

Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
December 12, 2013
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium

The Marc Heft called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. November 2013 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Marc Heft, Faculty Senate Chair

- Ongoing issues in progress
 - Board of Trustees met last week and were formed of the status of our preeminence initiative.
 - Board of Trustees Strategic Initiatives Committee co-chairs Chris Corr and David Thomas will review the current status of the Mission Statement that was developed by the Mission Statement Task Force and a second committee and seek involvement of faculty representatives prior to the BOT action at the March meeting. Chris and David will review the offered comments and send Marc the reviews for presentation as an information item at the January Faculty Senate meeting.
 - Several discussion items on the website.
 - UF Core Courses
 - Academic Personnel Board
 - Open Access
 - The next Town Hall meeting will be on Advocacy
 - January 6 in HPNP 1404 – Health Science Center
 - Speaker: Jane Adams, Vice President University Relations
 - Town Hall locations are spread around campus
 - Distinguished Professor Lectures – Mondays at 4 p.m. in Emerson Hall
 - January 27, 2014 – Les Thiele, Political Science, “Innovation and Ethics: Fostering A Culture of Responsible Creativity”
 - February 17, 2014 – Ranga Narayanan, Chemical Engineering, “Bhopal – a Tale of Technology, Tragedy and Travesty”.
 - March 24, 2014 – Leonid Moroz, Neuroscience, Genetics, Chemistry and Biology, Title: TBA
 - Round Table Discussion, February 24, 2014 at 4 p.m. in Emerson Hall – “What is, Scholarship”
 - Guest Speakers
 - Joe Glover, Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - David Guzick, Sr. Vice President for Health Affairs
 - Jack Payne, Sr. Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources
 - Call for Nominations for Senate Committees and Councils – extended the deadline to January 30, 2014.
 - Faculty Networking

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

- President Machen observed that the budget deal in Washington DC is significant in that it forestalls for about a year the next round of sequester funding.
- The state budget session begins early next year. The good news is that there is a surplus in the budget. UF is trying to make its position known on issues of importance for the university.
 - Top priority is raises for faculty and staff.
 - Hope to get the remaining funds for Chemistry Building.
 - Trying to get Newell Hall funded to convert to student learning center.

- Marshall Criser, Vice-Chair of BOT, has resigned to become the Chancellor of the statewide system. The Board elected Steve Scott as new vice-chair.
- We received a ruling from the state of appeals court this week about a gun issue. Our no guns-on-campus policy remains in effect. By the time we return in January, the university will have more of an idea what the ruling means.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- UF Online is scheduled to start in January. New Executive Director, Betty Phillips has arrived in Gainesville although she officially will not begin her duties until January.
- We had a conference last week entitled "Online Education: The Future of Higher Education". From all reports the conference was well received.
- We are in the process of the second wave of allocations for the Top Ten program. The Sr. Vice Presidents have recommended a number of proposals to the President. The President will consult with the committee of distinguished professors. A decision will most likely be made after the first of the year.
- Physical Plant has hired a space auditor who will look at space utilization.
- UF will start a three year major project to replace the student information system. The current system is decades old, on its last legs and written in assembler language. The university already owns the student module in Peoplesoft and will install that system.

Action Items:

Program Terminations

Paul Duncan, Associate Dean

- [PhD - Biochemistry & Molecular Biology](#)
 - This item was approved.
- [EdS – Research & Evaluation Methodology](#)
 - This item was approved.
- [EdS – Student Personnel in Higher Education](#)
 - This tem was approved.

[Resolution for In-State Tuition Rates for Undocumented Students Who Graduate from Florida High Schools](#)

Meera Sitharam, Senator, Engineering

This item was approved.

Information Items:

[Florida Statute 286.0114](#)

Barbara Wingo, General Counsel

Public Comments at Public Meetings

- The Florida Legislature passed a law effective October 1, 2013, requiring the opportunity for public comments under certain conditions at meetings of boards or commissions that are open under the Sunshine Law.
- This will require certain Faculty Senate committees as well as the Faculty Senate to provide for public comments prior to official actions being taken by the respective body.
- The law does not apply to the Faculty Senate councils as they are not considered boards or commissions under the Sunshine Law.
- This has been referred to the Constitution Committee.

Dance Marathon

Jamie Heekin & Carlos Gordian

Dance Marathon at UF

- Carlos gave information on the Dance Marathon.
- [Dance Marathon video](#)

Graduate Council

Paul Duncan, Associate Dean, Graduate School

- Program Termination
 - [Ed.S. Higher Education Administration](#)
- Name Change
 - [Graduate Degree in Urban and Regional Degree Name Change](#)

Academic Policy Council

Renee Goodrich, Chair

- Renee Goodrich gave a short presentation on the Academic Policy Council.
- The APC encompasses several areas
 - Educational Policy
 - Curriculum
 - Academic Standing
 - Relationship of academic units with each other
 - General policies concerning student instruction
 - Academic merits of administrative candidates
- APC is working on faculty review of administrators comparing UF with peer institutions
- Internationalization of UF academic programs and effect on T & P reporting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Senators Attending

Sophia Acord	Allyson Hall	Paul Mueller
Ramon Bautista	Jacob Hammer	Debra Murie
Sherry Benton	Candace Harper	Scott Myers
Jim Bice	Phyllis Hendry	Vasudha Narayanan
Donald Bolser	Richard Hill	Nawari Nawari
Trevor Bopp	David Hoh	Michael Nussbaum
Marcus Boston	Delores James	Jorg Peters
Jeannine Brady	Jasmeet Judge	Anna Peterson
Kendal Broad	Mike Katovich	Andrew Pitkin
Babette Brumback	Joseph Katz	Caryn Plummer
Clay Calvert	Mary Agnes Keith	George Pringle
Paul Chadik	Kevin Knudson	Patrick Reakes
Joseph Costa	Dmitry Kopelevich	Jeffrey Rollins
Deb Cupples	Pradeep Kumar	Beverly Sanders
Paul Davenport	Sherry Larkin	Peter Sayeski
Julie Dodd	Haniph Latchman	Susan Schaffer
Sylvain Dore	Lora Levett	Christopher Scuderi
Silvio dos Santos	Oscar Liburd	Rich Segal
Robert Emerson	Gillian Lord	Brent Sellers
Roger Fillingim	Alex Lucas	Susan Semple-Rowland
Katerie Gladdys	Bill Mahan	Meera Sitharam
David Groisser	James McLeskey	Laura Sjoberg
Charles Haddad	Valrie Minson	Maya Stanfield-Mazzi
	Kimberly Moore	Keith Stanfill

Nicole Stedman
Laurie Taylor
David Therriault
Sonal Tuli
Hans van Oostrom
Neill Wallis
Ann Wehmeyer
Barbara Welsch
Joe Wilson
Andrew Wolpert
Janet Yamamoto
Mary Ellen Young

Liaisons

Cheri Brodeur
Paul Duncan
Joe Glover
Renee Goodrich
Marc Heft
Angel Kwolek-Folland
Bernie Machen
Barbara Wingo

Guests

Jamie Heekin
Carlos Gordian