

University Constitution Committee Minutes
November 13, 2013 3:00– 4:30 p.m.
Pugh Hall Oral History Conference Room

Attendance:

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

Tace Hedrick, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and the October 2013 minutes were approved.

Amendment to Tuition Regulation – Barbara Wingo, General Counsel

Barbara notified the committee about a proposed regulation amendment that was posted November 5, 2013. This is an amendment to regulation no. 3.0375 regarding tuition costs for undergraduate students in UF Online programs beginning Spring 2014 semester. These tuition costs are set forth in Section 6, have been established pursuant to Section 1001.7065, F.S. and are lower than the tuition costs for students in other programs. Changes to the regulation are on page 19 of the 21 page document. Comments concerning the proposed regulation must be submitted two weeks after posting. The committee recommended notifying faculty about the amendment to the tuition regulation. David Groisser made a motion and Ralph Rice seconded it. The Faculty Senate office will email the faculty about the amendment and deadline for comments.

PHHP/COM Vote for Senate Representatives Update – Patricia Morgan

Patricia contacted Robert Cook to explain the Constitution Committee's recommendation. Dr. Cook explained that both departments are disappointed with the Group 1 assignment and wish to be counted in PHHP. Patricia explained that there is not enough time to revise the constitution before spring elections and that this year, Epidemiology and Biostatistics will be counted in Group 1. In the meantime, Tace will ask the Steering Committee for its recommendation in January.

Constitution Problem for Engineering – Joe Wilson, Engineering

About 18 months ago, the College of Engineering created a school with two departments. During the process of updating its constitution to match its current structure, the college found that doing so would cause the Engineering Constitution to be inconsistent with University's. Joe is asking the Constitution Committee to revise the wording in the Constitution to resolve the problem. Barbara noted that there are several areas in the constitution that the committee should update. At the next meeting she will have draft revision language for the committee to review.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.