Constitution Committee Agenda
October 7, 2016
12:00 p.m. (Noon)
Tigert 155A

1. **Approval of September 2016 minutes** (see attached)

2. **Edit Bylaws to include addition of a new Senate committee** (see attached)

3. **Edit Bylaws to include addition of an existing Senate committee** (see attached)

4. **Edit Bylaws to re-order Senate committees** (see attached)

5. **Cleanup in Constitution** (see attached)

6. **Changes to IT Committee Language** (see attached)

Resources for the Meeting – Please bring these documents to the meeting

University Constitution, Updated March 2016
http://generalcounsel.ufl.edu/media/generalcounselufledu/documents/Constitution.pdf

Bylaws, Updated December 2014
http://generalcounsel.ufl.edu/media/generalcounselufledu/documents/Bylaws.pdf

Attendees:
Heather Ray (Chair), Sophia Acord, Christine Fruin, Rachel Purcell,
Richard Scholtz, Ana Spiguel

Heather called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM. The April minutes were
approved.

**Proposed Edit to Constitution to Include Addition of a Senate
Committee**
The Committee prepared a draft of language to include at Article V,
Section IV of the Constitution. Richard moved to approve the draft;
motion was seconded by Christine and the motion passed. After
approving the language, the Committee made one small edit. The revised
draft was accepted upon a motion by Sophia, which was seconded by
Richard. The proposed language draft is attached.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM

(E) University Information Technology Committee.   The University
Information Technology Committee shall be composed of seventeen
voting members, one member from the University Libraries and one from
each of the sixteen colleges.   Members will serve staggered three-year
terms, and may only serve one consecutive term.   Faculty members of all
ranks are eligible for membership.   The Chair is elected by the
Committee and will serve a one-year term. The University Chief
Information Officer, and two appointees of same, shall serve as liaisons
to the Committee.   The Committee shall provide advice and assistance to
the Chief Information Officer on matters affecting information and
communications technology.   The Committee shall assist University
leaders in developing and updating a strategic plan for information and
communications technology. The Committee shall advise the Faculty
Senate on all information and communications technology policy matters
affecting the University. The Chief Information Officer or her or his
designated liaison shall present matters of policy to the Committee in a
timely manner, provide the Committee with pertinent details about
information and communications technology network policy changes,
and report to the Committee on actions taken in response to the
Committee's recommendations.

2. **Edit Bylaws to include addition of a new Senate committee**

Insert into By-Law 20, (A) (2) (a)
"University Information Technology Committee"

3. **Edit Bylaws to include addition of an existing Senate committee**
insert into By-Law 20, (A) (2) (a)
"Compensation Committee"

4. **Edit Bylaws to re-order Senate committees**
re-order By-Law 20, (A) (2) (a) alphabetically:

1. Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations and Standards Committee.
2. Committee on Committees.
3. Compensation Committee.
4. University Constitution and Rules Committee.
5. Honorary Degrees, Distinguished Alumnus Awards and Memorials Committee.
6. University Information Technology Committee.
7. University Libraries Committee.
8. Senate Nominating Committee.
9. Senate Steering Committee.

5. **Cleanup in Constitution**
change the reference from Section 1 (C) to Section 2 (C) in Article 4, Section 2, Paragraph (D), Sub-paragraph 3 and to renumber Sub-paragraphs 3 through 5 to 2 through 4.

6. **Changes to IT Committee Language**
From Frank Bova, chair IT committee:

My only concern is the term limit. As with some committees the learning curve tends to be steep and having a productive committee member with accumulated history is often beneficial. Can we ask if the wording " unless an additional term is requested by the college faculty council".   Would allow some to continue for an additional term and if the member is not providing good college service they can not request the extension.

ADDED 9/30/16

Regarding our question about if they realized the implications of how committee members were chosen:

- yes, they do.   They are trying to keep faculty involved, not have membership slip into support groups that are around the campus (IT professionals, ie not the users of IT).   The idea was that faculty councils (bypass deans) would help find faculty who would serve.   This is similar to how they select senators - they go back to the college, the college puts for names.

Regarding our question about having student representation:

- They have since had a discussion with the president of student council to have students on the IT committee - it would be beneficial to have a couple of different students on it (professional students vs main campus vs law students etc ...).   They will encourage the student government to put together 2-3 students from different parts of campus for full representation of the student body.   We need to put language into the constitution about these 2-3 students from different areas of the student body.   I forgot to ask for clarification about if they are voting members, so for this draft we'll assume they are not (as they are not in the other committees) and then see what they say after October's revision.