The Cheri Brodeur called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. December 2012 minutes were approved.

Chair’s Report

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair
- Created an IT subcommittee that will include a representative from each college and liaisons to Welfare, Academic Policy and Infrastructure Councils. All three are involved with IT issues.
- Creating a task force for Open Access. Still a lot of questions and many faculty do not understand what it is. This task force will look at this and discuss before approve.
- Presidential reception for Faculty Senate on April 23. Those invited will be from the senate and committees and councils.
- Nominations are still open for the committees and councils.
- Cheri will be attending the Advisory Council of Faculty Senate meeting. This is an organization that includes representatives from all the state universities. We will be looking at the Gen Ed statute.

President’s Report

Bernie Machen, President
- President plans to continue to the President of the University a little while longer.
- We are short on resources for faculty and have asked the Governor for funding for more faculty.
- Governor’s budget will be out next week. The legislature is discussing ways to give new resources for higher education.
- Highest priority is additional compensation for faculty, staff and graduate students.

Provost’s Report

Joe Glover, Provost
- The Office of the Provost and CIO are joining forces to launch an initiative for data security on campus.
- Federal and state laws govern several security measures on campus.
- We have been improving the security systems on campus. IT Directors will start inventory their units by talking to individual faculty members to ask what type of data you are generating and where you store it and how secure.
- There is an IT governance structure that has advisory councils which include faculty.

Action Items

University Constitution Language Revision

John Leavey, Chair, Constitution Committee
- Steering Committee asked the Constitution Committee to clean up the last sentence of Article VI, Section 3(d) of the Constitution. The Committee recommends the following changes:

  Old language:
  In those instances where the nominee of the dean(s) of the college(s) is not concurred in by the departmental committee, that committee’s dissenting report should be forwarded to the President along with the nomination made by the dean(s).

  New language:
  In those instances where the departmental committee does not concur in the nominee
of the dean(s) of the college(s), the committee’s report should be forwarded to the President along with the nomination made by the dean(s).

This item was approved.

**Rename “School of Counseling and Guidance” to “Counseling and Counselor Education”**

**Ken Gerhardt**, Associate Dean
Graduate School

This item was approved.

**Mission Statement Consensus Draft**

**Linda Cottler**, Chair
Mission Statement Task Force

- Dr. Cottler presented the consensus draft from the Mission Statement Task Force.
- Five meeting were held. The group reviewed over 50 AAU Mission Statements and expressed their feelings, beliefs, and preferences.
- The task force answered key questions about what the university if passionate, at what we are really good, who are our most important stakeholders and what are they hiring us to do?
- A drafting subcommittee was formed to work on a preliminary document. The task force then did a group think twice with in-between homework.
- Mission Statement Consensus Draft

  The University of Florida is a uniquely comprehensive learning institution, built on a land, sea and space grant foundation. We are a diverse community dedicated to making the world a better place, united in our commitment to diverse approaches as a means to engage the world’s greatest challenge. Our mission is to promote open inquiry; to inspire scholarship and excellence; to generate, preserve, and disseminate knowledge; to learn, create, lead and serve for the benefit of the people of Florida, the nation, and the world.

This item was approved.

**Information Items**

**Update on General Education Statute HB7135**

**Bernard Mair**, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- We are currently accepting faculty comments on the Senate Blog. That opportunity will end next week. In addition, there is a survey that was created and being used by other institutions. You can find this at the Faculty Senate website. After next week all the universities will give their response to the Board of Governors. The BOG will review and make some revisions and send back to the colleges for approval. This will happen around May or June. The final proposal will go before joint committees of the university. We have received eleven comments on the blog so far and faculty have one more week to post their comments. These will be included in our campus report. Course syllabi will not have to be standardized throughout the state.

**African American Studies Degree Program**

**Sharon Austin**, Director
African American Studies
Open Discussion from Senate Floor

*Senator first. Three minute limit per speaker*

- Jorg Peters, senator from Engineering, summarized the recent College of Engineering survey.
- There was a question about a Reuters article on SACS investigating UF’s Presidential Search. Dr. Glover explained that his office forwarded all the information on the Presidential Search website to SACS. SACS reviewed and are satisfied.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Senators Attending


Liaisons

Cheri Brodeur, Henry Frierson, Joe Glover, Bernie Machen, Bernard Mair, Scott Nygren, Win Phillips, Barbara Wingo
Guests
Theresa Antes
Sharon Austin
Linda Cottler
Ken Gerhardt
Paul Ortiz