

Committee on Committees (COC)
Minutes
Monday, January 25, 2021

12:30 p.m.

Via Zoom:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/95463015674?pwd=MWZhemNkVTMyQm1TZ0gyd3pjNnBTUT09>

Present: Alyson Adams, David Norton, Richard Scholtz, Paramita Chakrabarty, Steven Swarts, Sylvain Doré, and Laurie Bialosky.

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions** - Alyson Adams, Committee on Committees Chair
 - The meeting was called to order at: 12:30 p.m.

- 2. Approve November 30, 2020 Minutes**
 - The minutes were approved.

- 3. [Research Policy Committee](#)** - Committee Chair and VP of Research, David Norton
 - Since the start of the pandemic and research space and personnel adjustments
 - Beginning in March 2020 the pandemic has raised many challenges to continue research productivity and continuity. This committee met just after the COVID pandemic began and this topic is a priority for all members, many of whom Dr. Norton is in continued contact with on either a day to day or ongoing basis. This committee is good to communicate with those not immediate or day to day proximity.
 - When campus was closing/adjusting to the pandemic in March, this group focused on assisting with effectively managing the temporary reduction of campus research services and facilities. It also assisted with the consequent resumption of those services and facilities, as many laboratory and research activities more fully commenced.
 - UF researchers have responded robustly to the community and global call for research to address and defeat the pandemic. 488 cross-discipline project proposals were received in December. Students, staff, and faculty have been very responsive to the challenges of COVID, switching from academic to endemic times.
 - The committee will provide research updates since they last met in Spring 2020, including a review of progress made and anticipated needs for the research community during and beyond the pandemic. This is a committee which is a support umbrella for the university research community and, as part of its membership make-up, the Chair of the Research & Scholarship Council serves on this committee.

- 4. Name change of Compensation Committee to Compensation and Equity Committee Update**
 - This has been added to the February 3rd UCRC agenda, the February 16th Compensation Committee agenda, and the February 22nd COC agenda.

- 5. Draft Update of 2020 Committee on Committees Report to the Senate**
 - To help with the COC Senate reports, COC discussed adding the creation of a SOP to the next COC agenda to address:
 - The consideration of a proposal by the Faculty Senate Chair to submit a COC report to the Faculty Senate every three years, rather than 'periodically', as is currently stated in [Faculty](#)

Senate Bylaw 20 (A)(1)(c) Committee on Committees. This was last amended December 2017 by the University Constitution & Regulations Committee (UCRC) and approved May 2018 by the Faculty Senate. Current COC member and 2017-18 UCRC Chair Richard Scholtz was asked to provide additional background to help in consideration of the current proposal, including the timing of the COC reportings to Faculty Senate, as well as Faculty Senate Bylaws amendments, and SOP creations.

--The inclusion of a standard set of inquiries to be used and shared with guests prior to their COC visit. COC agreed this would provide consistency in reporting from both COC guests and in future COC report preparations. The questions include:

- How well is your committee functioning? Is your committee membership size and make-up (i.e. of administrative liaisons, faculty, etc.) working well or appropriate?
- Are you experiencing any issues that should be brought up to Faculty Senate that would help your committee accomplish your charge(s) or mission?
- Are you working on any major issues that you'd like to share with us today?

-- Please forward additional questions or share feedback at the next meeting.

- Per the request of the Faculty Senate Chair, Paramita and Alyson will review a Shared Governance Model explaining UF's shared governance structure and update it for posting on senate.ufl.edu.

- If agreeable with COC members not present today, COC agreed to change its Spring meeting times to 11:30. The Faculty Senate Secretary will confirm if February COC guest, Matt Williams, is available to attend the February 22nd meeting at 11:30 instead of 12:30, and, once all confirmations have been made, will update the online meeting calendar to change the monthly meeting time. Members will also be emailed a confirmation.

- The Chair of the Land Use and Planning Committee will be invited to the February meeting.

- The Chair of the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) and the Preservation of Historic Buildings will be invited to the March meeting.

- Link to Councils doc: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OLih4-8ZdN_SuiAsBzQDTveezoD24rLsEvEHU0S1H48/edit

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- View: <http://senate.ufl.edu/committees--councils/> for a committee/council overview:

Name
<u>Faculty Senate Committees</u>
<u>Joint Committees</u>
<u>Presidential Committees</u>
<u>(5) Senate Policy Councils</u>

Name	Faculty membership consists of:	Seat filled by:	Reports to:
Faculty Senate Committees	UF Faculty	Nominated by UF Faculty & elected by UF Faculty Senators	UF Faculty Senate
Joint Committees	UF Faculty	Nominated by UF Faculty; Typically 50% elected by UF Faculty Senators and 50% Appointed by UF President/President's Designee	UF President & UF Faculty Senate
Presidential Committees	UF Faculty	Nominated by UF Faculty & appointed by UF President	UF President
(5) Senate Policy Councils	*Current (at the time of the election) Faculty Senators	Nominated by UF Faculty & elected by UF Faculty Senators	UF Faculty Senate

6. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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