEK CALENDAR (information/discussion)

Senate presidents will provide an update on 16-week calendar discussions at each of their colleges.

Henderson said his senate had a discussion on the proposed 16 week semester and a representative from the State Chancellor's Office was in attendance. He said they going to make a decision yesterday but they decided to discuss if they will vote as a council or the senate as a whole. He said they are still resistant to the idea since they have so many questions. He said the presentations from other colleges were good but he does not think it changed anyone's mind. Organ said his senate held a forum with faculty from other colleges. At first their Nursing and Automotive programs were against it. But after Automotive said they could adjust to it the Nursing Program said they could too. He said CCC's enrollment is down so it was good to hear the other colleges enrollment went up when they went to a 16 weeks semester. He said they also discussed CCC keeping an 18 week semester and cut programs, or go to 16 week calendar and hope it raises enrollment. He said many faculty are apprehensive about adjusting their teaching to a 16 week semester.

LMC and CCC will vote after spring break. DVC is supposed to vote today.

Henderson said his faculty are about half and half in support or not of the proposal. He said those that are against it asked if the District will implement it anyway. Lema said her perception is that district does not want to do this if faculty are not supportive.

Lema reminded Council we have a year to figure it out. Lema wondered when the UF survey is coming out. She said they are negotiating for next year but she does not know if they will start negotiating now for the new calendar if faculty vote in favor of a 16-week semester.

6. HR PROCEDURE 2030.09 COLLEGE DIVISION/DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION (discussion/action)

Council will review and vote on a resolution pertaining HR Procedure 2030.09.

Lema said she was going to write a resolution about the proposed revisions to HR 2030.09 but decided to call Chancellor Benjamin instead. Lema said she called the Chancellor this morning and emphasized when you change division structure, it changes faculty representation. Benjamin said the Cabinet has an issue with the word “consultation”. Lema responded to her that we are trying to model best practices. She said Benjamin is ok with letting the faculty have input.

Henderson said the senates should be more assertive since this is clearly a mutually agreed upon item. He said we need to find a better middle ground and even if administration consults with faculty, the administration will have the final say.

Lema reminded Council that if they can’t reach mutual agreement, the status quo stays.

Lema asked Council if they think they should write a resolution or work on the language in the procedure. She commented that the word “input” does not give them any authority.

After discussion Council agreed that the Senate presidents will talk to their respective college presidents to get a sense of where these proposed changes are coming from.

Lema commented it would be a best practice to have management and faculty on the same page.

Organ suggested they add “including the senate” where procedure talks about affected parties since what is proposed does not mention the senate at all.

Council agreed to wait to go to the Board until all other avenues have been tried. Lema will draft some language for the procedure.

7. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT (information/discussion)

Council will discuss items to report to the governing board at the March 25 board meeting.

Council agreed to meet in before the DGC meeting from 11-12 at the DO.

8. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING TBD