

Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
May 8, 2014
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium

Marc Heft called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. April 2014 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Marc Heft, Faculty Senate Chair

- Ombuds search is moving along. The search committee has identified certain candidates and will start interviews this summer.
- Please note that due to President Machen's schedule change, the State of the University address is rescheduled to August 28 instead of August 21.
- It looks like the university will have a promising budget
- The Presidential Search has begun. A committee was formed with Trustee Steve Scott as Chair.
 - Four subcommittees were created: Qualification and Criteria; Communication and Marketing; Compensation; and Campus Visit
- This is the last meeting that Dr. Heft is chair. Starting June 1, the new Faculty Senate Chair is Pradeep Kumar.
- Dr. Heft participated in the April 2 Gator Day in Tallahassee. His visit was extremely positive.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Ongoing Preeminence Program – Thank you to all who have participated in the preeminence program. The Preeminence Program consists of several initiatives.
 - Signature core course initiative – This initiative is proceeding at a pace that it should have a couple alpha testing courses in the fall.
 - Creation of UF Online – Captured a lot of attention. We spend time giving reports to the legislature and the Board of Governors. This is very important to the university and the State of Florida.
 - The \$15M that was allocated from the legislature for investment into research areas for the hiring of new faculty is continuing. This was augmented by an additional \$3M by the President and recently the Legislature has granted another \$5M into this program. Sum total is about \$23M.
 - There is furious activity in departments and colleges interviewing and recruiting candidates.
 - Provost will give a report to the Board of Trustees at its meeting the beginning of June.
 - The Legislative session has submitted a budget to the Governor. The Governor still has to sign off on the budget.
 - Much of the information has already been reported in the newspaper.
 - University is reasonably optimistic.
 - Along with the additional \$5M preeminence funding, the university will receive additional allocation for renovation of the Chemistry Building. There will be a ground breaking hopefully fall semester.
 - Should receive funding for the renovation of Newell Hall as an historic building. The university is also renovating the ground floor of the Marston Science Library.
 - According to the legislature, UF is receiving a good amount of performance funding. The President is reviewing and might use these funds for faculty and staff raises.

Action Items:

CFA Name Change

Lucinda Lavelli, Dean, CFA

- College of Fine Arts seeks to change its name to *The College of the Arts*.
 - This item was approved.

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.
 - This item was approved.
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
 - This item was approved.

Graduate Council

Beverly Sanders, Associate Professor, Engineering

- Changes to MS Computer Science – CLAS
 - This item was approved.
- Changes to MS Computer Engineering
 - This item was approved.
- New Degree: PhD in Computer Science
 - This item was approved.
- New Major: MS Computer Science
 - This item was approved.

Constitution Committee

Tace Hedrick, Chair, Constitution Committee

- ② Proposed changes concerning departments, schools and colleges
 - The Constitution Committee tried to make the language clearer, to make more sense and to conform to some of the ways that things are organized on campus.
 - Hans van Oostrom was concerned that some of the proposed language was changed a couple months ago and is up for revision already. Also, Engineering's structure isn't captured in this version. He's asked for clarification on tenure votes in a department.
 - Barbara Wingo explained that the Constitution Committee only deals with requests from the Steering Committee to make changes that have already been approved by the senate or clarify current practice. All changes that have been presented simply clarifies current practice. She noted that it is possible to be a member of more than one department.
 - Hans van Oostrom made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Paul Chadik seconded.
 - This item was tabled.

Information Items

Regulations (Lights)

Tace Hedrick, Chair, Constitution Committee

- The Constitution Committee has reviewed the proposed regulation changes that will be noticed for public hearings and makes the following recommendations. The Committee has adopted a color-coded key for easily identifying the regulation changes that it feels need further consideration.
 - **Red** – These regulation changes have elements that many faculty members might disapprove or deem to be controversial and, therefore, should be given thoughtful consideration by all.
 - **Yellow** – These regulation changes have elements that concern a limited group of faculty and we recommend that those faculty examine the rule changes closely and express their views both to the Senate and to the administration through the public hearings if they feel it is appropriate.
 - **Green** – These regulation changes had some impact on faculty but generally made only stylistic or technical changes.

Caveat: while the Constitution Committee has attempted to review every regulation in light of its potential impact on faculty, the committee is only a small group with limited knowledge of the specific workings of every aspect of the University. Recommendations should not substitute for individual examination of each regulation change.

- Summary of regulations in numeric order:
 - [3.0372 Student Health, Athletic, Activity and Service and Transportation Access Fees](#) – **Yellow**
 - [3.0375 Tuition Cost](#) – **Yellow**
 - [7.019 Tenure and Promotion: Definition, Eligibility, Granting of Tenure, Criteria, Procedures and Methods of Processing, Confidential Nature of Materials and Discussions, Reports and Appeals, Permanent Status and Sustained Performance Evaluations](#) – **Red** (*proposed revision on page 17*)
 - Paul Mueller noted that he has had conversations with faculty about this regulation. The APB's responsibilities is to advise the President with respect to promotion and tenure nominations. Historically, all APB members would review all the packets. He suggested that this regulation change be discussed at a later time. He made a motioned that this rule be tabled in the short term and then brought up again in the fall.
 - Barbara Wingo noted that these regulations were published on May 6th. Comments for the regulations should be submitted to the contact person mentioned on the notice within 14 days. This is the methodology that those who wish can comment. The comments are then considered by the president and the provost. The Senate approved these changes at its last meeting.

[Intercollegiate Athletics Report \(IAC\)](#)

Mike Sagas, Faculty Athletics Representative

- Mike Sagas gave a report on the highlights of the IAC for 2013-2014.

[OAA Faculty Awards Report](#)

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost
Academic and Faculty Affairs

- Angel Kwolek-Folland gave a report on Faculty Awards for Academic Year 2013-2014.

[Student in Distress Video](#)

Meggen Sixbey, Counseling and Wellness

- Meggen gave a presentation on the new Student in Distress Video and the [Counseling and Wellness Website](#).

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

- Josh Newman, Graduate Student Council President, mentioned that the GSA has several initiatives.
 - Semester meetings in a town hall format that is devoted to concerns/ideas regarding graduate and professional student life
 - Graduate and Fellowship pay
 - Students have expressed a vacuum of mentorship
- Lack of representation from the Humanities on the Presidential Search committee

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Senators Attending

Sophia Acord
Jane Bachelor
Jim Bice
Donald Bolser
Trevor Bopp
Kendal Broad
Clay Calvert
Paul Chadik
Joseph Costa
Paul Davenport
Tammy Davidson
Roger Fillingim
Kate Fogarty
Charlie Guy
Jacob Hammer
Tace Hedrick
Cindy Higgins
Daniel Hoh
Amanda House
Rae Jesano
Mike Katovich
Mary Keith
Dmitry Kopelevich
Pradeep Kumar
Haniph Latchman
Gene McAvoy
Paul Mueller
Debra Murie
Scott Myers
Vasudha Narayanan
Michael Nussbaum
Jorg Peters
Anna Peterson
Caryn Plummer
George Pringle
Patrick Reakes

Jeffrey Rollins
Richard Rose
Beverly Sanders
Peter Sayeski
Susan Schaffer
John Schueller
Christopher Scuderi
Brent Sellers
Susan Semple-Rowland
Steve Shugan
Keith Stanfill
Nicole Stedman
Margaret Temple-Smith
Sonal Tuli
Hans van Oostrom
Neill Wallis
Bradley Walters
Ann Wehmeyer
Nicole Whitehead
Caroline Wiltshire
Mary Ellen Young
Lei Zhou
Roberto Zori

Liaisons

Joe Glover
Tace Hedrick
Marc Heft
Angel Kwolek-Folland
Lucinda Lavelli
Bernard Mair
Barbara Wingo

Students

Josh Newman

Guests

Paul Duncan
Mike Sagas
Meggen Sixbey