

**Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
3:00 -5:00 P.M.  
Reitz Union Auditorium**

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The meeting was called to order at: 3:00 PM

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

**Chair's report**

**Mary Ann Ferguson**, Faculty Senate Chair

Mary Ann Ferguson reminded the Senate of the Senate Blog, that nominations are still needed for senate positions on councils, and that the budget committee is still looking for input regarding RCM. She also asked faculty to volunteer to be on new IT committees. She reported on the Board of Trustees meeting held the week prior where she had addressed the issue of how RCM affects the humanities and social sciences with hope the conversation will continue in the spring semester. Ferguson reported that retired faculty will be allowed to use their GatorID cards to ride the RTS system by the end of spring semester.. She reported on council activities: The Academic Policy Council is making recommendations on National Merit Scholarships. The Budget Council and the Research and Scholarship Council met jointly to discuss RCM. The Infrastructure Council is working on governance with IT, the Research and Scholarship Council is analyzing the T&P software, and the Welfare Council is working parental leave and background checks,

**President's report**

**Bernie Machen**, President

Bernie Machen announced the implementation of energy saving measures over the holiday period. He reported on a successful BOT meeting: the gender identity inclusion in the non-discrimination rules was passed and block tuition and market-based tuition for online graduate programs were both approved. Block tuition is likely to be implemented in 2012. He reported on the new legislature and the states revenue shortfall and how this may impact UF's budget and benefits. Bernie Machen mentioned issues of state-mandated statues and regulations that should be faculty governed to be fully effective in UF's unique environment. Each of the councils will be polled to identify restrictions that are a hindrance solutions sought.

**Provost's report**

**Joe Glover**, Provost

Joe Glover announced that he has signed an MOU with an external provider of distance education infrastructure, Embanet-Compass Knowledge. The contract will be executed by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Their services should be available to faculty in the spring semester. The Committee on Doctoral Education is operational and the administrative liaisons have been soliciting doctoral departments to provide quantitative as well as qualitative data about their programs.

**Action Items**

**University Curriculum Committee Proposals**

**Bernard Mair**, UCC Chair

**1) Termination of the BAE in Middle School Education, College of Education**

This item was approved

**2) New Program Proposal in Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering**

This item was approved

**3) University Calendar Proposal and Calendar**

There were two items to approve: a change in policy on calendar creation and the actual calendars. The change in policy concerned cancelling classes on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The 2012-2015 calendars are constructed based on the approval of the Thanksgiving holiday. The University Calendar was approved. The proposal to have the day before Thanksgiving off was approved with an amendment that a limit of three years be applied to this proposal. The amendment sunset the proposal after three years, at which time it will be reevaluated.

## Information Items

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

Ken Gerhardt provided information about the Masters in Sustainable Development Practice. It integrates four broad areas of study, involves multiple colleges, and is supported by a million dollar McArthur Foundation award.

**Article VI of the Constitution, ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS OF THE UNIVERSITY (Constitution Changes Regarding Departments)**  
**Margaret Temple Smith**, Constitution Committee  
Margaret Temple Smith discussed the changes and stressed the importance of passing these at the next meeting.

**University Curriculum Committee Proposals** **Bernard Mair**, UCC Chair

Bernard Mair presented a proposal for the termination of BAE in Middle School Education, College of Education  
**University Curriculum Committee -**

- **Formation of the Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment, College of Engineering ,** **Mark Law**, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, College of Law
  - **Formation of the Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment**
  - **Senate Memo**
  - **SNRE E-Mail**
  - **College Council Minutes, 12-09-09**
  - **College Council Minutes, 1-14-10**

The College of Engineering is proposing to form the Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment. This will combine the departments of Civil and Coastal Engineering and of Environmental and Engineering Sciences into one school. The budget, staffing and research will be managed by the school, but academic programs will still be departmentally determined. The faculty of the departments are in favor of the school being created.

- **Request to sunset the School of Health Professions**, College of Public Health and Health Professions  
Bernard Mair submitted a request to sunset the school of Health Professions as it has not served the purpose it was created for in 2007. It was stated that faculty would not be affected by this change.

An unanswered question from offsite participant Sharda Udassi due to equipment failure was: Do you think we should have a system for regular doctoral program evaluation every year or so?

The meeting adjourned at: 4.05 PM

### **Attendees:**

Wayne Archer	Barbara Curbow	James Klausner
Lorena Baccaglioni	Henry Daniels	Mirka Koro-Ljungberg
Sanford Berg	John Dobson	John Leavey
Azara Berkovich	Mary Ann Ferguson	Stephen Lewis
Ashley Booth	Robyn Gleason	Tim Martin
Brent Boraddus	Abe Goldman	Renwei Mei
Jane Brockmann	Renee Goodrich	Martha Monroe
Cheri Brodeur	David Groisser	Carol Murphy
Amy Buhler	Charles Haddad	Scott Nygren
Eileen Buss	David Hahn	Mark Orazem
William Castleman	Brian Harfe	Marc Ottenga
Jean Cibula	Edward Hart	Nancy Poehlmann
Nereyda Clark	Marc Heft	Emily Pugh
Jerry Culen	David Holmes	David Reed
Deb Cupples	Margeaux Johnson	Robert Ries
	Mike Katovich	Andrew Rosalsky

Sandra Russo  
Vicki Sarajedini  
Greg Sawyer  
Katie Sieving  
Susan Sinnott  
Laura Sjoberg  
Keith Stanfill  
Jake Streit  
Joeseeph Tepas  
Mark Tillman  
Sonal Tuli  
Sharda Udassi  
Lori Waxenberg  
Karen Whalen  
Joel Yelich

**Student Senators:**

Ashley Johnson

**Guests:**

David Blommquist  
Carol Kem  
Mark Rush  
Bruce Wheeler  
Kirk Hatfield  
Grenville Barnes  
Paul Chadik  
Cindy Belknop  
Philip Williams  
Jackie Ayers  
Dawn Riedy  
Stephanie Hansen  
Ashton Charles

**Liaisons:**

Henry Frierson  
Joe Glover  
Henrietta Logan  
Michael Perri  
Wolfgang Sigmund  
Margaret Temple-Smith  
John Wright