

University Constitution Committee Minutes
December 11, 2013 3:00– 4:30 p.m.
Pugh Hall Oral History Conference Room

Attendance:

Barbara Wingo
Patricia Morgan
Sue Alvers
Jacqueline Swank
Ralph Rice
David Groisser
Angel Kwolek-Folland

Patricia Morgan, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and the November 2013 minutes were approved.

Draft Constitution Revision Language – Barbara Wingo, Deputy General Counsel

Barbara proposed language on two issues in the constitution that were identified at the November meeting

- The President is mentioned several times in the constitution. A generalized statement might be added to let the President delegate authority to an appropriate administrative officer or officers of the university.
- Adding that a school may consist of two or more departments or no departments and that if the school has no departments then the director can act in place of a chair.

Definition of “Leave of Absence” – Barbara Wingo, Deputy General Counsel

- The Senate office has had requests from some senators on sabbatical to be considered “offsite” senators so they can participate in senate meetings. Barbara researched the definition of “leave of absence” in the regulations. Her recommendation is that senators who are on uncompensated leave of absence are not considered “offsite”. However, if a senator is on “assignment” or on compensated leave, then he/she can be considered “offsite”.

Florida Statute 286.0114 – Barbara Wingo, Deputy General Counsel

- Florida Legislature amended the Sunshine Law to provide reasonable opportunity for public comment on a proposition that is before a board or commission. Senate Councils are not under this provision, but many of the senate and university committees are. The statute does allow the committee to designate certain procedures. Barbara [suggested bylaw revisions to provide guidelines in regards to public comment.](#)

A motion was made by Jacqueline and seconded by David Groisser to present the proposed language for the three constitutional amendment revisions and the bylaw revision to the Steering Committee. This motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.