

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
February 21, 2013, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

The Cheri Brodeur called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. January 2013 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair

- Reminded those offsite that it takes a while for questions to make it through to the meeting. We will monitor them.
- Thank you to all who put their names in for committees and councils. We need more nominees for Infrastructure Council. You must be a senator to sit on this council.
- Remind everyone that the March 21 Senate meeting was changed last fall to March 28.
- Those who are traveling and want to stream a senate meeting, please go to the Faculty Senate website to find the link. As a reminder you cannot ask questions or vote unless you are designated offsite.
- Emerson Hall has opened up for coffee. If you'd like to go there and talk to other faculty, it is now open. Plans are in the works to have a get-together with faculty at Emerson Hall. The first coffee discussion will be on research.
- First Faculty Forum on IT is called "Navigating Teaching Technologies Law and Policy" and will be held Wednesday, March 27 from 8:30 – 10:30 and will be in Smathers Library 1A. There will be refreshments. Barbara Wingo, Susan Blair and Cheryl Blanto are three of the speakers.
- Looking for nominees for Chair-Elect. Elections will be in April.
- We are having a May meeting this year because a lot will be coming out of the budget.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

- Admission letters have gone out for next fall's freshman's class. We continue to be impressive with the quality of the people who are applying to the university. The best and brightest young people in the state and region are still choosing to attend University of Florida.
- The Board of Governors approved a new trustee named David M. Thomas. He is a graduate of the Engineering College and served as Senior Vice President with IBM before retiring. He lives in Windemere, Florida and replaces Al Warrington.
- The Governor's budget has been published and the legislature starts the first week of March. In the next week or so we will start seeing bills in the House and Senate. There is great interest in higher education. The legislature ends the first of May, so the May Senate meeting is important.
- The federal situation on sequestration doesn't look good. It looks like sequester will happen and are worrisome to us. There are mandatory reductions in research and student financial aid if we go to sequester. Research awards would most likely be cut back. Federal agencies seem to be holding back funds in anticipation of sequester.

Action Items

Honorary Degrees

Stratford May, Chair,
Honorary Degree Committee

- The Senate approved the candidates for honorary degrees: William E. Anspach, Norman R. Augustine, and Jens N. Oddershede.

[African American Studies Degree Program](#)

Sharon Austin, Director
African American Studies

- This item was approved.

Information Items

IFAS Tenure and Promotion

Art Teixeira, Chair
IFAS Faculty Assembly

- IFAS has a proposal to extend the length of its probationary period from six to seven years. This was requested by the faculty.
- Senior Vice President Jack Payne came to the podium and stated that he supports this proposal.

Update on General Education Statute HB7135

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- We received all the campus feedback from 38 campuses. The Steering Committee is reviewing all of the feedback.
- A legislative revision has been drafted by the legislative staff to address some of the feedback.
 - Revision of the reduction of 36 to 30 hours. The bill seeks to revert to 36 hours.
 - Timeline is revised from 2014 to 2016, which allows more time to prepare
 - Allows some flexibility to add more core classes in the future.
 - Each institution will still have to accept all of the core courses, but the revision gives the institution the flexibility of not having to offer all the core courses.

[Rename PhD in Food Science and Human Nutrition to Food Science](#)

Ken Gerhardt, Associate Dean
Graduate School

- Dr. Gerhardt presented the rename request.

[Minority Mentor Program](#)

Jarrold Cruz-Stipsits, Director
University Minority Mentor Program

- Jarrold Cruz-Stipsits gave a short report on the Minority Mentor Program. The program would like to recruit more faculty to volunteer to participate.

[Proposed Regulations \(Lights\)](#)

John Leavey, Chair
Constitution Committee

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Senators Attending

Sophia Acord
Theresa Antes
Nagaraj Arakere
Ramon Bautista
Alexander Berkovich
Donald Bolser
Marcus Boston

Martha Brown
Babette Brumback
Paul Chadik
Edward Chan
Jean Cibula
Donald Cohen
Joseph Costa

Jerry Culen
Deb Cupples
Tammy Davidson
Julie Dodd
Kevin Farmer
Robyn Gleason
Charlie Guy

Jacob Hammer
Peter Hansen
Candace Harper
Edward Hart
Galia Hatav
Daniel Hoh
Shannon Holliday
Alice Holmes
Margeaux Johnson
Mike Katovich
Joseph Katz
Akito Kawahara
James Keesling
Mary Agnes Keith
Dmitry Kopelevich
Mirka Koro-Ljungberg
John Leavey
Lora Levett
Scott Livengood
James Mcleskey
Renwei Mei
David Miller
Kimberly Moore
Paul Mueller
Debra Murie
Vasudha Narayanan
Nawari Nawari
Michael Nussbaum
John Palmer
Deanna Pelfrey
Jorg Peters
Caryn Plummer
Mario Poceski
Rose Pringle
William Properzio
Neta Pulvermacher
Patrick Reakes
Jamie Reilly
Beverly Roberts
Andrew Rosalsky
George Samraj
Vicki Sarajedini
Peter Sayeski
Christopher Scuderi
Christiana Shaw
SA Sherif
Dietmar Siemann
Meera Sitharam

Maya Stanfield-Mazzi
Keith Stanfill
Craig Stanley
Nicole Stedman
Carol Stewart
Laurie Taylor
Margaret Temple-Smith
Joseph Tepas
Scott Tomar
Sonal Tuli
Sharda Udassi
Hans van Oostrom
Neill Wallis
Bradley Walters
Ann Wehmeyer
Karen Whalen
Sandra Wilson
Janet Yamamoto
Mary Ellen Young
Lei Zhou
Henry Zmuda
Roberto Zori

Liaisons

Cheri Brodeur
Marc Heft
Bernie Machen
Bernard Mair
Scott Nygren
Jack Payne
Win Phillips
Maria Rogal
Barbara Wingo

Guests

Sharon Austin
Rhondafay Brazil-Jares
Elayne Colon
Jarrod Cruz-Stipsits
Ken Gerhardt
Stratford May
George Pringle
Art Teixeira
Elaine Turner