The Marc Heft called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. December 2013 minutes were approved.

**Chair’s Report**

Marc Heft, Faculty Senate Chair

- Ongoing issues in progress
  - There is an on-going discussion on the Faculty Senate website about the Academic Personnel Board restructuring. This will be discussed at the February meeting.
  - Dean Russell has agreed to host a Town Hall meeting on “Open Access” in April that will be held in Smathers.
  - The next Town Hall meeting will be on Online Education
    - February 10 at 250 Norman Hall (College of Education) at 4 p.m.
    - Speaker is Andy McCollough
  - Distinguished Professor Lecture – Mondays at 4 p.m. in Emerson Hall
    - January 27, 2014 – Les Thiele, Political Science, “Innovation and Ethics: Fostering A Culture of Responsible Creativity”
    - 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
  - Creativity in the Arts and Sciences Event – Friday, January 31, at the McKnight Brain Institute
  - 51st Annual Junior Science, Engineering and Humanities Symposium.
  - Need nominations for councils and committees.

**Provost’s Report**

Joe Glover, Provost

- Ombuds Position
  - There have been ongoing discussions for some time on a faculty ombuds position. The Provost’s office has approved this position on a trial basis. The Ombuds will report to Paula Fussell, VP for Human Resources. Marc Heft will nominate appropriate people to work with Paula to structure on this position and also the recruitment of one or two people. This position’s charge will be to help faculty who find themselves in difficulty and will not have authority except to find the truth.

- UF Online
  - UF Online is the collection of fully online undergraduate degree programs at the university that was mandated by the legislature. At the moment there are five fully programs online undergraduate degree programs as part of UF Online. It continues to under development with two more programs starting in the fall.
o UF Online was under the direction of Andy McCollough between May /June 2013 and December 2013. Betty Phillips is the new Executive Director of UF Online. Andy is now transitioning the work to Betty. Anyone interested in UF Online should contact Betty Phillips.

o A couple weeks ago the Provost gave a presentation to the House Education Committee on UF Online. So far we are meeting and exceeding the legislature’s expectations. They and the BOG are pleased with what we are doing.

o The second wave of allocations for the Top Ten/Preeminence Program was awarded. We selected 10 proposals from about 22 we received. These are in different research areas. Search committees will consist of interdisciplinary and operate by consensus.

o Performance Funding is a system where the legislature lays out metrics and universities are rewarded for meeting these metrics. The Board of Governors considered a performance model at their last meeting. They are asking the legislature for an additional $50 million to put toward the university system. This will be split up between state universities according to performance.

**Action Items:**

**Graduate Council**

Karen Bradley, Assistant Dean, Graduate School

- Program Termination
  - Ed.S. Higher Education Administration
    - This item was approved.
  - Graduate Degree in Urban and Regional Planning Name Change
    - This item was approved.

**Information Items:**

**Graduate Council**

Karen Bradley, Assistant Dean, Graduate School

- **New Degree:** Master of Science in Entrepreneurship
- **New Degree:** Master of Science in Information Systems & Operations Management
- **New Degree:** Master of International Business

**Mission Statement**

Marc Heft, Faculty Senate Chair

- After the last iteration of the draft mission statement from the Mission Statement Task Force, the Board of Trustees wanted to review it and provide input. The Board of Trustees Strategic Initiatives Committee reviewed the document and provided minor revisions. In a conference call with the members of the board, Cheri Brodeur and Scott Nygren on January 7, 2014, this version was discussed. There was consensus to support the January 7, 2014 version of the mission statement. January 7, 2014 mission statement version is:
  - The University of Florida is a comprehensive learning institution built on a land grant foundation. We are diverse community dedicated to shaping a better future for Florida, the nation and the world. Our mission is enabling students to become the next generation of leaders through excellence in education and research; and through creating, preserving, and sharing knowledge and expertise for economic, cultural and societal benefit.
- This is for information only as the Board of Trustees will take action on the Jan 7, 2014 version at the March Board of Trustees meeting. If anyone has comments, please send to Marc Heft and he will forward to the Board.
  - David Groisser pointed out that a mission statement should be well written and inspirational. The Jan 7 draft threw out the best part, which was a powerful last
sentence. The new last sentence has several structural flaws. He was disappointed with the Jan 7 version of the statement.

- Marc read the original draft (November 16, 2012) that was passed by the Faculty Senate on January 2013 and submitted to the Board of Trustees.
  - The University of Florida is a uniquely comprehensive learning institution, built on a land, sea, and space grant foundation. We are 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 challenges. 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.

**Smith Lever Act Centennial**

*Nick Place*, Dean, IFAS Extension

- Dr. Place gave a presentation on the 100th Anniversary of Florida Extension.

**Constitution and Bylaw Change**

*Barbara Wingo*, Deputy General Counsel

- The Constitution Committee asked Barbara Wingo to present their constitution and bylaw draft revisions to the Senate. These will be action items at the February Faculty Senate meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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