

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
October 20, 2011
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes of the September 2011 meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

Scott Nygren, Faculty Senate Chair

Dr. Nygren reminded the Senate of the large number of major issues coming before it this year. Benefits restructuring, graduate program renewal, RCM effects, and self-insurance will all significantly transform the university. Faculty response to the benefits restructuring issue has been important: over 150 comments were posted on the Discussion area of the Faculty Senate website, and has contributed to the shaping of policy. The regulation will be posted in a week or so and further comments will be welcome. Since the Graduate Program Renewal initiative is under way with departmental reports due November 23, today's topical discussion will be on the Renewal process.

Everyone should have received the nomination letter sent out last week. The Nominating Committee has its website up and ready for nominations. Please consider nominating yourself for one or more of the councils.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

President Machen gave [a short presentation on Florida's role in the new economy.](#)

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

The Doctoral Renewal process is going on in the colleges. Departments are having an opportunity to re-examine their doctoral programs by engaging the entire faculty in the exercise. Reports are due to the college by November 23 with final documents due in January to Tigert Hall.

Action Item

Proposed Amendments

Paul Ortiz, Chair, Constitution Committee

Presented the proposed amendments for the "General Education Committee" and "University Curriculum Committee".

General Education Committee. The President or the President's designee shall appoint eight voting members to this committee from the majority of baccalaureate degree-granting colleges within the University. The Senate shall elect eight voting members from the faculty at large. Student Government shall select two non-voting members. The non-voting chair shall be appointed by the President or the President's designee. A co-chair who shall have the right to vote shall be elected by and from the Committee senate representatives. The General Education Committee establishes a philosophy of what constitutes the general education component for baccalaureate degrees offered by the University. It reviews, in accordance with established criteria, all courses proposed to fulfill General Education and University Writing and Math requirements. It makes recommendations to the Curriculum Committee regarding the continued effectiveness of the general education program.

University Curriculum Committee. The President or the President’s designee shall appoint twelve voting members to this committee from the majority of baccalaureate degree-granting colleges within the University. The Senate shall elect twelve voting members from the faculty at large. Student Government shall select three non-voting members. A chair is appointed by the President or the President’s designee. A co-chair who shall have the right to vote shall be elected by and from the Committee senate representatives. This Committee shall consider all requests for changes in undergraduate curricula or catalog listings, and for the addition of new courses of instruction in any of the colleges, divisions and schools of the University, except the Graduate School. When the question under consideration pertains to a course or courses at the “5000” level, available for graduate major credit, the Committee shall act jointly with the Graduate School. The Committee shall endeavor to eliminate unnecessary proliferation of courses and duplication of subject matter among courses. Ordinarily, the Committee’s decisions on proposals to add courses to the curriculum or to delete courses from the curriculum shall be final, but the department that is offering the course, or proposing to offer it, may appeal the Committee’s decision to the Senate. Such an appeal shall be addressed to the Committee, which shall either reverse its earlier decision or ask the Steering Committee to schedule Senate consideration of the appeal. The Committee’s decision on proposals to add, delete, or make changes in programs of instruction leading to undergraduate degrees shall not be a final decision, but shall be submitted to the Senate for final action. When the Committee begins to consider items requiring Senate approval, the Committee’s co-chair shall inform the Chair of the Academic Policy Council.

- **These items were approved**

Topical Discussion

Graduate Program Review

Carol Murphy, Member, Academic Policy Council (Facilitator)

- Ken Gerhardt gave a short presentation on the ABCs of graduate education. He walked the Senate through Recruitment, Enrollment, Active Retention, Completion of the Degree and help with Job Placement.
- Carol Murphy gave a short report on the APC meeting where the graduate program renewal was discussed. The council had three areas of concern: 1) Resources; 2) Metrics; and 3) Balanced Representation for all Disciplines in the Final Review Process.

A discussion ensued about Graduate Program Renewal. Comments and thoughts that were expressed:

- Do we have metrics of job placement?
- Is there a solution to addressing if the student doesn’t graduate in three years?
- Concern about using jobs in the future to evaluate a program
- We are looking at the programs in the view of the doctoral student
- Take this opportunity to inform the Graduate School what we do in our disciplines.
- We should provide this information to those who lobby.

Information Items

Open Access Announcement

Isabel Silver, University Libraries

- Open Access Celebration starts next week (October 26) with events and seminars.
- Reminder about the Open Access Publishing Fund.
- Please pick up information on the tables outside the auditorium

Faculty Awards and Education Celebration **Garrick Harding**, General Chairman, Homecoming 2011

- Invitation to Senators to attend the Reception in the Rion Ballroom right after the Senate meeting. Refreshments will be served. Faculty who were nominated by their students will receive awards.

Gator Advantage **Marvin Dewar**, Senior Associate Dean, COM

University of Florida Health Science Center is unique in the southeast. Every year it provides care for patients from every county. Gator Advantage is a special program for University of Florida faculty, staff and Shands employees where the health science center will provide outpatient appointments in a timeframe acceptable to the patient, including next day if requested. This is for all departments, specialties, clinics and Shands ancillaries. Appointment phone answering was moved to a centralized access center to improve hospitality and service.

U Matter **Dave Kratzer**, Interim VP of Student Affairs
Paula Fussell, VP of Human Resources

The University of Florida's U Matter We Care campaign formally starts in Fall 2011. It serves as an umbrella for care related programs and resources for those in distress. There is a centralized website, telephone number to triage and refer UF students and employees in need.

Rehumanizing the University **Bonnie Effros**, Humanities and the Public Sphere

Bonnie Effros gave a presentation on the 2011-2012 Speaker Series: Rehumanizing the University: New Perspective on the Liberal Arts.

Decrease in COM credit Hours **David Julian**, Co-Chair, Curriculum Committee

College of Medicine is requesting a decrease in credit hours required to complete the fourth year. Required hours will be reduced from 40 to 36 credit hours to bring the curriculum within the national norms for the fourth year at other medical schools.

Program Terminations **Ken Gerhardt**, Assoc. Dean, Graduate School

- Master of Family, Youth and Community Sciences
- Master of Health Sciences Program

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

- Since going online, student evaluations have declined 20%. What can we do to increase?
 - It's a known fact in literature that online evaluations get a lower response rate. Number of departments are experimenting with different methods to increase student evaluations.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Senators Attending

Jessi Aaron
Sophia Accord
Mary Adkins
Monika Ardelt
Scott Banks
Alexander Berkovich
Donald Bolser

Gijs Bosman
Cheri Brodeur
Mary Brownell
Amy Buhler
Eileen Buss
William Castleman
Nico Cellinese

Paul Chadik
George Christou
Jean Cibula
Donald Cohen
Joseph Costa
Jerry Culen
Deb Cupples

Barbara Curbow
Florin Curta
Michael Dukes
Larry Duncan
Liz Felter
Mary Ann Ferguson
Rui Fernandez
Jane Gannon
Lauren Garber-Lake
William Giuliano
Renee Goodrich
Wayne Griffin
Charlie Guy
Charles Haddad
David Hahn
Frederick Hamann
Jacob Hammer
Candace Harper
Edward Hart
Galia Hatav
Marc Heft
Richard Hill
Patrick Hogue
Gary Ihas
David Janicke
Margeaux Johnson
John Kammeyer
Mike Katovich
Phil Kaufman
Mirka Koro-Ljungberg
Pradeep Kumar
Rob MacKay
Marty Main
Tim Martin
John Mecholsky
Renwei Mei
Marjorie Moore
Paul Mueller
Debra Murie
Vasudha Narayanan
Michael Nussbaum
Scott Nygren
David Ostrov
William Properzio
Emily Pugh
Neta Pulvermacher
Jamie Reilly
Robert Ries

Beverly Roberts
Maria Rogal
Andrew Rosalsky
Kenneth Sassaman
Greg Sawyer
Rich Segal
Brent Sellers
Christiana Shaw
SA Sherif
Steve Shugan
Susan Sinnott
Keith Stanfill
Craig Stanley
John Stevely
Carol Stewart
Colleen Swain
Mickie Swisher
Margaret Temple-Smith
J.J. Tepas
Kevin Thompson
Mark Tillman
Amy Tobler
Sharda Udassi
Hans van Oostrom
Bradley Walters
Lori Waxenberg
Ann Wehmeyer
Cirecie West-Olatunji
Karen Whalen
Bernard Whiting
Joe Wilson
Janet Yamamoto
Mary Ellen Young
Henry Zmuda

Liaisons

Paula Fussell
Michael Perri
Joe Glover
Barbara Wingo
Judith Russell
Bernard Machen

Students

Ashley Carnifax

Guests

Naomi Young

Carol Murphy
David Julian
Stephanie Hansen
Paul Ortiz
Stephen Lewis
Walter O'Dell
Ann Wehmeyer
Henrietta Logan
Henry Baker
Paul Gulig
Marvin Dewar
Bonnie Effros
Ken Gerhardt
Dave Kratzer
Garrick Harding