

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2012
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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Attendees: David Quillen, Linda Cottler, Azra Bihorac, Scott Nygren, Sherry Benton, Marc Heft, Mike Katovich, Brian Harfe, Michael Good, Mark Tillman, Bernard Mair, Barbara Wingo, Joe Glover, Laurence Alexander, Maria Rogal, Sue Alvers and Pradeep Kumar.

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

November minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair

- Not much to report to this committee. She will mention the Presidential Search and the Chris and Bernie Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars fund at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- The Provost did not have a formal report but was available to answer questions.
- Dr. Glover mentioned that he has been working on the state's effort for an online university.
- In answer to a question about the [Brill Report](#), Dr. Glover reminded the committee that the report is a recommendation. This report will be presented at the next Board of Governors Committee. Cheri informed the committee that the State Faculty Senate Chairs are monitoring.
- Plans are for [Doctoral Program Improvement Plan](#) forwarded to the deans. Dr. Glover will solicit each dean as to plans for their programs. Once each dean's input is received, then the President will decide the next step.
- FEO awards were made, however, the FEO committee did not award all of funding.

[Update on General Education Statute HB7135](#)

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost

- 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link to the Florida Department of Education General Education Core Course Options; however, the website might be a bit out of date at the moment.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.

**[Name Change for Doctoral Program
Revision of Master of Epidemiology](#)**

Laurence Alexander, Associate Dean
Graduate School

[Mission Statement Consensus Draft](#)

Linda Cottler, Chair
Mission Statement Task Force

- Dr. Cottler presented the consensus draft from the Mission Statement Task Force.
- Five meetings were held. The group reviewed over 50 AAU Mission Statements and expressed their feelings, beliefs, and preferences.
- The task force answered key questions about what the university is passionate about, what we are really good at, who are our most important stakeholders and what are we hiring us to do?
- A drafting subcommittee was formed to work on a preliminary document. The task force then did a group think twice with in-between homework.

- **Mission Statement Consensus Draft**

The University of Florida is a uniquely comprehensive learning institution, built on a land, sea and grant foundation. We are a diverse community dedicated to making the world a better place, united in our commitment to diverse approaches as a means to engage the world's greatest challenge. Our mission is to promote open inquiry; to inspire scholarship and excellence; to generate, preserve, and disseminate knowledge; to learn, create, lead and serve for the benefit of the people of Florida, the nation, and the world.

Harrell Medical Building Site Plan

Michael Good, Dean, College of Medicine

- The medical school is in its fourth revision of the curriculum for the 56 year old program.
- The new curriculum is designed around the patient.
- Currently the medical school is located in the basement of the Communicore which was built in 1970.
- College of Medicine has raised enough funds for the design and planning stage of the new Harrell Medical Building.
 - New building will have learning studios; small group and collaborative learning space; independent learning spaces; simulation, clinical skills and assessment; community student space; student and curriculum support services; and the Physician Assistants Program.
- Plans are to preserve two century oak trees. Some trees will be cut down but not the century oaks. All the appropriate university committees have reviewed the plan.

Mental Health Presentation

Sherry Benton, Director
Counseling Center

- Student Health Center and the Wellness Center merged two and a half years ago.
- We are seeing more students at our new location than the previous locations.
- Counseling Center had 41,000 appointments

Council/Committee Reports

- *Welfare Council*- Meeting is tomorrow. The Council has gathered a lot of information that was distributed prior to the meeting.
- *Academic Policy Council*
 - Discussed the DPIP report and this will be brought up again in January.
 - Posthumous Degree policy – The council agreed that each deceased student would receive a “memorial degree”. The University would also confer a degree to a deceased student who was near completion of her/his degrees (generally two semesters)
 - APC is following up on the engineering transcript issue.
 - Faculty review of administrators – sent out request to College Faculty Council Chairs to see what their college does. Waiting for a response.
- *Budget Council* – in the process of trying to schedule the next meeting. Having a hard time finding a time that Ben Dunn and Neta Pulvermacher can attend a meeting. Also reviewing post doc vs graduate student pay.
- *Infrastructure Council* –
 - Mario Poceski presented the latest draft Open Access Policy recommendation from the University Libraries Committee. Infrastructure Council also thought it would be beneficial if Research and Scholarship Council and the Academic Policy Council should

review. The Council referred the draft back asking the ULC to keep the following concerns in mind when working on the revision:

- More specific language relating to enforcement of the policy
- Policy should align with the collective bargaining agreement with respect to copyright matters
- Conflict resolutions should be handled by a committee with members appointed by the President, Faculty Senate, University Libraries Committee and the Provost.
- Additional language pertaining to co-authorship with respect to students and authors from other universities.
- Parking and Transportation Committee reported that they are still discussing different ways to generate funding on football game day. A couple ideas were to purchase a reserved spot to use each year or have staff at all campus intersections to charge anyone driving on campus.
- Lakes, Vegetation and Landscaping Committee reported that they plan to mitigate 107 trees which include some Heritage Trees from Heavener Hall area. The committee is asking that they should handle the mitigating funds instead of Physical Plant because Physical Plant seems to purchase the wrong trees for this climate.
- *Research and Scholarship Council* – Council meets Monday and will work on three topics.
 - Promotion and Tenure – Angel Kwolek-Folland gave a brief overview. The project has received good feedback. There are some problems, but the project team is correcting them.
 - Members of the Steering Committee stated that the software still needs a lot of work. Deanna Pelfrey mentioned that the program does not user friendly for Lecturers. She had problems finding fields that would work for the data that she needed to input.
 - Mike Katovich suggested that there should be a survey of those who piloted the program in order to give feedback before making it available to the whole campus.
 - There's a new IRB online process that will make it harder for students to be involved in research. Students can no longer be the primary PI on a grant.
 - Open Access – Christine Fruin from the Libraries attended the last meeting to talk about Open Access; however, the council side tracked to issues about copyright. Due to time constraints, Christine will attend again at December's meeting.
- *Constitution Committee*
 - Steering Committee asked the Constitution Committee to clean up the last sentence of Article VI, Section 3(d) of the Constitution.

Old language:
In those instances where the nominee of the dean(s) of the college(s) is not concurred in by the departmental committee, that committee's dissenting report should be forwarded to the President along with the nomination made by the dean(s).

New language:
In those instances where the departmental committee does not concur in the nominee of the dean(s) of the college(s), the committee's report should be forwarded to the President along with the nomination made by the dean(s).

- Regarding the voting procedures for departments in dual colleges, the committee pointed to Article IV, Section 2, in which is established a unit “representing all Faculty not otherwise represented in a college or other unit.” (Group 1) The Committee recommends that all faculty in dual colleges who have not expressed membership in one college or other belong in this unit for purposes of Senate membership, voting and apportionment. Faculty will continue in this unit until they declare a college.

Agenda for December Faculty Senate Meeting

- Agenda for December 13, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting was approved with revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.