

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
April 17, 2014
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

Marc Heft called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. March 2014 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Marc Heft, Faculty Senate Chair

- Dr. Heft eulogized Scott Nygren, Faculty Senate Chair from 2011-2012 who recently passed away. He was part of the fabric of the University of Florida and will be missed.
- Town Hall meetings, Distinguished Professor Lectures and Round Tables are archived on the Senate website.
- Online evaluations resources: <http://apit.aa.ufl.edu/evals/promo.aspx>
- A webpage was established for the Presidential Search. Faculty are asked to review the criteria from the last presidential search and forward questions and suggestions to Dr. Heft who will forward to the search committee.
- College of Fine Arts is sponsoring an event tonight and Saturday night: The Red Silk Thread.
- Reminder: The Faculty Senate Reception is following the meeting at the President's House.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Legislature has been on break this week because of Easter holiday, so there isn't much to report.
- UF will launch two searches soon. The first is for the UF Online Director and the second is for the Chief Financial Officer. Matt Fajack has accepted a position at University of North Carolina.
- The Provost strongly endorses the move of the department of Economics from College of Business to the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. Everyone involved is in favor.
- The Provost strongly endorses the restructuring of the Academic Personnel Board. Because of the many cultures on campus, restructuring will treat all cases fairly.
- Questions:
 - Maya Stanfield-Mazzi – Graduate Assistant Union is working to eliminate fees paid by graduate assistants. CFA is concerned about these fees when the college is recruiting new students.
 - The Provost noted that due to state statute, some fees cannot be eliminated. The university is negotiating with the union on several options such as stipend adjustment or reducing fees.
 - Clay Calvert asked for confirmation about rumors floating around that if the preeminence positions are not filled by the end of the semester the preeminence funding will disappear. David Groisser was concerned that the legislature might pull back the funding if the positions are not filled.
 - The President previously indicated that when the allocations were made that colleges must show good progress to fill these positions. Plans are to reassess the allocations sometime in June and July and with consideration to reallocate funds. The Legislature will not pull back the funding nor will it disappear.
 - A question was asked about the Presidential Search. Is there enough time to complete the search and someone in place by January 2016? Dr. Heft mentioned that he didn't know the long term timeline. Those involved with the search wanted to make sure that input came from the nine month faculty before they left campus for the summer.

Action Items:

Chair-Elect Election

- After the only candidate, Paul Davenport, gave his presentation for Chair-Elect, the Senate elected him to the position.

Graduate Council

Paul Duncan, Associate Dean, Graduate School

- [MS Digital Arts & Science Degree Requirement Change](#)
 - This item was approved
- [Chemical Engineering Program Termination](#)
 - This item was approved

Curriculum Committee

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- [Termination: Bachelor's Program in Landscape & Nursery Horticulture, CIP Code 01.1103](#)
 - This item was approved
- [New Major: BA in Biology \(under existing Bachelor's degree program\), CIP Code 26.0101](#)
 - This item was approved

APB Restructuring

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost
Academic & Faculty Affairs

[APB Proposed Resolution](#)

- Comments:
 - Mary Keith stated that everyone that she has talked agree that the board should be enlarged, but concerned about two separate groups. She noted that the packets that come in should be distributed and not given to a particular group. The majority of IFAS Extension faculty want to be considered the same as other faculty on campus.
 - Charlie Guy suggested that the two groups should find a mechanism so that there is communication between the two groups ensuring that the university wide standard is evenly utilized between both groups.
 - Marian Limacher noted that the College of Medicine has piloted a fairly similar system for its college wide reviews. We found it to be quite successful and have a high rate of support.
- The item was approved.

Move Dept of Economics from WCBA to CLAS

Paul D'Anieri, Dean, CLAS

[Economics Proposal](#)

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost

- This item was approved.

Information Items:

[CFA Name Change](#)

Lucinda Lavelli, Dean, CFA

- College of Fine Arts seeks to change its name to *The College of the Arts*. Tally of the faculty vote was: For – 43; Against – 6; Abstain – 1.

Undergraduate Affairs

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost

- [Thanksgiving Break](#)
 - December 2010 the Faculty Senate approved the proposal to cancel classes on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving for three years starting in Fall 2012 and to evaluate whether or not to make it permanent. Dr. Mair asked the Senate to make a

determination this semester regarding the status of that holiday. He presented a graph and table comparing wastewater generated on Monday – Saturday of the weeks before, during and after Thanksgiving in 2010-2013.

- David Groisser asked if ridership on the city buses was compared. Dr. Mair stated that additional requests have been made for more data that he will hopefully have for the next Faculty Senate meeting.
- [Bachelor of Arts in Psychology](#)
 - Beverly Sanders raised a concern that it seems that we are offering degrees for just online students when the faculty were told that once UF Online started that the online degrees would be the same as degrees offered to the residential students. Dr. Mair explained that the academic standards are the same and that even though this is being offered only online at the moment, that there is not a reason why it couldn't be available for residential students in the future.

Graduate Council

Paul Duncan, Assoc. Dean, Graduate School

- [Changes to MS Computer Science – CLAS](#)
- [Changes to MS Computer Engineering](#)
- [New Degree: PhD in Computer Science](#)
- [New Major: MS Computer Science](#)

Constitution Committee

David Groisser, Member, Constitution Committee

- [Proposed changes concerning departments, schools and colleges](#)
 - Paul Chadik pointed out that there is one more discrepancy in the proposed constitution change that does not align with the College of Engineering. It is in "Article C" of the Department where it mentions "Department Chairs". College of Engineering Schools have "Department Heads". David explained that when the changes leave loose ends, the senate can propose that the committee revisit the article.

Open Discussion

- Mary Keith complained that the Senate should review and revisit how offsite senators can participate. She stated that she is having problems with sending questions and comments. She asked that the senate use polycom instead of streaming or both.
 - Cheri Brodeur offered to work with Mary Keith to correct the problem.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Senators Attending

Sophia Acord
Jane Bachelor
Ramon Bautista
Donald Bolser
Trevor Bopp
Marcus Boston
Jeannine Brady
Kendal Broad
Mary Brownell
Babette Brumback
Clay Calvert
Paul Chadik
Christa Cook
Deb Cupples

Paul Davenport
Tammy Davidson
Ana de Prada
Julie Dodd
Silvio dos Santos
Robert Emerson
David Groisser
Charlie Guy
Charles Haddad
Jacob Hammer
Satya Hegde
Phyllis Hendry
Cindy Higgins
Richard Hill

Daniel Hoh
Alice Holmes
Amanda House
Delores James
Rae Jesano
Edit Kaan
Mary Keith
Hayk Khachatryan
Dmitry Kopelevich
Pradeep Kumar
Sherry Larkin
Haniph Latchman
Lora Levett
Gillian Lord

Bill Mahan
James McLeskey
Kimberly Moore
Marjorie Moore
Paul Mueller
Larry Muszynski
Scott Myers
Vasudha Narayanan
Nawari Nawari
Michael Nussbaum
John Palmer
Jorg Peters
Anna Peterson
Andrew Pitkin
Caryn Plummer
Mario Poceski
Rose Priingle
Richard Rose
George Samraj
Beverly Sanders
Peter Sayeski
Susan Schaffer
John Schueller
Christopher Scuderi
James Seale
Brent Sellers
Susan Semple-Rowland
SA Sherif
Steven Shugan
Meera Sitharam
Laura Sjoberg
Maya Stanfield-Mazzi
Keith Stanfill
Craig Stanley
Nicole Stedman
Stacey Steinberg
Laurie Taylor
Margaret Temple-Smith
Sonal Tuli
Hans van Oostrom
Neill Wallis
Bradley Walters
Ann Wehmeyer
Barbara Welsch
Karen Whalen
Sandra Wilson
Caroline Wiltshire
Andrew Wolpert
Mary Ellen Young
Lei Zhou

Liaisons

Cheri Brodeur
Joe Glover
Marc Heft
Angel Kwolek-Folland
Lucinda Lavelli
Bernard Mair
Sharda Udassi
Barbara Wingo

Students

Josh Newman
Andrew Giacini

Guests

Lars Beattie
Paul Duncan
Marian Limacher
Walter O'Dell
Ray Thomas
Henry Young