Call to Order & Approval of August 22, 2019 Minutes  Ray G. Thomas, Chair
-The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chair Ray G. Thomas
-The August minutes were approved.

Reports

Chair’s Report  Ray G. Thomas, Chair
-Thank you to all UF faculty for their role in advancing the university’s ranking to number 7 in public universities in the U.S. News and World Report rankings.
-Dr. Richard Scholtz was welcomed as the newly elected chair of Infrastructure Council.
-Reminder: The Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards nomination deadline is October 1, 2019. Please submit a nomination and contact the Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards Committee Chair, Dr. Rick Yost, with any inquiries.
-Kognito is a free online training simulation course to learn effective referral techniques and is designed to help faculty notice when students show signs of stress, and learn how to talk about these signs, how to practice sharing concerns, and how to motivate individuals to seek help. Faculty are encouraged to take this training and help build community support for this Board of Governors initiative facilitated by the UF Counseling and Wellness Center.
-Earlier this month, the Chair attended the Board of Trustees’ Retreat. The Chair is a member of the Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs & Experience Committee, which supports policy and initiatives that enhance university quality and national prominence through the promotion of academic programs of distinction, promotion of university research, including student and faculty research opportunities, and support of world class faculty and scholars.
-Trustee Jason Rosenberg, Chair of the Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs & Experience Committee, has drafted a white paper entitled “UF Student Experience” and has asked the Chair to chair a subcommittee of faculty to contribute to the discussion. These discussions will be about policy in keeping with the Board’s advisory role, and not directed toward the operation of the University.
- The Chair and Faculty Senate Chair-elect Dr. Sylvain Doré, attended the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS) Fall Retreat at Florida Polytechnic University in Lakeland. The ACFS establishes the means for faculty participation in the process of statewide public university governance. The fundamental purpose of the ACFS is to work toward better and higher quality educational opportunities in the system of public four-year colleges and universities overseen by the Board of Governors in the State of Florida. It serves as a mechanism to discuss issues of importance to higher education in Florida and provide input from a faculty perspective. The Chair of the ACFS is a member of the BOG – much like our Faculty Senate Chair serves as a member of the BOT. A legislative update and the Kognito roll out was discussed. The Chair will serve on a committee to review the ACFS Bylaws.
- The Chair discussed the theme of parental leave and it’s relevance to: recent demographic changes brought about by the Faculty 500 hiring initiative; the drive for increased diversification in STEM fields;
faculty work-life-academic balance; contributions to the quality of life in the Gainesville area; and the opportunity for UF to be a leader among top public universities. In discussions with faculty, there is support for a parental leave policy that would offer a semester of leave, and it could resemble our current policy for sabbaticals. The Chair also referenced President Fuchs’ Alligator Letter column, published last Friday, entitled “As UF rises in rank, what should endure?” which asked the question, “Can we be even more collegial and caring as we become more excellent?”

**President’s Report**

Kent Fuchs, President

- President Fuchs presented *Pillars of Excellence: Moving Florida from popularity to preeminence*, a highlight of the 2020 legislative budget request which he will present at the upcoming Board of Governors (BOG) meeting where the resource investments and benefits as well as the matching of the university’s priorities and goals with that of the legislature, governor, and BOG will be discussed.
- Dr. Fuchs addressed inquiries regarding his not having a contract, which is dissimilar to many universities’ traditions of having one with their presidents. The BOG policy of contracting Presidents for one year once a President’s initial contract period ends was clarified, as well as the BOG policy of then voting annually once a President’s initial contract period ends. Dr. Fuchs will instead have a BOG appointment.

**Provost’s Report**

Joe Glover, Provost

- Provost Glover provided search updates, including that there are two candidates for Director of University Press of Florida Director and three finalists in the VP of Student Affairs search. The search for the College of Business Dean is underway and a narrowed field of candidates will be talking with the university throughout the month of October.

**Action Items:**

**University Curriculum Committee**

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs

- **Common Prerequisites Notes Modification**

  - This request is from the Dept. of Biology to add notes to Florida’s common prerequisites notes to clarify which courses are required for transfer students seeking admissions to the Biology major.
  - This item was approved.

**Information Items:**

**UF Quest Resolution**

Andrew Zimmerman, Associate Professor of Geological Sciences, CLAS Senator

- A resolution to formally express support for Quest, which is a faculty initiative and change to core curriculum, was presented. An overview of Quest was presented to Faculty Senate in May.

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

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

- There was no discussion from the Senate floor.

**Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.
Attending

Senators
John Abbitt
Theresa Antes
Angela Bacsik
Julien Beuzelin
Xiang Bi
Vincent Bird
Archie Birkner IV
David Bloom
Stephanie Bogart
Wesley Bolch
Donald Bolser
Lyle Brenner
Brent Broadus
Jason Byrd
Randall Cantrell
Nancy Clark
Charles Cobb
Christina Deremer
Elizabeth Devos
Sylvain Doré
Mary Ann Eaverly
Hugh Fan
Zhihui Fang
Ben Fernandez
Breann Garbas
Kristina Garcia-Guettler
Ashley Ghiaseddin
Christina Gillen
Christopher Giordano
Reetu Grewal
Charles Haddad
Youssef Haddad
Carrie Harmon
Stacia Hays
Linda Hayward
Selman Hershfield
Dennis Hiltonen
Emily Hind
Hartwig 'Henry' Hochmair
Qiu-Xing Jiang
Davie Kadyampakeni
Nicholas Kaleel
Lisa King
Clint Kovach
Dennis Kramer
Charlene Krueger
Mei-Fang Lan
Margaret Lo

Shannon Rae Lowe
Kiran Lukose
Sarah Lynne
Ashley MacSuga-Gage
Volker Mai
Kalen Manasco
Tara Mathien
Kirian Motaparthi
Michael Mulvaney
Walter Lee Murfee
Leslie Murray
Timothy M. Murtha
Scott Myers
Walter O'Dell
Teresa Olczyk
Joshua Patterson
Amanda Phalin
Ariel Pomputius
Keith Rambo
Jean-Francois Roulet
Hardev Sandhu
German Sandoya Miranda
Zhong Su
Tricia Swan
Jacqueline Swank
Ray Thomas
Scott Thompson
Apichai Tuanyok
Lawrence Ukeiley
Kevin Vincent
Katie Vogel Anderson
Christopher Vulpe
Bruce Welt
Trent Williams, Jr.
Sarah Wolking
Elizabeth Wood

Guests

Ebony Breland-Hayes
Angela Lindner
Andrew Wolpart

Liaisons

Kent Fuchs
Joe Glover
Chris Hass

Student Senators