

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
March 24, 2011
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved with changes and corrections.

Chair's Report

Mary Ann Ferguson, Faculty Senate Chair

Concern was raised about handouts that were posted on the web less than seven days prior to the meeting. After some discussion the parliamentarian ruled that these attachments cannot be used during the College of Engineering presentation.

Announcements: Mary Ann Ferguson reminded the Senate that voting for councils and committees starts April 1 and ends April 15. Voting for Chair-elect is April 14 at the Faculty Senate meeting. The Senator Reception is April 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the President's House. We have a new calendar on the Senate website. It can be found under "Calendar" on the homepage. Shared governance reports are due April 1. Dr. Ferguson reported that Senator Greg Evers has agreed to amend his gun legislation bill to withdraw his recommendation that would have allowed guns on campus. The Senate applauded Senator Greg Evers efforts. Chair Ferguson reminded the Senate that Roberts Rules of Order are used for Senate meetings and will be enforced.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

Joe Glover reported that the Legislature is in the middle of action at the moment and that things are changing on a daily basis. The House released its budget yesterday and the Senate will release its tomorrow.

Presidents of the Southeastern Conference have indicated that they want to increase the academic activities in the SEC. They provided \$200,000 to fund an annual SEC Academic Conference that is intended to highlight the academic strengths of SEC schools and will be held in Atlanta, GA. Each university can nominate two proposals. At UF, the Deans will organize and decide what to submit. Deadline for deans to submit proposals for this year is May 2. Also, a SEC "Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award" was established. Each SEC university will have a process to select a "Teacher of the Year". The person who wins the university award will receive \$5,000 and compete with winners from the other 12 SEC schools. The overall winner will receive \$15,000 and a free trip to Destin, FL to receive the award.

The Provost's office plans to send out a weekly email with items of interest for faculty.

Action Items

- **Review of Respective COC Roles**
This item was approved.

Tim Johnson, Chair, Committee on Committees

Information Items

Progress Report on Engineering School

Cammy Abernathy, Dean, College of Engineering

Dean Abernathy addressed the issues raised when the Formation of the Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment was before the Senate at the last meeting. (The action item was tabled). Questions pertaining to the impact on students, clarification of administrative structure, budget impact statement, reasons for negative votes in the departments, Environmental Engineering Sciences decisions, Civil and Coastal Engineering decisions, conflict with the college constitution, and issues related to the process were answered.

- **Motion was made and seconded to take the formation of the Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment motion (from the February meeting) off the table for discussion and vote. A written ballot was requested by over 20 senators.**

This item was approved. The vote was 73 (69 votes in-house with 4 offsite) to 7 for taking the action item off the table.

- **Vote to vote for the Formation of the Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment.**

This item was approved. Vote was 65 (61 votes in-house with 5 offsite) to 7.

- **Formation of the Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment, College of Engineering.**

This item was approved by written vote requested by 20 senators. The vote was 65 (60 votes in-house with 5 offsite) with 2 abstaining to 5 for approval of the school.

Recommendation on Required Training

Mark Orazem, Chair, Infrastructure Council

The Infrastructure Council was asked to look into the significant amount of mandatory online training for faculty. The council found that it is important that the training should: 1) satisfy the relevant federal and state statutes, limit liability to UF, educate faculty and staff and maximize efficiency, 2) be appropriately targeted, 3) have a repository for certification to avoid forcing unnecessary repeat training, 4) have training frequency reduced, 5) have the impact of the training monitored, 6) comply with Section 508 usability requirements, 7) be presented to a focus group prior to implementation, 8) be centralized to MyUFL system, and 9) provide simplified access to training in MyUFL and other sites.

Role of HR in Safety and Counseling

Paula Varnes Fussell, Vice-President, Human Resource Services

Paula Fussell distributed a resource guide for troubled employees. This was patterned after the Student Affairs resource guide for students in distress. Other resources available are the Employee Assistance program and Employee Relations staff in HR.

UF Teaching and Learning Center

Kathleen Ann Long, Associate Provost, Office of Academic Affairs

With the help of the Academy of Teaching Scholars and support from the Provost's office, plans are to recreate the Teaching and Learning Center. Startup is Fall 2011 and will be a part of a two-year pilot program. Some of the services that the Center will provide are: boot camps for new faculty, demonstrating non-traditional teaching techniques, workshops and seminars, online library of teaching and learning resources, consultation and assessment services, and monthly newsletters.

FEO Report

Kathleen Ann Long, Associate Provost, Office of Academic Affairs

This is the third year of the Faculty Enhancement Opportunity Awards pilot project. FEO has received \$2 million for the past three years from the President's Office. FEO dollars did not take the place of any existing sabbatical/PDL funding. FEO is intended to be flexible and all units at UF should be able to participate. As of January 2011 FEO task force has approved and funded 171 proposals out 213. Awards for spring 2011 cycle are now being reviewed.

2011 Student Experience in the Research University Survey **Marie Zeglen**, Assistant Provost for Institutional Research and **Jeanna Mastrodicasa**, Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs

Marie Zeglen and Jeanna Mastrodicasa gave a short presentation on the results of the past SERU surveys and reminded the Senate that the SERU survey for 2011 is going on now. It takes about 20 minutes and students have provided wonderful feedback.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Senators Attending

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| Mary Adkins | Renee Goodrich | Mike Meldrom |
| Monika Ardelt | Kelly Gray-Eurom | Martha Monroe |
| Lorena Baccaglini | David Groisser | Giuseppe Morelli |
| Alexander Berkovich | David Hahn | Cynthia Morton |
| Ashley Booth | Frederick Hamann | Carol Murphy |
| Gijs Bosman | Brian Harfe | Vasudha Narayanan |
| Jane Brockmann | Edward Hart | Michael Nussbaum |
| Cheri Brodeur | Galia Hatav | Scott Nygren |
| Amy Buhler | Marc Heft | Mark Orezem |
| Nina Caputo | Shannon Holliday | David Ostrov |
| William Castleman | Aida Hozic | Marc Ottenga |
| Louis Cattafesta | Gary Ihas | Deana Pelfrey |
| Nico Cellinese | John Kammeyer | Nancy Poehlmann |
| George Christou | Mike Katovich | Neta Pulvermacher |
| Jean Cibula | Phil Kaufman | David Quillen |
| Nereyda Clark | James Klausner | David Reed |
| Donald Cohen | Mirka Koro-Ljungberg | Robert Ries |
| Betsy Creveling | Jason Kruse | Andrew Rosalsky |
| Oscar Crisalle | Lauren Lake | Sandra Russo |
| Deb Cupples | John Leavey | Kenneth Sassaman |
| John Dobson | Stephen Lewis | SA Sherif |
| Michael Dukes | Chihray Liu | Katie Sieving |
| Kevin Farmer | Rob MacKay | Susan Sinnott |
| Liz Felter | Todd Manini | Maya Stanfield-Mazzi |
| Mary Ann Ferguson | Tim Martin | Keith Stanfill |
| Jane Gannon | John Mecholsky | John Stevely |
| Robyn Gleason | Renwei Mei | Ghatu Subhash |

Joseph Tepas
Barry Tillman
Mark Tillman
Sonal Tuli
Sharda Udassi
Lori Waxenberg
Tonia Werner
Bernard Whiting
Tom Wichman
Joe Wilson
Joel Yelich

Liaisons

Cammy Abernathy
Paula Fussell
Joe Glover
Kathleen Long
Wolfgang Sigmund

Guests

Carol Kem
Jeanna Mastrodicasa
Marie Zeglen
Tim Johnson
David Prevatt
Chris Terran
W.A. McCollough
Jackie Ayers
Trey Hamilton
Fazil Najafi
Yafeng Yin
Jen Day Shaw
Bernard Mair
Fonnesi Maffrey