

## Committee on Committees Minutes

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

10:00 a.m.

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**Present:** Barbara K. Smith, Richard Scholtz, Steven Swarts, Czerne Reid and Laurie Bialosky.

**1. Call to Order and Introductions – Barbara K. Smith, Chair**

-The meeting was called to order by Committee on Committees Chair Barbara K. Smith at 10:03 a.m.

**2. Approve November 20, 2019 minutes**

-The minutes were approved.

**3. [University Libraries Committee \(ULC\)](#) – Czerne Reid, Chair**

-The ULC is an active and engaged committee which meets monthly and has consistent participation from its liaisons and faculty and student members. Setting the meeting times in conjunction with the university's class schedule (as opposed to on the hour/half hour, etc.) has been helpful, as well as designating one committee member as a chair-in-waiting who can step in to assist the chair during the current academic year and to step forward as chair for the following academic year. Recent ULC agenda items include:

-Toured a number of university library facilities, including the Health Science Center library, special collections, reading rooms, and education libraries.

-Open access publishing fund distribution and monitoring. This is a fund established by the Provost's Office to off-set publishing costs to faculty and students. Numbers from the past three years were shared. The Provost established this as a four-year commitment so the ULC is assisting University Libraries in determining the best path forward. University librarians are utilized to help publicize the program, which is most used by IFAS and the College of Medicine.

-Open access policy for the university (which is unrelated to the above topic related to open access journals.) The ULC is weighing crafting (and to avoid confusion may re-name) a policy granting the university non-exclusive license to use and distribute what is being published. Because copyright approvals by journals are typically coupled with a submission request, scholars are often given the false impression that agreement to the journal's proposed publication restrictions/rights affects a submitter's chances of publication acceptance by that journal. ULC considerations and points of discussion pertaining to this topic include use of the library repositories, search engine considerations, and peer institutions' policies.

-The ULC will continue to update the Research & Scholarship Council as well as (when relevant), the Infrastructure Council on its policies and initiatives.

**4. Committee on Committees Considerations:**

[\(UCRC Dec 04 2019 Compensation Approval\)](#) [\(APC Final Charge\)](#) [\(UCRC Dec 04 2019 GEC Approval\)](#)

The Committee on Committees approved the Academic Policy Council charge clarification and the University Curriculum Committee membership increase proposals. Both will now be presented to Faculty Senate this month as 'Information Items' and will be up for a vote

at the February Faculty Senate meeting. The Committee on Committees also approves the Compensation Committee charge forwarded by the University Constitution and Regulations Committee. Because this item was initially introduced to Faculty Senate in October, it will now be presented as an 'Action Item' (i.e. will be voted on) at this month's Faculty Senate meeting.

**5. Draft Update of 2020 Committee on Committees Report to the Senate**

-The Faculty Senate Secretary will forward the summary of minutes as an initial draft report of the 1) Senate councils and 2) Senate committees and Joint committees.

-To aid in group editing, the Chair will upload both to Google docs and distribute the link to the committee.

-The last sentence of each committee/council summary typically contains recommendations made by the Committee on Committees.

**6. Adjournment**

-The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Resources: [Constitution of the University of Florida](#) & [Bylaws of the Faculty Senate](#)