

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
September 27, 2012
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

The Cheri Brodeur called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. August 2012 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair

- March 21, 2013 meeting is rescheduled to March 28, 2013 due to a Board of Trustee Meeting.
- An article appeared in the newspaper recently about diminishing funds and rising expectations for public research universities from the National Science Foundation. A link will be posted on the Faculty Senate website for information purposes.
 - [** Diminishing Funding and Rising Expectations: Trends and Challenges for Public Research Universities*](#)
- Faculty have contacted the search committee to give names for nomination for the Presidential Search. Presidential Search subcommittees are currently meeting making preparation for the search. One Scott Nygren is overseeing and dealing with the visit with the University. Work going on behind the scenes, even though we are in a quiet time.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

- November we celebrate International Students world-wide. The University recently had three receptions for new international students. UF has over 1600 new international students that we have to have three receptions to accommodate all of them. In total we have over 6000 international students. Please seek out an international student to help her/him to integrate with the rest of campus.
- Next Friday night (October 5) will be a celebration at the Phillips Center to mark the closing of the Seven year Florida Tomorrow Fund Raising Campaign. The amount that is raised will be announced at that time, but it is over the \$1.5 billion that was targeted.
- Governor Scott called to thank us for being identified by Smart Money Magazine as the second best value in the nation.
- There is increasing concern in the national news media in the plight of public research universities with decreased funding on the national level for research. National Academy of Sciences and the AAU are making as much noise as possible on this as they can.
- Situation with the missing student is a great tragedy and tremendous sorrow to the whole community. Many volunteers from student affairs and victim advocates have helped in this effort. Our heart goes out to the people, friends and immediate family. We are helping where needed and where we think we can make a positive contribution.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

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- Spent the day in Atlanta recently with the meeting of the SEC Provosts. A number of years ago a SEC Academic Consortium was formed which has been rebranded as SEC University. It's intent was to show we had more than football teams. There are several initiatives.
 - Last year was the first year that SEC University had a competition for the "Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award". We submitted a name, but did not win. Each year UF will submit the Teacher Scholar of the Year award winner to the competition. The person who wins the

university award will receive \$5000. If the person wins the SEC competition he/she will receive \$20,000.

- SEC will run a series of conferences which will highlight the research goals and achievements in the SEC. First one will take place in February 2013 with the topic of “The Role of the Southeast in the Nation’s Energy Future”. It involves people interested in energy, development, production, marketing and storage.
- Pending a meeting next week, a SEC Travel Fund will be approved. It is intended to allow faculty members in the SEC to travel back and forth between SEC campuses to work together. If approved Kathy Long will be asked to structure some a selection process to allow faculty to participate.

Action Items

Program Termination – Master of Insurance

Laurence Alexander, Assoc. Dean, Graduate School

This item was approved.

Information Items

Proposed Policies

Bernard Mair, Assoc. Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- Policy for Co-Listed Graduate/Undergraduate Courses
 - This is new policy for joint graduate and undergraduate courses. It guarantees that undergraduates are not held to graduate level standards while upholding the integrity of the graduate program so that graduate students are completing graduate level work.
- Undergraduate Teaching Assistants
 - This basically provides a definition of roles and the minimum conditions that undergraduate teaching assistants must meet in order to comply with federal, state and university regulations.

Senate Council Updates

- **Academic Policy Council**

Maria Rogal, Chair

- Have 13 members, 6 from senate, 1 student, and 6 contributing faculty
- APC’s responsibilities encompasses educational policy, including the creation, modification, or deletion of academic programs and units; curriculum; academic standing; relationship of academic units to each other; general policies concerning student instruction; and academic merits of candidates for administrative positions of academic significance.
- Issues we considered last academic year:
 - College of Medicine Tenure Probation Period change from 7 years to 10 years
 - Reviewed issues surrounding interdisciplinary programs
 - Best practices between college units and how they might be accounted for in the Doctorate Program Improvement Plan evaluation
 - Online teaching evaluations
 - Good Life Course
 - Posthumous Degree Policy

- **Budget Council**

Marc Heft, Member

- Spent the last couple years looking at the impact of RCM on academic programs
- Key documents have been posted on the website along with the list of members
- First year met with Deans and last year we sent out a survey to the Deans all on RCM. This year we will continue to assess that information.

- **Infrastructure Council**

Jay Watkins, Chair

- Mission Statement is: To establish policies and procedures for academic infrastructure and support in cooperation with the President of the University and the Faculty Senate. This includes coordinating the work of operation committees that contribute to the physical framework of the campus community. Our goal is to achieve standards of excellence for the interdependent network of facilities and services essential to the top-tier public research university.
- Key issues for 2011-2012
 - Review and Critique of online FERPA Training
 - Examination of techniques used in quantifying faculty effort reporting
 - College of Fine Arts Library Situation
 - Review of Process for Technology grants and uses of technology fees
 - Open Access publishing with the University Libraries Committee
 - Streaming and recording of classroom lectures and associated legal and policy implications, as well as protection of intellectual property rights.
- Issues for 2012-2013
 - Intellectual property and privacy issues regarding recorded classroom lectures (in conjunction with other Councils, IT and general Counsel).
 - Review of online tenure and promotion process.
 - Review effect of budget cuts in infrastructure; closing of libraries, reduction of facilities maintenance, reduction of PECO funds and their effects on the ability of UF to fulfill its mission.
 - IT security – balancing security needs with ability to achieve academic mission.

- **Research and Scholarship Council**

Azra Bihorac, Chair

- SCORS Overview
 - Policy matters concerning research and scholarship conducted at UF
 - Recommend policies – new research and scholarship initiatives, interdisciplinary research, undergraduate research, research grants and contracts, graduates students research
- Members are 6 Senate members and Chair; Contributing Committees from Graduate Council and Research Policy Committee; Related Committees from Institutional Animal Care and Use, Institutional Biosafety, Institutional Review Boards
- Issues for 2012-2013
 - Accountability in research
 - Interdisciplinary research
 - Undergraduate research
 - Training Grants
 - Diversity in the research workforce.

- **Welfare Council**

Deanna Pelfrey, Chair

- Issues last year
 - Last year we put a lot of time into self-insurance - Gatorcare
 - Faculty benefits restructuring
 - Gator Advantage
- Issues this year
 - Gender issues as it related to promotion
 - Faculty retention and recruitment
 - UF Technology and impact on faculty
 - Promotion and Tenure
 - Faculty Ombudsman position
- Responsibility is to support, encourage, define, and evaluate the quality of the faculty and retention of faculty members, including faculty rights and academic freedom; faculty support programs, such as fringe benefit packages; faculty diversity; and programs that improve the quality of faculty life.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Senators Attending

Ramon Bautista
Sherry Benton
Alexander Berkovich
Jim Bice
Marcus Boston
Mary Brownell
Paul Chadik
Jean Cibula
Joseph Costa
Julie Dodd
Michael Dukes
Kate Fogarty
William Giuliano
Robyn Gleason
Renee Goodrich
Shannon Hamlett
Jacob Hammer
Peter Hansen
Edward Hart
Galia Hataav
Richard Hill
Cindy Higgins
Shannon Holliday
Alice Holmes
Margeaux Johnson

Phil Kaufman
Akito Kawahara
James Keesling
Dmitry Kopelevich
Mirka Koro-Ljungberg
Dragan Kujundzic
Bill Mahan
Renwei Mei
Kimberly Moore
Julie Morrisroe
Debra Murie
Nawari Nawari
Mahendrarajah Nimalendran
David Ostrov
John Palmer
Deanna Pelfrey
Jorg Peters
Caryn Plummer
Mario Poceski
Rose Pringle
Neta Pulvermacher
Patrick Reakes
Teresa Reid
Jamie Reilly
Beverly Roberts

Andrew Rosalsky
Beverly Sanders
Kenneth Sassaman
Greg Sawyer
Brent Sellers
Christiana Shaw
SA Sherif
Steve Shugan
Meera Sitharam
Maya Stanfield-Mazzi
Keith Stanfill
Craig Stanley
Nicole Stedman
Carol Stewart
Jake Streit
Laurie Taylor
Joseph Tepas
Steven Thomas
Mark Tillman
Amy Tobler
Scott Tomar
Sonal Tuli
Hans van Oostrom
Neill Wallis
Lori Waxenberg

Ann Wehmeyer
Joe Wilson
Sandra Wilson
Janet Yamamoto
Mary Ellen Young

Liaisons

Laurence Alexander
Azra Bihorac
Cheri Brodeur
Joe Glover
Marc Heft
Bernie Machen
Bernard Mair
Scott Nygren
Maria Rogal
Jay Watkins

Guests

George Pringle

Students

Ricky Salabria
Jose R. Soto