

**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**May 12, 2011**  
**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**McCarty C100**

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The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

**Chair's Report**

**Mary Ann Ferguson**, Chair, Faculty Senate

Chair Ferguson welcomed the Senate and stated that her report will be short due to President Machen's Budget presentation. She will give a report on college shared governance later in the meeting.

**President's Report**

**Bernie Machen**, President

President Machen gave an overview of the 2011 legislative session. He stated that the university received approval to become self-insured and Shands will receive sovereign immunity. The spring/summer enrollment pilot with Bright Futures was also approved. The Legislature passed the 2011-2012 budget, with the university receiving a net reduction of \$33 million. Plans are for us to increase undergraduate tuition 15% each year for the next three years to help recoup some of the funding that was cut. Administrators are looking into alternatives to handle continued cuts in state funding.

**Provost's Report**

**Joe Glover**, Provost

Joe Glover explained the difference between the spring/summer pilot program and requiring students to take courses during the summer. With the spring/summer cohort pilot program, about 2000 students will attend the University of Florida during spring and summer (when demand is down) and not be in residence during the fall. Students can take online courses, do internships, study abroad, etc. during the fall. The legislature gave approval for students to use Bright Futures during the summer term for this program only. Requiring students to take at least 9 credit hours once during the summer is different than the spring/summer cohort. The university had the 9 credit hour rule until about 10 years ago when the legislature passed a bill to not make it a requirement. The legislature has agreed to re-institute the 9 credit hour rule for summer.

**Information Item**

**University Constitution Committee**

**Margaret Temple-Smith**, Chair

- General Education Revisions
- Review of Respective COC Roles

This will not come before the Faculty Senate for approval until next year. These have already been approved by the Senate. The Constitution Committee is working on the language and was presented at the last Faculty Senate meeting. It was decided at the last Faculty Senate meeting to return to the Steering Committee to work out the wording. Concern was raised about adding the Vice President of Student Affairs to the wording of each of the items and changing the meaning.

## Action Items

### **University Curriculum Committee**

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

- **Proposal to Create School of Advanced Dental Sciences**  
This item was approved.
- **Proposal for International Studies Major**  
This item was approved.

## Information Items

### **Inactive Programs**

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

- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
This program is inactive. This is just for Faculty Senate information.

### **College Level Governance**

**Mary Ann Ferguson**, Chair, Faculty Senate

With the help of college units, college councils and senates, we were able to give a report on college shared governance. Overall, it appears that shared governance at the college level is either integrated or evolving. Units currently conducting evaluations are good role models for those who are just beginning this process.

### **Mission Statement**

**Scott Nygren**, Chair-Elect, Faculty Senate

Students who have been working with Senator Graham suggested that the mission statement be modified to include a global citizenship statement. President Machen has agreed, although Dr. Machen wants to make sure that the mission statement continues to state that our primary mission is research and teaching. Since we are talking about modifying the university's mission statement, Dr. Nygren would like to form a task force in the fall to revise the mission statement. Suggestions are welcome.

### **Open Discussion from Senate Floor**

Dr. Ferguson told the Senate that she was delighted to have the opportunity to serve this past year. She pointed out that after working with Chair-Elect Dr. Scott Nygren, that he will make a great chair for 2011-2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

### **Senators Attending**

Jessi Aaron  
Mary Adkins  
Manuel Arreola  
Lorena Baccaglioni  
Sanford Berg  
Alexander Berkovich  
Gijs Bosman  
Amy Buhler

Louis Cattafesta  
Donald Cohen  
Oscar Crisalle  
Barbara Curbow  
John Dobson  
Michael Dukes  
Kevin Farmer  
Mary Ann Ferguson

Jason Ferrell  
Jane Gannon  
Robyn Gleason  
Wayne Griffin  
Charles Haddad  
Frederick Hamann  
Brian Harfe  
Edward Hart

Marc Heft  
Richard Hill  
Pat Hogue  
Shannon Holliday  
David Holmes  
Aida Hozic  
Gary Ihas  
David Janicke  
Mike Katovich  
Lauren Lake  
John Leavey  
Stephen Lewis  
Greg MacDonald  
Rob MacKay  
John Mecholsky  
Renwei Mei  
Mike Meldrom  
Paul Mueller  
Carol Murphy  
Michael Nussbaum  
Scott Nygren  
David Ostrov  
Marc Ottenga  
Nancy Poehlmann  
Emily Pugh  
Beverly Roberts  
Andrew Rosalsky  
Kenneth Sassaman  
Orit Shechtman  
Katie Sieving  
Daniel Siragusa  
Maya Stanfield-Mazzi  
Keith Stanfill  
Mickie Swisher  
Kevin Thompson  
Sonal Tuli  
Sharda Udassi  
Barry Tillman  
Jay Watkins  
Karen Whalen  
Bernard Whiting  
Tom Wichman  
Joe Wilson  
Joel Yelich  
Jennifer Zedalis

**Liaisons**

Teresa Dolan  
Joe Glover  
Michael Perri  
Judith Russell  
David Sammons  
Margaret Temple-Smith

**Guests**

Milagros Pena  
Rick Yost