



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2019 - 3:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Chamber

Call to order & Approval of [April 18, 2019 Minutes](#) Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Katie Vogel Anderson.
- The minutes were approved.

Reports

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

-[Assembly for Action](#), a collaborative initiative among UF students, faculty, and departments to foster partnerships between students and Gainesville non-profits, is recruiting Action Scholar Mentors for the 2019 conference. Faculty with an interest in guiding students in their non-profit partnerships and grant applications and who are passionate about helping the Gainesville community are being sought for this Action Scholar Mentor role. Please submit the [Action Scholar Mentor form](#) if you or a colleague are interested.

After a successful first year, this award-winning program won the Champions for Change Award from the Office of Sustainability and raised \$10,000 last year. Four successful community service projects were funded with this program's grants. Another \$10,000 has successfully raised for 2019 and the number of both Action Scholars and grants are increasing.

-The final Distinguished Professor Lecture will be held immediately after today's senate meeting, here in the Chamber. Dr. William Hager will present "making things invisible with coating" followed by a reception with light refreshments. Please join us.

-Thank you to everyone who submitted council and committee nominees and thank you to the Senate Nominating Committee and Senate staff for finalizing the ballots. Ballots are due today at 5p.m. Senate staff will confirm all elected are willing and able to serve, and the results will be posted tomorrow, 5/10.

-The Chair thanks all Senators for their service and for a great year.

-Mark Kaplan, VP for Government and Community Relations, will attend a future Senate meeting and forwarded a legislative update:

- The Florida Legislature completed its annual sixty-day session a day late on Saturday, May 4. What started out as potentially very negative for universities ended on a more positive note for the University of Florida and most of the rest of the State University System.
- The spending issues at UCF put an early spotlight on university carryforward balances and spending practices. The House of Representatives not only proposed significant reforms that would have impeded universities' flexibility to manage their operations, early rumors were that the House was looking to cut hundreds of millions of dollars from university appropriations, to be made up largely through carryforward balances. The overall system-wide cut ultimately settled at \$35 million.
- Against that backdrop, we are pleased with where things ended up. UF ended up roughly even after system-wide cuts and performance funding changes are offset by additional funds for National Ranking Support directed to UF and FSU.
- There was good news in the PECO funding for new construction. The legislature appropriated the next \$25 million for the Data Sciences building, \$11.5 million for PK Yonge's facilities, and also moved the \$5.9 million we received two years ago for the existing music building renovation project to the planned new music building.

- On policy, the results were also generally positive. The legislature provided greater clarity and flexibility on how carryforward dollars get used, but it will be more difficult in practice to carry over large carryforward balances over multiple years.
- The legislature also provided new standards for prioritizing capital projects seeking PECO funding. The new process will emphasize projects that enhance educational opportunities for the greatest number of students or the university's research mission and will require universities to contribute to construction and maintenance for most new projects. Funding for building maintenance or utility infrastructure will be preferentially funded out of carryforward before PECO funds would be available.
- Other changes from the legislature include strengthening hazing penalties but providing amnesty for the first person to call 911 in an emergency, measures to encourage AA and Bachelors degree completion, and adjusting Bright Futures qualifying scores to retain targeted percentile levels of performance over time. Of note, the legislature did not adopt the annual survey on viewpoint diversity and intellectual freedom that had been reported in the press. Senator Rob Bradley, a double Gator from the Jacksonville area, was especially influential to keep that survey from being passed by the legislature.
- Thank you for the faculty's partnership leading up to and throughout the legislative session. Please reach out to Mark Kaplan in Gainesville, Samantha Sexton in Tallahassee, or Sarah Mathias in UF's Washington, DC office if we can ever be helpful to you.

- **President's Report**

-No report due to travel.

Kent Fuchs, President

- **Provost's Report**

-No report due to travel.

Joe Glover, Provost

Action Items:

[Honorary Degree Candidates](#)

Rick Yost, Chair

Honorary Degrees & Distinguished Awards Comm.

-Honorary Degree candidates Naziha Mestaoui (HD of Fine Arts) and R. William Petty (HD of Science) were presented and approved. An overview of the committee's role in the awards nomination and selection process and best practices were provided. Inquiries regarding the diversity of candidates were addressed and increasing the faculty's nominations of diverse candidates is encouraged.

[Constitution Committee Report](#)

Richard Scholtz, Chair

University Constitution & Regulations Committee

The UCRC Report was approved and includes: an update to the voting rights of the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) Chair to match the General Education Committee (GEC) Faculty Senate Bylaws description; a Parking and Transportation Committee (PATC) membership update; and a constitutional amendment to delete the restriction of election to more than two Senate and/or joint committees.

University Curriculum Committee

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
for Undergraduate Affairs

- [Chemical Engineering BS](#)

-Reduces Chemical Engineering BS curriculum to 131 credits. This item was approved.

- [HHP Department of Tourism, Recreation & Sport Mgmt.](#)

-Creates a new Department of Sport Management and a Department of Tourism, Hospitality, & Event Management, College of Health and Human Performance. This item was approved.

- [Close Portuguese Language and Literature BA](#)
-Closes BA in Portuguese Language and Literature. This item was approved.
- [Close Spanish Language and Literature BA](#)
-Closes BA in Spanish Language and Literature. A new, approved BA in Hispanic and Latin American Languages, Literatures and Linguistics (HLL) HLL degree will replace the two majors currently housed in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies and acts as an umbrella degree for these two language specific tracks, as well as a combined track. This item was approved.
- [Creation of Engineering Education Dept.](#) **Paul Duncan, Sr. Associate Dean**
-Creates a Department of Engineering Education, Graduate School
Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering.
-Discussion was held on the merits and drawbacks of this proposed department and inquiries regarding the approval process were addressed. Discussion was held regarding information relayed in the [Letter to Senators from the Director of the Institute for Excellence in Engineering Education](#) and the [HWCOE 031919 Faculty Council Resolution Handout](#).
-A motion to postpone action on this item was discussed and failed.
-The [Creation of the Engineering Education Dept.](#) was approved.

Information Items:

Fulbright Awards Policy

David L. Reed, Associate Provost
for Faculty Honors and Awards

-This item will be presented in August.

BOT Regulation

Richard Scholtz, Chair
University Constitution & Regulations Committee

-A new, proposed BOT (Board of Trustees) regulation update was provided. The proposed [Regulation number 1.016 Admissions](#) amendment updates the Admissions regulation to reference the undergraduate and graduate catalogues for admission requirements to the University. In addition to the two lighted and discussed at the last Senate meeting, this regulation will be considered at the June BOT meeting.

[Office of Academic Affairs \(OAA\) Awards](#)

Chris Hass, Associate Provost Academic and
Faculty Affairs

-Awards in the areas of teaching/scholarship, exemplary teaching, advising/mentoring, research/professional development, leadership programs, and SECU travel awards were announced.

[2023-24 Academic Calendar](#)

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
for Undergraduate Affairs

-The 2023-4 AY calendar was reviewed and will be an action item in August.

[Quest](#)

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
for Undergraduate Affairs

-An update was provided on the status of and future plans for UF Quest. A brief history of Quest, and its enrollment, as well as course overviews, and paths forward for faculty and student engagement was shared. Faculty member Trysh Travis serves as the UF Quest Faculty Liaison.

[Office of Research Working Group on Faculty Assistance for Extramural Funding](#)

Sobha Jaishankar, Assistant Vice President
& Lecturer, Office of Research

-As part of UF's drive for five initiative, the Office of Research has put together a working group to determine what specific assistance faculty need in submitting competitive grant proposals. These recommendations, which include pinpointing resources, establishing priorities, and helping new faculty, were presented and discussed.

Green Dot at UF

Monica Webb, GatorWell Program Director &
Darcie Burde, GatorWell Associate Director

-A green dot represents any moment, big or small, that either directly or indirectly helps reduce the prevalence of violence on campus. The [Green Dot Faculty Toolkit](#), containing resources needed to integrate Green Dot topics into course curriculum or lesson plans, was provided. Suggested, proactive discussion topics and talking points for student interaction was presented. Resources to help diffuse violent situations and create a positive campus culture was discussed as well as the program's communication plans.

Resolution

Suzan Alteri, Chair, Welfare Council

-This item was moved from Information to Action following a 2/3 approval vote. This [resolution](#) in support of International faculty, staff, and students was approved.

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

- 1) University of Florida Faculty Senators
-An inquiry was raised regarding the impact to faculty of a bill signed into law on Wednesday by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis to allow the arming of teachers. The Chair will forward this inquiry to VP Kaplan as part of the Senate's legislative follow-up's.
- 2) University of Florida Faculty
-There was no open discussion from the Senate floor from faculty at large.

Adjournment

-The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Attending

Senators

John Abbitt
Joslyn Ahlgren
Suzan Alteri
Wayne Archer
Angela Bacsik
Richard Berry
Sally Bethart
Julien Buzelin
Vincent Bird
Archie Birkner IV
Lyle Brenner
Jason Butler
Clay Calvert
Randall Cantrell
Janice Carrillo
Jim Chen
Mary Ellen Davey
Elizabeth DeVos
Pamela Dickrell
Sylvain Doré

Randall Doty
Andrea Dutton
Mary Ann Eaverly
Ben Fernandez
Breann Garbas
Macy Geiger
Ashley Ghiaseddin
Reetu Grewal
Robert Guralnick
Matthew Gurka
Youssef Haddad
Susan Hegeman
Phyllis Hendry
Hartwig Hochmair
Tanya Koropecyj-Cox
Clint Kovach
Mei-Fang Lan
Gillian Lord
Sarah Lynne
Volker Mai

Kalen Manasco
William McGehee
Leslie Murray
Scott Myers
Juan Nino
Deborah Nistler
Hannah Norton
Teresa Olczyk
Amanda Phalin
Keith Schneider
Richard Scholtz
James Seale
Lauren Solberg
Martin Sorbille
Frederick Southwick
Tricia Swan
Jacqueline Swank
Ray Thomas
Lawrence Ukeiley
Kevin Vincent

Katie Vogel Anderson
Phil Wegner
Andrew Zimmerman

Liaisons

Chris Hass
Angela Lindner
Ana Spiguel
Rick Yost

Student Senators

Macarena Urrets Zavalía

Guests

Ashish Aggarwal
Darcie Burde
Steve Dodd
Elliot Douglas
Juan Gilbert
Christopher Janelle
Sobha Jaishankar
Kiki Kaplanidou
Brian K. Marchman
Walter O'Dell
Hans van Oostrom
Jeremy Waisome
Monica Webb
Andy Wolpert