

# University Constitution and Regulations Committee (UCRC) Minutes

02 October 2019

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9:00 a.m.

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

**Present:** Chelsea Smartt, Chris Hass, Merritt McAlister, Charlene Luke, Padraic Levings, Hans van Oostrom, Laurie Bialosky, and Casey Griffith.

**1. Approval of 15 April 2019 and 02 May 2019 minutes**

-Both minutes were approved.

**2. Introductions and Mission of UCRC** - Padraic Levings, UCRC Chair

-[UCRC](#) members and liaisons were introduced and an overview of the UCRC functions and mission was provided.

**3. [Academic Policy Council Charge](#)** – Hans van Oostrom, Academic Policy Council Chair

-[Proposed APC charge](#)

-Review wording of the current APC charge in the [University Constitution](#), Article V (3)(A)(1) (p. 16) especially the last phrase: “and academic merits of candidates for administrative positions of academic significance”.

-UCRC unanimously agrees to this updated **Academic Policy Council Charge which will be returned to the APC for feedback prior to moving to Committee on Committees:**

<http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs//46///2019-2020//APC%20charge%20proposal%20Oct022019byUCRC .pdf>

**4. [UCC & GEC Membership Adjustment Request](#)** – Casey Griffith

-Both the [UCC](#) and [GEC](#) are joint committees.

The UCC membership currently consists of 12 elected and 12 appointed faculty members.

-Following discussion at the GEC and UCC, a request from both committees is to increase each membership by eight – four appointed and four elected by Faculty Senate from the faculty-at-large.

-In particular, an increase in representation from Vetmed, Pharmacy, and Law would be helpful to carry out the committees’ mission.

-Increasing the total number of undergraduate and professional college representation to 16 in the UCC is requested but there is a concern that it may be difficult to fill that many seats during the election cycle, as ideally at least two candidates vie for one seat.

-It was unanimously agreed to invite Faculty Senate Chair Ray G. Thomas and Faculty Senate Nominating Committee Chair Amelia Dempere to address these concerns.

-Of immediate concern to the UCRC and GEC is the rollout of Quest, which is requiring more manpower to help move the evaluation and approval timeline forward. In light of this, the UCRC unanimously agrees to prioritize the GEC request.

## 5. Updates of Proposed Regulations – Ana Spiguel

- On August 1, 2019, General Counsel published the Notice of Proposed Regulation Amendment [UF-3.0375 – Tuition Cost](#). The changes in this regulation are determined by the Legislature and are technical in nature, so they did not go before UCRC, but can be noted (and were released via Administrative Memo):

Every year, after the Legislative session, each SUS school amends its tuition regulation to capture the changes proposed by the Legislature. The 2019 changes are as follows:

1. Amend the academic year (2019-20 replaces 2018-19).
2. An increase in the repeat course surcharge (the fee for when a student enrolls in a course more than twice (FS. 1009.285). The BOG calculates this charge every year based on a systemwide average of the prior year's cost of undergraduate programs.
3. The excess hours surcharge is controlled by FS 1009.286 and this fee was amended in SB 190 to apply a surcharge equal to 100% of the tuition rate to FTICs entering in Summer 2019 for coursework that exceeds 120% of their degree requirements.

-There are currently no additional regulations for UCRC to review.

**6. Compensation Committee Update** – Compensation Committee met last month and the charge agreed upon [as documented](#), will move forward to Faculty Senate Steering Committee and Faculty Senate this month.

## 7. Adjournment

-The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Resources:

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

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

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