

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2014 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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Attendees: Barbara Wingo, Marc Heft, Linda Stump, Renee Goodrich, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Cheri Brodeur, Galia Hataav, Pradeep Kumar, Margaret Temple-Smith, Mirka Koro Ljungberg, Bernie Machen, Bernard Mair, Paul Duncan, Sue Alvers and Sharda Udassi.

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Marc Heft and the February minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Marc Heft, Chair

- Marc shared the faculty Mission Statement comments with Provost Glover who will pass them along to the Board of Trustees.
- The Academic Personnel Board restructuring plan is on the March Faculty Senate meeting.
- Next Town Hall meeting is Monday, March 10 at 4 p.m. in NEB 100 (Engineering Building). April 14th Town Hall meeting's topic is "Open Access" and will be in Smathers 1A.
- Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs, has assisted in straightening out the parking for nine-month faculty. In the future Parking and Transportation will honor 9-month decals through commencement.
- Ombuds Search committee will meet for the first time tomorrow.
- Call for Proposals for Grand Challenges Courses deadline is March 31.
- We had a good turnout for the Round Table Discussion.
- The last of the Distinguished Professor Lectures is March 24 with Leonid Moroz. His topic is "The Final Frontiers: Genomics – from Brain & Memory to Antarctic & Space".
- The nomination period for Senate chair-elect is March 7.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

- The university recently announced that Al Warrington gave a \$75 million estate gift to UF.
- The new President's House is on track to start construction soon. This building is privately funded and is located where Baby Gator used to be by the Law School.
- The Board of Governors meets in Tallahassee March 20-21st and the Board of Trustees meets March 27-28th.
- State legislature started Tuesday. We're hoping that we'll get funds to start the Chemistry building and PECO.
- There will be an announcement at the Board of Trustees meeting about the Presidential Search.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Preeminence initiative is going well.
- Economics Department will soon transfer from the College of Business to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. This is a positive for the university and all are in agreement.

[Move Dept of Economics from WCBA to CLAS](#)

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Assoc. Provost

- Economics chair drafted the proposal to move to CLAS from WCBA.
- University Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council has reviewed.
- Will present at the Faculty Senate Meeting March 20

Graduate Council**Paul Duncan**, Associate Dean, Graduate School

- [MS Digital Arts & Science Degree Requirement Change](#)
- [Chemical Engineering Program Termination](#)

Curriculum Committee**Bernard Mair**, Assoc. Provost

- [Termination: Bachelor's Program in Landscape & Nursery Horticulture, CIP Code 01.1103](#)
- [New Major: BA in Biology \(under existing Bachelor's degree program\), CIP Code 26.0101](#)

Use of Force Annual Report**Linda Stump**, Chief, UPD**Task Force on Teaching****Mirka Koro-Ljungberg**, Chair, SCORS

- The Steering Committee had a conversation at its last meeting about a more systematic way for faculty to improve their development of teaching. Ideas since that meeting are:
 - UF should have teaching mentoring programs
 - How can we do with teaching evaluations to make them more valuable?
- There are significant resources available
 - IFAS has a long history of a series of workshop seminars that are open to faculty.
 - Academic Technology has a website called CITT that offers suggestions on how to improve teaching
 - CALS has a teaching website
 - TAs are given some training in the fall.
 - Encourage departments to provide mentors for new faculty.
 - Have at town hall meeting on teaching

Council Reports

- **Research and Scholarship Council** **Mirka Koro-Ljungberg**, Chair
 - SCORS meets next week with the Women and Research on the agenda along with the Distinguished Professor process.
 - At the Feb 7 meeting, SCORS discussed the Florida Press. Florin Curta found that 35 UF journals are published by the company. The list is posted on the website.
 - David Norton gave an update on new training for investigators and the council had a conversation about effort reporting and faculty assignment report.
 - Sandra Russo shared the findings of the IRWG Survey Report.
- **Academic Policy Council** **Renee Goodrich**, Chair
 - APC meets next week. The council discussed Faculty Review of Administrators
 - New dean of the International Center will be at a future meeting
 - Discussed various motivations to increase student online course evaluations.
- **Infrastructure Council** **Sharda Udassi**, Chair
 - Infrastructure meets next week. February's meeting was canceled.

- **Welfare Council**

Galia Hatav, Chair

- Had a meeting just before Steering Committee. Council discussed the new ombuds position
- Representatives from LGBT Affairs and LGBT Concerns Committee talked to the council about their upcoming survey. They will present some of the questions to the council at its next meeting.
- Discussed the faculty club survey.

Steering Committee approved the March 20, 2014 Faculty Senate agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.