

University Constitution and Regulations Committee (UCRC) Minutes

03 March 2021

9:00 a.m.

Via Zoom:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92677284815?pwd=aHUxUW54dFlsNjZ1VEpUUHozbE5RQT09>

Present: Padraic Levings, Sylvain Doré, David Bloom, Katie Vogel Anderson, Chris Hass, Reggie Frye, Laurie Bialosky, Taylor Rose, Ray G. Thomas, and Charlene Luke.

- 1. Call to Order** - Padraic Levings, UCRC Chair
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by UCRC Chair Padraic Levings.

- 2. Approval of 03 February 2021 Minutes**
 - The minutes were approved.

- 3. Committee on Committees (COC) – Alyson Adams, Chair**
 - a. [Compensation Committee Mission Change and Name Change to Compensation & Equity Update](#)**
 - Committee on Committees (COC) Chair Alyson Adams updated UCRC that COC approved the requested name change of the Compensation Committee to the 'Compensation & Equity Committee' and the added responsibility to the committee's mission to include equity.
 - This will be presented in the UCRC Report to Faculty Senate as an Information Item @ the March 25 Faculty Senate and as an Action Item @ the April 15 Faculty Senate.

 - b. [Committee on Committees Reporting Period](#)**
 - UCRC approved this requested change to the Committee on Committees reporting period, from 'periodically' to an annual review of one-third of the Senate Committees.
 - This will be presented in the UCRC Report to Faculty Senate as an Information Item @ the March 25 Faculty Senate and as an Action Item @ the April 15 Faculty Senate.

- 4. [Faculty Senate Chair Term Proposal](#) – Sylvain Doré, Faculty Senate Chair**
 - Currently, the Faculty Senate Chair term begins June 1.
 - There are currently four Board of Trustee meetings held each year during the following months: March, June, October and December; *(additional details may be referenced @ [University of Florida Board of Trustees Bylaws, Article VI, Section 6.1.](#))*
 - Current Faculty Senate Chair Sylvain Doré proposes that the Faculty Senate Chair term begins on July 1, beginning in 2022, and presented the following points in favor of the proposal:
 - Allows additional time for the new Faculty Senate Chair to become more familiar with any pending issues and his/her role as the Faculty Senate Chair and a Board of Trustee ex-officio voting member prior to the formal June Board of Trustees meeting.
 - Chair Doré is coordinating support with VP and General Counsel Amy Hass and VP of Government and Community Relations Mark Kaplan, who are in direct contact with the Board of Trustees, and

also with incoming Faculty Senate Chair David Bloom, who is willing to attend the June 2022 Board of Trustees meeting if the Senate Chair term is amended to a July 1 start date.

- UCRC discussed that:

-- While trustee appointment times can vary depending on varying circumstances, such as if they are made by the Florida Board of Governors or the Governor, the UF Faculty Senate Chair and the UF Student Government President become ex-officio voting members of the UF Board of Trustees when they begin their respective terms as Chair/President of Faculty Senate/Student Government.

-- A Senate Office Ad Hoc Committee is currently reviewing a number of Faculty Senate Chair term scenarios, including, but not limited to: the length of the UF Senate Chair's term; term start and end dates; Faculty Senate/Faculty Senate Chair comparables with the other twelve public universities within the Florida State University System (SUS); and possible additional UF Faculty Senate officers to liaise with UF community relations or state-wide stakeholders or legislators (such as on Gator Day). The ad hoc committee's timeline was discussed, and its Chair, Senator Richard Scholtz, is anticipating reporting progress and deliberation updates to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee at the end of this semester.

- At the end of the discussion, this proposal was agreed upon unanimously. The UCRC will present this item to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee on March 04, 2021 and to the Faculty Senate as an 'Information Item' on May 06, 2021.

5. Summary of Constitution Committee Report to Faculty Senate - Padraic Levings, UCRC Chair

- Chair Levings summarized the above approved items and timelines:

- a. [Compensation Committee Name Change and Mission Amendment](#)
- b. [Committee on Committees Reporting Period Amendment](#)
- c. [Faculty Senate Chair Term Amendment](#)

6. Election of 2021-2022 UCRC Chair

- Charlene Luke was elected 2021-2022 UCRC Chair. UCRC prefers to meet virtually next year. A follow-up on meeting specifics will be made with members closer to the start of the next academic year to weigh the current COVID environment and new Chair and committee members' meeting preferences.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Resources:

[UF Senate Constitution](#), as amended by February 20, 2020

[UF Senate Bylaws](#), as amended by February 20, 2020

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