

Report on University Welfare for Faculty Senate, March 24th, 2010

By Senator Jack Fiorito, UFF-FSU President

Good afternoon.

Collective Bargaining

Since our last Senate meeting, the Administration/BOT team presented its bargaining agenda. UFF presented a faculty agenda earlier. Discussions have focused mainly on faculty concerns regarding non-tenure track faculty reclassification, and administration desires to reduce the cost of summer teaching. There has also been some discussion of last year's layoff plan and some implications of that plan. Further bargaining sessions are scheduled for Friday at 3pm and Monday at 2pm at the FSU Training Center. Faculty Senators are most welcome to sit in, and ample parking is always available.

Consultations

We will meet with the President or designee (presumably Provost Abele) this Friday at 1:30pm. Agenda items we have proposed include layoffs and second year stimulus funding for notified faculty.

Facilitation and Grievance Issues

The UFF Chapter's grievance over layoffs is set for an arbitration hearing on May 13-14.

Other: The Ledge ("determined to drive our state off a cliff")

There is much news about legislative developments and most of it is bad, if not horrible. As an informed source stated, our legislators are being "incredibly stupid." Organizers of last year's "Fate of the State" march and rally have called a meeting at 5:30 today in the Williams Building Common Room (basement). "Fate of the State Redux 2010" is being used as an umbrella heading for this activity. The meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for faculty and others to discuss legislative developments and prospects, and how those concerned about higher education should respond.

Questions?

Thank you for your time.