

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2015 3 – 5 p.m.
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Attendees: Ana Spiguel, Paul Davenport, Beverly Sanders, Sue Alvers, Sylvain Doré, Jeannine Brady, Nicole Stedman, Patrick Reakes, Margaret Temple-Smith, Karen Whalen, Jorg Peters, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Paul Duncan and Joe Glover.

- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Paul Davenport. After introductions, the April 23 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Paul Davenport, Chair

- Paul Davenport introduced the new parliamentarian, Ana Spiguel. Barbara Wingo is retiring after many years of service to the Senate.
- Paul welcomed the new council chairs and pointed out that due to the hard work that faculty do beforehand, we have smooth running Senate meetings.
- Board of Governors breakfast is September 3 at 7:45 a.m. in Emerson Hall.
- Council reports for 2014-2015 are posted on the Faculty Senate website.
- Board of Trustees meeting is September 3 and 4th.
- Paul asked the Constitution Committee to review the faculty titles in listed in the Constitution. He noted that some of the titles are no longer used.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Legislative session this year starts January 2016 instead of March 2016.
- Some of the results from the last legislative session for the university are:
 - \$1.5M recurring and \$3.5M non-recurring funding for preeminence hiring.
 - President decided to use \$19M received for raises
 - The university received funding for the Nexus Building, Norman Hall renovation and to address the boiler issue.
- There are three finalists for the UF Performing Arts Director position. More searches opening up in August/September.
- Plans are to have a public relations campaign to move UF to the top 10 in surveys like US News & Reports.
- President's Investiture is moving along
- The Goals Committee work is on target. President talk about goals in the State of the University Address on September 24.

Curriculum Committee

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost
Academic and Faculty Affairs

- New Degrees
 - [BA in Foreign Language and Literatures](#)
 - [Bachelor of Public Health](#)

Graduate Council

- [Reactivation MS Fire & Emergency Degree](#) **Paul Duncan, Associate Dean, Graduate School**

Council Reports

- **Research and Scholarship Council** – Jorg Peters, Chair
 - Meetings have been scheduled for 2015-2016 with the first meeting in September.
- **Infrastructure Council** – Patrick Reakes, Vice-Chair
 - Last year the council completed the parking privatization report. This year work will be on shared governance and committee process.
- **Academic Policy Council** – Beverly Sanders, Chair
 - Items for APC this year are faculty evaluations, Advisory Committee for UF Online, adding faculty photos to their online syllabus, and move items in the approval process faster.
- **Welfare Council** – Karen Whalen, Chair
 - First meeting is September 16.
 - Drs. Whalen, Hass and House will give a session on “Tips for Mentoring Graduate Students” at the New Faculty Orientation next week. There are 64 attendees registered.
 - A meeting is scheduled next week for a UF faculty club.

Discussion

- Jorg Peters reminded the Committee that the Faculty Senate Action Item *Human Centered Computing New Degree* was not properly vetted at the college level.
 - Chair Davenport emphasized that the Faculty Senate role in the process was followed appropriately.

Agenda for the August 27 Faculty Senate meeting was approved

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.