

Meeting of the *BBC Committee* of the Faculty Senate

Date: October 27, 2011 (3 pm)

Location: BBC Library (LIB 120)

The following Senators and guests were present:

Lauren Christos (Chair)

John Berry (Secretary)

David Talty

Neptune Srimal

Pablo Simon

Vice Provost Steve Moll

The meeting was opened at 3:15 pm by Lauren Christos (Committee Chair)

Minutes of the previous Committee meeting were distributed by the Chair.

Lauren reported on her inquiry of Faculty Senate Chair, Tom Breslin, as to what is to be included on the Committee's agenda for the year, and the following two responses were discussed.

1. What plans have been made for the expansion of the student body at the BBC?
2. How will the BBC be included in the strategy for the Capital Campaign?

General discussion included (1) the loss of a portion of ACI to the College of Medicine; (2) discussion of how much student growth to expect, and the growing emphasis on distance learning that will not contribute to on-campus student body; (3) the role of the Committee, and particularly the fate of the previous reports generated by the Committee regarding the University's Master and Strategic Plans.

Provost Moll arrived and provided a report on current BBC-related plans in terms of growth of the student body. Discussion particularly focused on the President's assertion that "the campus will not grow unless a second access road gets built," and details of the process to this end were presented. Several salient points/details, including the following, were discussed. President Rosenberg approached North Miami Mayor, Andre Pierre, to generate feasibility reports for a second road. The current plan is to grow the BBC enrollment by an additional 5000 students by 2020, and there is consequent need for an additional access/exit road, particularly for safety reasons in light of the K-12 and High Schools located along the sole access at 151st Street. BBC enrollment was approximately 7500 students in 2010/11, and 7300 in the current 2011/12 year; student growth in coming years will primarily be through on-line courses. Four possible routes/options for additional access roads include (1) through Oleta State Park where protected mangroves is not expected to enable road construction, and has been generally rejected; (2) through 135th Street, but this has been met with considerable political resistance from the City and residents of 135th Street; (3) through an extension of 143rd Street via proposed Biscayne Landing development; and (4) further

improvement of 151st Street. Recent meetings occurred between North Miami Councilman Scott Galvin, who vocally advocated against any possible development additional access roads along 135th Street, and FIU and several others including Biscayne Landing developer, Michael Swerdlow, and lobbyist, Ron Book, led to a proposition by Mr. Swerdlow to built at personal cost a road along the 143rd Street route. The proposed road would connect to Biscayne Boulevard through planned “big box” retail stores as part of the revised Biscayne Landing plan. The road has a targeted 3-5 year plan for being built. President Rosenberg still wants to push for 135th Street route.

Discussion on what the “Capital Campaign” is. The Campaign targeted \$750M capital raised in next 10 years, and currently focuses on the need to explicitly specify for what it will be used. There is a move to decrease State support from current 63% to 9%. Much of this will be made up in tuition increases (currently at 15% per year until reaching the national median).

Inequity of the BBC support was discussed including: (1) the BBC currently houses 18% of student population, and received only 8% of funding support from University; and (2) need for better food services, dormitories and other improvements.

Lauren will communicate regarding next Committee meeting (in November).

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm