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## Minutes

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**Jan Ignash** – Vice Chancellor, Academic Issues and Janet Owen presented jointly.

- Reviewed the history of the Aim Higher campaign.
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**Tom Auxter** - UFF Report Due to a family illness, Tom was unable to attend.

### **General Discussion**

- Digital Learning Bill – SB904 (now HB 7029)
  - The replacement bill authorizes a study of issues including awarding credit for MOOCs and credit for competency.
  - Lobbyists and UFF are continuing monitor
- Sunshine Law Bill – Cherie Brodeur
  - Cherie met with legislators with regards to the difficulties of searching for a university President in the sunshine.
  - There may be a bipartisan group meeting to discuss changes in sunshine law.
  - Still would have to be passed with 2/3 majority of voters if presented for a amendment
  - Changing the sunshine law is highly unlikely, but may need to be pursued.
- General Education Reform
  - FIU Resolution (Attachment A)

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Attachment B

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University of Central Florida  
Campus Report  
ACFS, May 10, 2013

1. Reid Oetjen was elected UCF Faculty Senate Chair at our April meeting.
2. UCF is in the midst of celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to culminate in June.
3. Last week at UCF's Spring graduation, former President William Jefferson Clinton was the speaker at one of our

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## FGCU Faculty Senate Update

Submitted to Advisory Council of Faculty Senates

May 9, 2013

1. The Faculty Senate has completed all three of its leadership initiatives for the year:
    - A multiparty workgroup of representatives from Faculty Senate, Administration, Staff, and Student Government reached agreement on a common university-wide definition and key principles of shared governance. President Wilson Bradshaw announced the agreement at the January BOT meeting and a campus wide statement is forthcoming. The shared governance definition and key principles document tracks closely with the ACFS template passed two years ago.
    - The Survey of Faculty Perceptions of Chairs' and Deans' performance was readministered in February and results circulated to faculty and administration.
    - A Faculty Select Panel on University Growth and Academic Quality issued a report that was approved by the Senate on the related questions of growth and quality on campus in light of the shifting paradigms for public higher education funding, the university's heavy reliance on enrollment growth to generate discretionary revenue, the lack of physical space to accommodate new students. The report is available [here](#).
  2. FGCU received widespread coverage given the showing of the men's basketball team in the NCAA tournament, including the unofficial rechristening of the campus as Dunk City. Coach Andy Enfield subsequently accepted the head coach position at USC. Joe Dooley, an assistant coach at KU, was named the new FGCU men's head coach.
  3. The Senate took a number of positions on institutional and state level issues related to higher
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10. New senate leadership for 2013-14 is:

- Shawn Felton (Health Professions and Social Work), President and BOT member. Note: Felton will be taking over June 1 from Harrison, who is leaving FGCU to take a position at James Madison University
- billy Gunnells (Arts and Sciences), Vice President
- Anna Carlin (Library), Secretary
- Arie van Duijn (Health Professions and Social Work), Parliamentarian

Submitted: Douglas Harrison, FGCU Faculty Senate President

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