

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
September 8, 2016 3 – 5 p.m.
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Attendees: Melissa Johnson, Casey Griffith, Toby Shore, Ray Thomas, Sue Alvers, Susan Schaffer, James Seale, Jodi Gentry, Ana Spiguel, Ann Wehmeyer, Nicole Stedman, Paul Davenport, Kent Fuchs, Joseph Costas (via phone) and Joe Glover.

Nicole Stedman called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. After Introductions, the August minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Nicole Stedman, Chair

- Academic Freedom Symposium is October 27, 2016 from 3:30 – 5 p.m. at Emerson Hall
- Two Distinguished Professor Lectures are scheduled for 4 – 5 p.m. in Emerson Hall:
 - October 17 – Francis Putz
 - January 23 – Jeffrey Jones
- Reminder to engage in the climate survey

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- The UAA Director search is continuing and hope to have a person named by October 1.
- Provost Glover noted that we have an active Institutional Athletic Committee that is very active. Mike Sagas is the UF Faculty Athletics Representative and is a member on the committee. Dr. Sagas gives an annual report to the Senate.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Reminder that the legislature recently passed [new legislation](#) pertaining to textbook adoption. The President and BOT must submit a report annually to the chancellor how the university is complying with this legislation. The Chancellor then reports to the Legislature.
- Compass integration is on schedule and going smoothly. Dr. Stedman plans to invite Elias Eldayrie, CIO or Zina Evans, VP of Enrollment, to a future senate meeting to give an update on Compass integration.

[Request to transition UFCOM-J](#)

Casey Griffith, Academic Service Coordinator
Undergraduate Studies

Div of Urology to a Dept of UFCOM-J

- College of Medicine- Jacksonville requested that the Division of Urology transition to the Department of Urology.

[Climate Survey](#)

Jodi Gentry, Vice President
Human Resources

- Climate survey was completed last fall and the university received the results in June.
- The consultant was pleased with faculty participation of 36%.
- During summer, the university invited faculty to participate in exploring the data by hosting town halls and forums. More town halls and forums are scheduled for September and October for those who were not present during the summer.

- Ms. Gentry suggested that the university should do a climate survey every two to three years.

Council Reports

Infrastructure Council

Ann Wehmeyer, Chair

- Infrastructure Council met August 22nd. The Council revisited the online training issue and decided that Infrastructure Council should address the accessibility and access issue.
- Bob Parks, Director of Human Resources, was invited to discuss the types of training and brief the council on any training changes.
- The council discussed ways to centrally identify space for scholarly events on campus.
- Ray Thomas noted that there is concern about the risk management for computers and software and is causing delays in purchase and installation of new software.

Academic Policy Council

Susan Schaffer, Chair

- First meeting of the year is scheduled for September 21, 2016

Welfare Council

Ray Thomas, Chair

- Welfare Council invited Carolyn Tucker (*Barriers to Professional Goal Attainment among UF Women Faculty Inventory*) to the September meeting to discuss her study.
- The Council will review the frequency and quality of online training.
- Reviewed the Climate Survey
- Paid family leave is still an active discussion item.

Budget Council

James Seale, Chair

- Task force for reviewing RCM is starting to meet again and Jim Seale was invited to be on the task force.
- The council is inviting representatives from the UAA and Foundation for information on their budget. Also, Provost Glover will be asked to give an update on the preeminence program.

Thomas Mitchell, Vice President for Advancement, was added to the agenda. Mr. Mitchell will give a talk on “Go Greater Campaign”.

Steering Committee approved the September 22, 2016 Faculty Senate Agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.