

University Constitution Committee Minutes
February 20, 9:30 – 11 a.m.
Library West Room 429

Attendees:

Christine Fruin
Sue Alvers

Ralph Rice
Barbara Wingo

Ana Spiguel
Paul Duncan

Christine Fruin, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m., the November 2014 minutes were approved.

Regulations (Lights)

- General Counsel's office is still working on the proposed Regulations, but they will be posted the first week in March. When Christine presents to the Senate on February 26, she will emphasize that all faculty should review the regulations that are posted in March and submit comments during the comment period.

Proposed changes to Article VI Section 5 of the Constitution

- Paul Duncan, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, presented the Graduate School revisions to Article VI Section 5 of the Constitution. He stated that the revisions were mostly "cleanup" except for D.
- The committee only had a couple revisions:
 - In Section "C" take out "shall assist" in the first sentence and replace it with "assists".
 - Delete the last sentence in Section "C".
- Final Proposed Constitution language which was motioned and passed by the committee. (see below)

Section 5. THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

- A. The Graduate School shall exercise general supervision over graduate programs within the University, including the establishment of minimum standards of admission and performance; the recommendation of approval by the Faculty Senate for new graduate education programs or changes to existing graduate education programs; the recommendation of candidates for graduate degrees to the President; the encouragement, financial and other support of graduate study and research where these functions are not otherwise assigned. Responsibility for the operation of the graduate programs shall be vested in the individual colleges, divisions, departments and institutes.*
- B. General policies and standards of the Graduate School shall be established by the Graduate Faculty, through the Graduate Council.*
- C. Acting as agent of the Graduate Faculty, the Graduate Council assists the dean of the Graduate School in the execution of policy related to graduate study and associated research. The application of general policies announced in the Graduate Catalogue shall have the approval of the Graduate Council.*
- D. University of Florida faculty members with tenure or in tenure accruing positions shall be considered members of the graduate faculty, effective at the time of their appointment to the faculty. All other appointments to the Graduate Faculty shall be made by the Dean of the Graduate School upon the approval by a two-thirds vote of all eligible*

Graduate Faculty in the appointing department and the endorsement of the department chair and dean of the college. Privileges regarding the level of involvement of Graduate Faculty members in supervising students are granted by the dean of the appointing college or other designated officials, in consultation with the faculty member and in accordance with criteria established by the appointing unit.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.