

**Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations & Standards Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 31, 2018**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Rinker 304**

**Attendees:**

Michele Tennant, Ray Issa, Laurie Bialosky, Bruce Welt, Vassiliki (Betty) Smocovitis, and Fred Southwick.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ray Issa at 3:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The October 2017 minutes were approved.

**Discussion on Committee Name Change**

Committee Chair Ray Issa reported to the Committee on Committees that a name change is being considered by this committee. Changes to the committee's name would be brought to the following Faculty Senate Committees: the Committee on Committees, the University Constitution and Regulations Committee, the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, and then to the Faculty Senate as an information item, and then as an action item for approval by Faculty Senate.

**Discussion on revision of Committee Responsibilities**

The following [University of Florida regulations](#) were discussed in relation to the responsibilities defined for this committee:

<http://regulations.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/70441.pdf>

<http://regulations.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/7042.2016final4-8-16.pdf>

The committee also discussed the responsibilities as defined in Faculty Senate Bylaw 7:

<http://generalcounsel.ufl.edu/media/generalcounselufledu/documents/Bylaws.pdf>.

Changes to the committee responsibilities would go through the above (name change) process and would also need approval by the Board of Governors to amend the University of Florida regulations.

The process for Grievance is stated in rule 6C1-7.0441. [6C1-7.0441](#) (pdf). The committee members are charged with conducting hearings on charges involving university practices generally applicable to faculty members bearing on professional ethics and the general welfare of the out-of-unit faculty (Health Science Center, including VETMED, IFAS, and law school faculty.)

In addition, the 30-calendar day time limit for filing complaints and charges was discussed (i.e. item (2) of [6C1-7.0441](#).)

The committee members agree with the responsibilities listed on the Faculty Senate website:

<http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/FacultySenate/Committees/Academic-Freedom-Tenure-Professional-Relations-And-Standards-Committee>

To facilitate the committee's discussion about how requests are funneled to this committee, it was decided to invite Faculty Senate Chair David Quillen and a representative from the Ombudsman Office

to a future committee meeting. The committee is interested in learning about the approaches of and the navigation of services offered by the Ombudsman Office.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.