

Senate Steering Committee Minutes
October 5, 2017
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
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Attendees: Angela Lindner, Alice Rhoten-Vlasak, David Quillen, Sylvain Dore, Susan Schaffer, Nicole Stedman, Katie Vogel-Anderson, Melissa Johnson, Ray Thomas, Ann Wehmeyer, Kent Fuchs, Joe Glover, Sue Alvers, Ana Spiegel, and Meera Sitharam.

David Quillen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and the September minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

David Quillen, Chair

- At the BOT retreat the trustees were very interested with the faculty perspective.
- Faculty Senate will be short on Oct 19. This is the day that Richard Spencer will have an event. Even with a short agenda, Faculty Senate will continue as usual.

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- President Fuchs distributed a draft Q & A on security for the Richard Spencer event.
- BOT retreat in Coral Gables went well. This retreat focused on the *US News and World Report* university ratings.
- President Fuchs asked that faculty consider accommodations for students on a case by case basis for Oct 19th.
- Archer Rd and 34th will be closed. Plans are to have more than 600 police.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- At the last legislative session, a requirement for civic competency to enter college was passed. Students must pass a civic literacy test for the 2018-2019 school year. If students do not pass, then the university plans to create a new course for remediation.
- BOG asked universities to revise performing metric number 10.

Degree Termination:

[BS Athletic Training](#)

Request to terminate the BS in Athletic Training

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

Council Reports

Welfare Council

Alice Rhoton-Vlasak, Chair

- Reviewed minutes from last six years to decide what to prioritize.
- Council decided on three topics
 - Human Resource Benefits: invite Jodi Gentry

- Formalize Mentoring Program across campus. Suggestion is to have a mentoring website available for campus.
- Equity for faculty across campus: Invite Dr. Tucker to return with additional data.

Research and Policy Council

Sylvain Dore, Vice Chair

- James Collins from IFAS was elected Chair

Budget Council

Meera Sitharam, Chair

- Updated the Budget Council website with revised revenue snapshot.
- Council will review and work on revising the Financial Transparency Portal (located on the Budget Council website) to add central administration transparency.
- Seek clarity on Effort Reports/certification and Faculty Assignment Reports.
- Invite the UF Foundation Controller to a meeting.

Academic Policy Council

Susan Schaffer, Chair

- Council plans to continue working on ongoing initiatives from last year and develop resolutions.
- Council reviewed USF's resolution on computer coding in lieu of high school language requirement. The council will ask Gillian Lord to write a draft to review.
- Invited Jennifer Smith to explain the evaluation software packages under consideration.
- Council plan to write a white paper on student incivility in the classroom.
- Will invite Joel Brendemuhl for update on Academic Integrity Taskforce.
- Angela Lindner will update on revision of exam policy.

Infrastructure Council

Ann Wehmeyer, Chair

- Council will invite Curtis Reynolds or his representative to a meeting to discuss flooding in university buildings. Faculty are complaining about all the flooding in their offices after hurricane Irma.

The Steering Committee approved the October 19, 2017 Faculty Senate agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.