

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2015 3 – 5 p.m.
Tigert 202

Attendees: Paul Davenport, Sue Alvers, Margaret Temple-Smith, Karen Whalen, Bradley Walters, Jeannine Brady, Sylvain Doré, Nicole Stedman, Kent Fuchs, Joe Glover, James Seale, Beverly Sanders, and Ana Spiguel.

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

Chair's Report

Paul Davenport, Chair

- SCORS elected a new chair – Valri Minson
- The Board of Trustees supports the faculty and university. The retreat was very productive.
- Thank you to those who attended the Board of Governor breakfast. Members of the Steering Committee and College Faculty Council Chairs were invited.

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- The university took \$1M of recurrent funds to raise minimum pay to \$12/hr. All administrators supported this decision. There were 454 fulltime employees making less than \$12/hr. Of the 454, 286 were custodians, 10 senior custodians, 44 were child development teachers and 23 were groundskeepers. If the university made the minimum pay \$12.50/hr it would cost an extra \$600,000.
- UF will not ask for a tuition increase for the upcoming year.
- The President will speak about academic freedom at the State of the University Address.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- UF moved up one spot to #47 in the US News and World Reports listings.
- Provost's office used Academic Analytics to show how UF compares with other Universities before and after hiring faculty under preeminence. The Provost noted that there was a substantial increase. Some UF departments moved into the top 10 from preeminence hiring.
- The Board of Governors met at UF last week. The Board of Trustees also had its retreat last week. Two major items were discuss at the retreat:
 - UF's external image
 - Sylvio Dore noted that at conferences he attends, people do not have any idea about the University of Florida or the location of Gainesville.
 - Overview of UFHealth
- Beverly Sanders asked that the process to add a major or course be streamlined.
 - Paul asked her to see if the APC can work on that issue.
- Sylvio Dore asked about the status of VIVO
 - Provost Glover mentioned that the grant to continue VIVO has run out and at the moment, the program is a lower priority.

Council Reports

- **Infrastructure Council** – Bradley Walters, Chair
 - Council has first meeting next week.
- **Academic Policy Council** – Beverly Sanders, Chair
 - First meeting is next week with the Director of UFOnline as guest.
- **Welfare Council** – Karen Whalen, Chair
 - First meeting is next week. Agenda items are Faculty Club/University House and per diem travel
 - Paul mentioned that he brought the per diem travel issue to the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates. There is no flexibility for travel per diem as this is set by the legislature. To increase per diem, the legislature must approve.
- **Budget Council – James Seale**
 - Council meets next week

Agenda for the September 24 Faculty Senate meeting was approved

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.