

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2012
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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Attendees: David Bloomquist, David Quillen, Marc Heft, Ken Gerhardt, Nancy Poehlmann, Debra Murie, Cheri Brodeur, Lucinda Lavelli, Jamie Gillooly, Barbara Wingo, Bernie Machen, Naomi Young, Paula Fussell, Robert Cook, Mark Tillman, Bernard Mair, Mary Ann Ferguson, Deanna Pelfrey, Sue Alvers, David Guzick, Joe Glover, and Mike Katovich

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

The December 2011 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Scott Nygren, Faculty Senate Chair

- Innovation Hub: Dr. Nygren attended the opening of the Innovation Hub yesterday. He encouraged everyone to stop by to take a look at the new building.
- A mixed decision was handed down by the judge on the Primate lawsuit.
- Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics: The COIA is an alliance of university faculty senates at schools with NCAA FBS athletic programs. It provides a faculty voice in discussions about how to maintain academic integrity in college sports. Many of the SEC schools participate in this organization. Dr. Nygren suggested that UF join. No fee is involved; however, the Faculty Senate must approve. He'd like to add David Bloomquist to the Faculty Senate agenda so that he can present at the meeting.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

- We had three dedications this week:
 - Innovation Hub
 - Bioethanol plant
 - Extension Building by Vet Med
- President Machen is scheduled to speak before the higher education committee tomorrow. Plans are to show data about all school in the system. UF is number one in each of the categories. We will ask the legislature for approval to require the new General Education course, The Good Life. This course is multidisciplinary.
- BOG has to approve the academic enhancement fee. This is a 5% fee for undergraduates that is used for graduate student resources. The Board of Trustees has already passed.
- There was an explosion in the Chem Lab in Sisler. No one was at fault and all safety precautions were taken. Activities are suspended in this particular lab.
- Three percent raise was approved by Board of Trustees. President Machen asked the opinion of the steering committee whether whether he should give the 3% raise with the condition that if the court rules in favor of paying 3% to the pension fund, he would rescind the raise. An alternative is to do nothing and wait for the court's decision. Several on the committee stated that they think that faculty would understand giving the 3% now and then rescinding later if necessary.

Provost's Report**Joe Glover**, Provost

- Doctoral Program Review is moving forward. Committee has been appointed with Ben Dunn as chair. Representatives from the Humanities and Fine Arts are on the committee. Materials have been made available to members. Plans are to have public meetings. Scott suggested that the APC might be interested in attending Committee meetings.
- The annual Presidents Academic Conference was held at University of Georgia last year. Competition is now going on for this year's conference. The organization is also planning to hold a land-grant celebration on the Mall in Washington DC.

Self-Insurance**David Guzick**, Sr. Vice President Health Affairs

David Guzick gave a short explanation on what he plans to present at the Faculty Senate meeting on Self-Insurance. Some background was presented about both Gator Advantage and self-insurance. He mentioned that now there is free parking available at Shands. He noted that most private business and universities are now self-insured. Committees and focus groups are now meeting. Open enrollment is scheduled for Fall 2012 with start date of 2013. Currently we have 22 health plans on campus. Some of those plans are already self-insured.

The Good LifeCourse**Bernard Mair**, Associate Provost, Undergraduate Affairs

HUM2305 (The Good Life Course) was approved by University Curriculum Committee on December 20, 2011. This course will be a three credit course and required for all freshmen who enroll in UF for the first time starting Summer B 2012.

Program Terminations**Ken Gerhardt**, Associate Dean, Graduate School

The following programs terminations are requested due to a lack of students. These programs were created during WWII.

- Electrical Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering
- Environmental Engineering Sciences
- Aerospace Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Creative Scholar-in-Residence**Lucinda Lavelli**, Dean, College of Fine Arts**Jamie Gillooly**, Assistant Professor, Biology

Creative Scholar-in-Residence is funded by Creative Campus. Participants spend one or two semesters away from their home college doing research in a different college. More information is available on the Provost's website.

Research and Scholarship Council**Debra Murie/Robert Cook**, Co-Chairs

- Certified policies on how to certify
- Looked into IDCs and MOUs.

Welfare Council**Deanna Pelfrey**, Chair

- Council is meeting tomorrow. Will have a report at the next Steering Committee meeting.
- Meeting with Scott Fox in Parking Department.

Academic Policy Council**Nancy Poehlmann, Co-Chair**

- Discussed online student evaluations and posthumous degree policies.
- Next meeting is January 23

Budget Council**Marc Heft, Chair**

- Will meet tomorrow.
- Met with Matt Fajack and discussed RCM.
- Reminder: According to the Budget Council RCM report from last year, the Provost is the responsible agent to give an annual RCM report to the Senate.
- Noted: RCM was never intended to be implemented during funding cuts.

Infrastructure Council**Mark Tillman, Co-Chair**

- Worked on strategies for quantifying faculty effort.
- Mark Tillman showed how HHP reports faculty effort by using a point system.

Announcements

- Mike Katovich reminded the steering committee that more council nominations are needed for the spring election.

Agenda for January Faculty Senate Meeting

Agenda for January 26, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting was approved with revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.