



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2019 - 3:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Chamber

Call to order & Approval of [January 24, 2019 minutes](#) Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Katie Vogel Anderson.
- The January minutes were approved.

Reports

• **Chair's Report** **Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair**

- The second Distinguished Professor lecture of 2019 will take place immediately following today's Senate meeting. Distinguished Professor Dr. Krista Vandeborne will present "The role of Magnetic Resonance Imaging in the pursuit of a treatment for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy" at 5:00 p.m. in Reitz Chamber. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us!
- Dining Services is embarking on a master planning process and they are looking for a representative from the Faculty Senate to serve on their steering committee. The purpose of the master planning process is to determine campus needs and expectations related to dining for students, faculty, and staff, and to develop strategic plan recommendations for the next 5-10 years. The time commitment for serving on the steering committee will consist of an initial working session (2 hours) and 2-3 meetings over the next few months. If you're interested, please contact the Faculty Senate Chair by 2/28/19.
- The University Information Technology Committee has forwarded a request regarding the [LEAD Dashboard](#) – Learning Analytics at UF. UF IT developers have deployed a new student grades and activity dashboard, UF LEAD. It is now available to all instructors using Canvas (under Settings > Navigation). All are encouraged to use the dashboard and provide feedback. Please contact Dr. Doug Johnson, wanderer@ufl.edu to connect and engage with this group.
- Nominations for Faculty Senate Chair-elect are open and should be forwarded to the Faculty Senate Secretary at: lbialosky@aa.ufl.edu. To qualify, the nominee must be a Faculty Senator. The nominee must be a senator at the time of the election during the April Faculty Senate meeting; however, the nominee may be rotating off at the end of the 2019 term. A Faculty Senator may self-nominate or may be nominated by any member of the UF faculty. A complete roster of senate members can be found on the [Faculty Senate website](#). Please contact the Faculty Senate Chair with inquiries or if additional information is needed.
- Regulation number 3.007, entitled Traffic & Parking; Parking Registration, is being considered at the March Board of Trustees meeting.
- The University Constitution & Regulations Committee (UCRC) has adopted a color-coded key for easily informing the senators of proposed regulation changes that may affect the senators or their colleagues and this regulation has been deemed **Red**. **Red** regulations denotes a proposed change affecting the faculty; please review and comment as appropriate.
- A summary of this regulation is as follows:
SUMMARY: The proposed regulation amendment increases non-student decal rates by an average of 5.5%. Student decal rates remain at current levels without change. The rate for orange and blue decals will increase \$18 per year (from \$378 to \$396). The proposed increases are to be effective May 1, 2019.
- The Notice and proposed amendment will be posted on the [UF regulations webpage](#) on February 26 (30 days prior to the BOT meeting). The Notice will contain instructions regarding comments and the contact information, including the [comments submission email address](#). There is a 14-day comment period so comments are due on or before March 12.

-[Proposed 2019-2020 decal prices](#) are posted on the [Infrastructure Council's agenda/minutes webpage](#).
-Nominations for Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards are due next Friday, March 1st. The nomination form link and details have been emailed to all UF faculty and are also available on the [Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards Committee page](#) of the Faculty Senate website. The next opportunity for nominations will not be until Fall 2019.

- **President's Report**

Kent Fuchs, President

- Faculty who have business in the capital related to federal relations are served by UF's Washington, D.C. office, led by Sarah Mathias, who is the university's liaison with Washington DC-based stakeholders.
- Author James Patterson is the May 2019 all-university Commencement speaker; he is an honorary doctorate degrees recipient and is sponsoring an initiatives in the College of Education to enhance elementary, middle school and high school literacy rates. Paige Fitzpatrick is the student speaker and is from the College of Education.
- For subsequent December Commencements, UF will return to the Exactech Arena; there will be four ceremonies this December, including one doctoral ceremony and three ceremonies for bachelor's and master's degree recipients. A decision about May commencement locations will be made following this May's commencement. Venue input is being received via commencement participant surveys.
- Dr. Fuchs met with state legislators and received inquiries about the role of the Board of Trustees (BOT), and its relationship to university administrators and boards, and the Board of Governor's (BOG), both across the state system and at UF. The BOT's involvement around major expenditures such as the building of state-funded facilities, and the BOT's role in transparent governance was discussed. Dr. Fuchs also discussed carry-forward funds, how they are used and budgeted, and its current five percent limit.
- Dr. Fuchs discussed the reporting and operational roles of the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Operating Officer in relation to the President's Office and the Provost's Office in maximizing fiscal accountability and sound organizational management at the university.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Provost Glover provided an update on two searches. Nominees for the Director of the Center for Latin American Studies are expected to soon reach the Provost's Office. The Director of the University Press of Florida position will open at the end of this academic year and the search, being led by College of Journalism and Communications Dean Diane McFarland, has commenced and is expected to be filled by June.
- Admissions decisions for the incoming freshmen class were released on February 8th and Provost Glover shared statistics: 41,407 applications (which is an applicant increase of approximately 10,000 over the past couple of years) were received. 14,136 were accepted for Fall admittance, with the targeted class size being 6,550 students. Other admissions subsets including the Honors Programs, the Innovation Academy, the Pathway to Campus Enrollment (PaCE) program were also discussed. Statistics of the mid fifty percent of admitted students include a: 4.43 – 4.6 (computed by UF) GPA; 1330-1460 SAT; and 29-33 ACT. Students have until May 1st to accept or decline UF's admissions offer.

Information Items:

[Sustainability/Carbon Neutrality](#)

Matthew Williams, Director, Office of Sustainability

-An overview was given of the [Office of Sustainability](#), its primary campus programs and focal areas, and its recent action items, including the Climate Action Plan 2.0 program and working group tasks forces. A breakdown of where UF excels and where improvements are needed in sustainability was provided as well as how Senators

and faculty can become involved. Inquiries were fielded regarding the [Carbon Neutral Commuter program](#); endowment investments; increases in campus electric car chargers and bottle-filling stations; and the data base for student 'living lab' opportunities.

Assembly for Action

Adam Kozloski, Co-Founder/Conference Chair
Assembly for Action

-A primary goal of [Assembly for Action](#) is to bring students to action and help establish student long term community service commitments of six months or more. What faculty can do to support this effort was discussed at Senate. Currently, IFAS is heavily involved in this project and a goal is to increase additional units' involvement in faculty mentoring for Assembly for Action. Inquiries were answered regarding the organization's project approval path as well as current projects. An [Assembly for Action informational handout](#) was distributed.

Faculty Ombuds Office Overview

Ken Gerhardt, UF Faculty Ombuds

- Dr. Gerhardt shared his contact information and discussed what the Office of the Faculty Ombuds does and does not do. This office serves faculty who are not covered under the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the University of Florida Board of Trustees and the United Faculty of Florida (UFF) and who therefore would not be served by union grievance officers. In 2017, Dr. Keith Stone was appointed as the [College of Medicine Faculty Ombuds](#); Dr. Gerhardt serves faculty located in the other five Health Science Center colleges. Neither acts as a mediator or fact-finder and does not advocate for faculty or for the university. The Ombuds' responsibilities are informal, completely confidential, and independent and include assisting faculty by discussing various scenarios and grievance processes and responsibilities; offering a faculty perspective; listening to concerns about policies, regulations, and how they are being managed; and referring faculty to the [Title IX](#) or [Employee Assistance Program](#), when appropriate.

The Ombuds does not report to the university or to any faculty and is housed in the Human Resource Services building at 903 West University Avenue. Contact can be made by appointment in person or by phone. An informational [Ombuds PostCard](#), [EAP brochure](#), and the [Ombuds Business Card](#) were distributed.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor - Three minute limit per speaker.

- 1) University of Florida Faculty Senators
- 2) University of Florida Faculty

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

-There was no open discussion from the Senate floor.

Adjournment

-The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m. and was followed by the [Distinguished Professor lecture](#).

Attending

Senators

John Abbitt
Joslyn Ahlgren
Chunrong Ai
Suzan Alteri
Angela Bacsik
Richard Berry
Sally Bethart
Julien Beuzelin
Stephanie Birch

Vincent Bird
Archie Birkner IV
Rori Bloom
Jeannine Brady
Lyle Brenner
Clay Calvert
Randall Cantrell
Janice Carrillo
Pamela Dickrell

Keith Diem
Randall Doty
Mary Ann Eaverly
Stephen Enloe
John Erickson
Tammy Euliano
Michael Fang
Ben Fernandez
Breann Garbas

Yolanda Goode
Reetu Grewal
Matthew Gurka
Ralph Hamor
Bernard Hauser
Stacia Hays
Emily Hind
Hartwig Hochmair
Tanya Koropecj-Cox
Clint Kovach
Mei-Fang Lan
Margaret Lo
Frank Lomonte
Maureen Long
Sarah Lynne
Volker Mai
Kalen Manasco
Juan Nino
Deborah Nistler
Joshua Patterson
Amanda Phalin
Keith Rambo
Ralf Remshardt
Elizabeth Ross
Jean-Francois Roulet
German Sandoya Miranda
Keith Schneider
Richard Scholtz
James Seale
Steven Slutsky
Lauren Solberg
Martin Sorbille
Frederick Southwick
Tricia Swan
Ray Thomas
Katie Vogel Anderson
Christopher Vulpe
Nian Wang
R. David Whitley
Samuel Wu

Liaisons

Kent Fuchs
Joe Glover
Patricia Sohn

Student Senators

Alwin Hopf
Taylor G. Miller
Macarena Urrets Zavalía

Guests

Shelby Bomford
Linnea Dulikravich
Gus Duran
Corey Farmer
Adam Kozloski
Brian Marchman
Allison Vitt

