

**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**January 27, 2011**  
**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Reitz Union Auditorium**

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The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved.

**Chair's Report**

**Mary Ann Ferguson**, Faculty Senate Chair

Mary Ann introduced Sue Alvers, new Administrative Assistant for the Faculty Senate and thanked the senate for their patience during the secretary transition. RTS announced that the 2200 retired faculty and staff can now use their GatorID to ride the bus system. The bus pass suggestion was discussed with Dr. Machen and Ed Poppell worked it out with RTS. Nominations for committees and councils are ongoing. Due to problems with the online form, paper copies were distributed to the senators to fill out and send to the Senate office. Deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. Chair Ferguson met with the college council chairs last month. Plans are for a shared governance evaluation by the councils of the colleges. The council chairs will have the report on this in April. President Machen asked the senate to identify state regulations that might be hindering the faculty's progress as teachers, scholars and service at UF. This is a request from state administrators. If you have anything to share please send to Chair Ferguson or Dr. Machen. When meeting with council chairs, there was concern SPP money available. Many applications are expected this year; however plans are for funding to stay the same. There is sentiment about a university wide climate survey. The future Faculty Senate administration will do a survey similar to one the president did in the past. If interested, contact Scott Nygren.

Council reports: Academic Policy Council is evaluating the continuation of the national merit scholarship program. Infrastructure Council is reviewing increased online training for faculty. Faculty input to governance with IT is progressing well. Budget Council met jointly with the Research and Scholarship Council to discuss RCM. They will present a report to the senate in April. Welfare Council is to meet with Dr. Machen in early February about the expected changes from the legislature on state employee benefits.

**Provost's Report**

**Joe Glover**, Provost

Joe Glover gave a brief explanation on how the beginning of the legislature will unfold. He noted that positions will change during the course of the legislative session. Creative Campus Committee was previously created as part of a national movement to infuse creativity to all campus functioning. The Provost's office has agreed to provide some funding for mini grants. This committee will handle every part of the award process for these grants. SACS accreditation is coming soon. Plans are to hire a Director of SACS or Director of Institutional Accreditation Processes through an internal search. The Board of Governors approved a Ph.D. in Public Health. Plans are to ask the Board of Governors for approval for market rates in five graduate and professional programs offered through distance and continuing education. Embanet-Compass Knowledge is now on campus and beginning to provide assistance with distance education infrastructure. If interested in using their service, contact Andy McCullough in the Provost's Office. Associate Provost Kathy Long is working on a proposal to reconstruct the Teaching and Learning Center on campus. If interested, contact Academy of Teaching Scholars or Kathy Long.

## Action Items

**New Degree Proposal, Masters in Sustainable Development Practice, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences** **Laurence Alexander**, Associate Dean of the Graduate School

This item was approved.

**Article VI of the Constitution, ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS OF THE UNIVERSITY, (Constitution Changes Regarding Departments)** **Margaret Temple Smith**, Constitution Committee

This item was approved.

### **University Curriculum Committee Proposals**

**Bernard Mair**, UCC Chair

- **Formation of the Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment, College of Engineering** **Mark Law**, Associate Dean, College of Engineering

It was voted to postpone this item until the February 2011 Faculty Senate meeting.

- **Request to Sunset the School of Health Professions, College of Public Health and Human Professions.**

This item was approved.

## Information Items

### **Doctoral Education Review Committee**

**Ben Dunn**, Distinguished Professor

Ben Dunn briefed the senate on the Doctoral Education Review committee's charge and how it reviewed doctoral programs. The committee has tried to identify the university's departments and programs that are nationally recognized and note the best practices they used. What resources are necessary to bring programs up to high levels nationally? Many of the members of the doctoral research committee have had experience with Academic Personnel Board that reviews promotion and tenure packages throughout the university. Dr. Dunn noted that they have focused on different sources of data and have compared programs to peer institutions and not other departments within the university.

### **University Curriculum Committee Proposal**

**Bernard Mair**, UCC Chair

Proposed change to name of Bachelor of Science degree from Agricultural and Biological Engineering degree to Biological Engineering

**Mark Law**, Associate Dean of Engineering

The Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department is proposing to change the name of its Bachelor of Science degrees from Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE) degrees to Biological Engineering (BE) in order to meet ABET requirements for accreditation.

### **General Education Committee Recommendation**

**Nancy Poehlmann**, Academic Policy Council Chair

Proposed an amendment to change the description of the General Education Committee in the Faculty Senate Bylaws.

## **Open Discussion**

Concern was raised about the lack of recent nominations for committees and councils this year. There is perception that research is more important than service when it comes to promotion and tenure. Dr. Glover emphasized that the university does place importance on service and faculty participating in shared governance.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

## **Senators Attending**

Peter Adams  
Manual Arreola  
Monika Ardel  
Lorena Baccaglina  
Alexander Berkovich  
Ashley Booth  
Gijs Bosman  
Nina Caputo  
William Castleman  
Nico Cellinese  
Jean Cibula  
Nereyda Clark  
Maria Coady  
Donald Cohen  
Robert Cook  
Betsy Creveling  
Oscar Crisalle  
Jerry Culen  
Deb Cupples  
John Dobson  
Michael Dukes  
Larry Duncan  
Kevin Farmer  
Mary Ann Ferguson  
Jane Gannon  
Lauren Garber-Lake  
Renee Goodrich  
Wayne Griffin  
David Groisser  
Charles Haddad  
Brian Harfe  
Edward Hart  
Galia Hataav  
Marc Heft  
Richard Hill  
Shannon Holliday  
Pat Hogue

David Janicke  
Margeaux Johnson  
John Kammeyer  
Phil Kaufman  
James Klausner  
Mirka Koro-Ljungberg  
Jason Kruse  
Stephen Lewis  
Rob MacKay  
Jack Mecholsky  
Renwei Mei  
Mike Meldrum  
Martha Monroe  
Cynthia Morton  
Paul Mueller  
Vasudha Narayanan  
Scott Nygren  
Mark Orazem  
Marc Ottenga  
Nancy Poehlmann  
Emily Pugh  
David Quillen  
Beverly Roberts  
Andrew Rosalsky  
Sandra Russo  
Kenneth Sassaman  
Orit Shechtman  
SA Sherif  
Susan Sinnott  
Daniel Siragusa  
Stephen Smith  
Maya Mazzi-Stanfield  
Keith Stanfill  
John Stevely  
Bruce Stevens  
Jake Streit  
Ghatu Subhash

Mickie Swisher  
Kevin Thompson  
Barry Tillman  
  
Mark Tillman  
Lori Waxenberg  
Henry Wihnyk  
Joe Wilson  
Jennifer Zadalis

## **Student Senators**

Ashley Johnson

## **Liaisons**

Joe Glover  
Henrietta Logan  
Michael Perri  
Margaret Temple-Smith

## **Guests**

David Bloomquist  
Milagros Pena  
Grenville Barnes  
Philip Williams  
Jonathan Peimes  
Lauren Alexander  
Paul Chadik  
Paul Ortiz  
Stephanie Hanson