

University Constitution and Regulations Committee (UCRC) Minutes

04 December 2019

123E Tigert Hall – General Counsel's Conference Room

9:00 a.m.

Free Conference Call dial-in number: **(605) 472-5377 - Access Code: 843181**

Present: Chelsea Smartt, Merritt McAlister, Charlene Luke, Hans van Oostrom, Ray G. Thomas, Sean Trainor, Laurie Bialosky, Chris Hass, Reginald Frye and Casey Griffith.

1. Call to Order

-On behalf of the UCRC Chair, who is traveling, Faculty Senate Chair Ray Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. Approval of 06 November 2019 minutes

-The minutes were approved.

3. [Compensation Committee Charge](#) – Sean Trainor, Compensation Committee Chair

-Following discussion at yesterday's Compensation Committee meeting, Compensation Committee members would like verbiage guidance from the UCRC and are not opposed to removal of the last sentence of the proposal, which reads: "Its agenda is established in conjunction with the Welfare Council to which it reports."

-The UCRC unanimously agreed to strike the above sentence of the proposal.

-The [UCRC approved this Compensation Committee charge](#).

-This item will be added to the 1/15/20 Committee on Committees agenda, the 1/16/20 Steering Committee agenda, and, if approved by both, will be added to the 1/30 Faculty Senate agenda as an Action Item.

4. Academic Policy Council Charge Update – Hans van Oostrom, Academic Policy Council (APC) Chair

-The 2019-20 APC was not satisfied with the [wording proposed by the 2018-19 APC members and approved at the October 2nd UCRC meeting](#). It was felt that further clarity was needed in the APC charge verbiage to reflect the value in allowing faculty input into policies defining academic requirements for administrative positions of academic significance. Thus, the Fall 2019 APC Chair Hans van Oostrom brought a proposal today to UCRC which was unanimously agreed upon by the 2019-20 APC members at the 11.19.19 APC meeting.

-The UCRC agrees and [approves this APC charge](#).

-The proposal will be vetted at the January Committee on Committees meeting and the January 16, 2020 Steering Committee meeting before moving onto Faculty Senate for discussion and approval.

5. [UCC & GEC Membership Adjustment Request](#) – Casey Griffith, Assistant Director of Academic Support Services, Office of the Provost

-The above request was considered in two separate pieces:

UCC proposal:

-The most immediate concern of the UCC is to increase it's membership to help with workload distribution.

-This item is tabled. There may be additional changes or a reorganization to the UCC in conjunction with other university joint committees.

GEC proposal:

A review of more than thirty courses is needed by late Spring semester. Piloting is being done in coordination with individual colleges but will ultimately need to go through GEC in the Spring. Additional GEC committee members are needed for development, review, and management of program requests. There are currently five sub-committees which review a variety of pieces, such as the audit subcommittee. Discussion was held about the process of sunseting General Education courses and the consideration of accrediting audits.

-The role of individual college course/program reviews and the benefits of utilizing a central curriculum review unit such as the GEC was discussed, including options such as having one college pre-screen or provide reports to the GEC.

-The UCRC approves [the GEC proposal](#) to increase the total membership to twelve elected and twelve appointed.

-The proposal will be vetted at the January Committee on Committees meeting and the January 16, 2020 Steering Committee meeting before moving onto Faculty Senate for discussion and approval.

6. Adjournment

-The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Resources:

[UF Senate Constitution](#), as amended by May 9, 2019

[UF Senate Bylaws](#), as amended by May 9, 2019

[UCRC Operating Procedures](#), as amended by May 2015