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 Ardelt
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 Hatav
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 Orszem
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 Wexenberg
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