

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2013
3:15 – 5:00 p.m.
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Attendees: Brian Harfe, John Leavey, Nicole Steadman, Sharon Austin, Cassandra Macias, Pradeep Kumar, Jay Watkins, Maria Rogal, Marc Heft, David Quillen, Mike Katovich, Cheri Brodeur, Sue Alvers, Barbara Wingo, Deanna Pelfrey, Scott Nygren, and Joe Glover.

The meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m.

November 29, 2012 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair

- We still need nominations for 2013-2014 Councils and Committees.
- President's Reception for Faculty Senate is Tuesday, April 23 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the President's House.
- John Leavey gave a report on the [Constitution Committee's meeting](#). The Committee did a review of the Constitution to make sure it was updated. A motion was made and passed for edit updates (typos, etc) should automatically be corrected. Several of the inconsistencies will go back to committees for revision.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- The university has started an initiative to control all the data that is floating around on campus. There is data on department servers, etc. IT managers will visit different areas to survey the data and whether it is secure. All faculty are expected to participate.

[Update on General Education Statute HB7135](#)

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost

- Comment period on the draft [Gen Ed Core options](#) stops at the end of this month. So far we have only six or seven responses on the blog.
- A second set of recommendations will be sent back to campuses in March or April. Plans at that time are for campuses to approve.
- There's a link to the Florida Department of Education General Education Core Course Options; however, the website might be a bit out of date at the moment.
- Almost all of the subcommittees have completed their tasks with everyone finishing by December or January.

[African American Studies](#)

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- Dr. Sharon Austin, Director of the African American Studies Program will present the African American Studies Degree at the Faculty Senate.

CALS Tenure and Promotion

Nicole Stedman, Assistant Professor
CALs

- CALS asked for an extension of its tenure probationary period. However, the college noticed that the election that is in the document submitted are individual votes and not assembly votes.
- CALS requested that this item be pulled on the agenda until they have the assembly vote report.
- Barbara Wingo noted that this might cause a delay for acceptance until next year.

Posthumous Degrees Policy

Maria Rogal, Chair
Academic Policy Council

- The APC was asked to review the policy on awarding posthumous degrees after a request from the Provost.
- APC recommendation: Posthumous Recognition for all UF students will be an "In Memoriam Degree". Students who completed a minimum of 80% of the requirements for their degree program prior to passing away are eligible for receiving that degree posthumously upon the recommendation of their college.
- Even though the committee agreed with the recommendation, it was sent back to the APC for guidance on the "In Memoriam Degree" design.

Block Exam Revision Recommendation

Maria Rogal, Chair
Academic Policy Council

- If other classes are scheduled during an exam time, instructors must provide make-up class work for students who miss class because of an assembly exam.
- If two exams are scheduled at the same time, assembly exams take priority over time-of-class exams. When two assembly exams are two time-of-class exams conflict, the higher course number takes priority. Instructors giving make-up exams will make the necessary adjustments.
- The council received a request from Professor Logan in English to reconsider the university's block exam policy.
- The council's recommendation is the following:
 - The sentence "If other classes are scheduled during an exam time, instructors must provide make-up class work for students who miss class because of an assembly exam" will be removed and replaced by "Any student whose scheduled class conflicts with a block exam shall be given the option of a make-up exam. The student with such a conflict must notify the instructor to schedule a make-up exam, per course policy."
- The committee asked that the recommendation return to the APC for more discussion. There was concern about the logistics of scheduling a block exam, the number of make-up exams, and exactly how many students this affects.

Living Well

Cassandra Macias, Director
Living Well

- Cassandra gave a short explanation about the Living Well program and asked to give a presentation to the Faculty Senate.
- It was suggested that she should first do a small presentation for the Welfare Council.

Council/Committee Reports

- *Academic Policy Council*
 - The deadline for responses from the College Council Chairs on Faculty Reviews of Administrators is January 31.

- Discussed the DPIP report and sending out to the Deans.
- *Budget Council* – Next Budget Council meeting is Friday, January 25
- *Research and Scholarship Council* – Pradeep Kumar gave the SCORS report. The council did not meet in January, but the next meeting is February 4. At the December meeting, discussion revolved around issues of research misconduct and how to handle noncompliance. Also, copyright issues were discussed.
- *Infrastructure Council* – Reviewed Open Access that is on the agenda to discuss at its next meeting.
 - It was noted that there will be an adhoc committee will be created to take care of the open access language and will then be presented to Infrastructure Council at a later date.
 - Cheri mentioned that she is appointing members for an IT subcommittee to give faculty input to the CIO. She wants to have a liaison from APC, Infrastructure and Welfare.
- *Welfare Council* – At the last Welfare Council discussion was about our involvement with Coursera, total evaluations, recruitment and the ombudsman issues.

Agenda for January Faculty Senate Meeting

- Agenda for January 24, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting was approved with revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.