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

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Chair’s Report

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

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 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

- 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

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

College Level Governance

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

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                        Louis Cattafesta                        Jason Ferrell
Mary Adkins                       Donald Cohen                            Jane Gannon
Manuel Arreola                    Oscar Crisalle                          Robyn Gleason
Lorena Baccaglini                 Barbara Curbow                          Wayne Griffin
Sanford Berg                      John Dobson                             Charles Haddad
Alexander Berkovich              Michael Dukes                           Frederick Hamann
Gijs Bosman                       Kevin Farmer                            Brian Harfe
Amy Buhler                        Mary Ann Ferguson                      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