

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
September 26, 2013
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

The Marc Heft called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. [August 2013](#) minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Marc Heft, Faculty Senate Chair

- Open Access: UF discussion has been spearheaded by the University Libraries Committee with further discussion by the Open Access Task Force. There needs to be a university wide conversation about what are the implications for your discipline. On September 13, the Provost and Dr. Heft sent an email to the Deans requesting faculty to review the ULC's draft report, to vote on whether faculty support the proposal and give specific feedback on the proposed policy to help craft a new open access policy for the university. The deadline for that is October 13.
- Preeminence Bill: Provost Glover will address this more fully in his virtual presentation. Dr. Heft highlighted the opportunities in the preeminence bill.
 - \$15 Million per year for five years for faculty hire.
 - In June the college deans were requested to provide proposals for new faculty.
 - Fifty two applications that were reviewed by the Senior Vice Presidents before being returned to the deans for refinement
 - The Dunn Committee (a committee of distinguished professors) provided the next level of review.
 - Their recommendations were directly provided to President Machen who will make the initial funding decision by mid-October.
- UF Core: State Legislature has authorized the university to implement up to 12 credit hours in certain core courses under the leadership of Bernard Mair. It will build upon the previous authorized Good Life Course.
- First Town Hall meeting was Monday at the Law School on Intellectual Property by Barbara Wingo. We had participation onsite and online. Next session is October 21 with Elias Eldayrie who will talk about IT issues in the Fine Arts Building.
- The most recent distinguished professors have been invited to provide lectures to a general audience for the coming year.
- Round Table discussions will be scheduled with the initial one to include academically diverse informed faculty and/or administrators in a facilitated conversation that addresses core issues and values of UF.
- Past chair Cheri Brodeur has been spearheading a number of activities and opportunities for faculty across campus to connect.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Provost Glover was not able to attend the meeting; however, he provided a [virtual report](#).

Action Items

University Curriculum Committee

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost

- [School Name Change \(ME Rinker School & Degree Program Name Changes\)](#)
This item was approved.
- [Academic Calendar – 2016-17 and 2017-2018](#)
This item was approved.
- **Approve Homecoming – Friday, October 17, 2014**
This item was approved.
- [Termination of BA in Asian Studies](#)
This item was approved.
- [Eliminate 1 Credit Chemistry Lab from BS Digital Arts & Sciences](#)
This item was approved.

Graduate School

Paul Duncan, Associate Dean
Graduate School

- [New Degree: Master of Environmental Analysis and Design](#)
This item was approved.
- [Close MAT in Latin American Studies](#)
This item was approved.
- [Sunset MA in Mathematics](#)
This item was approved.
- [Sunset Masters of Science in Teaching, Geography](#)
This item was approved.

Information Items:

[Gainesville and University of Florida Transportation Issues](#)

Thomas Hawkins, Esq.
Gainesville City Commissioner

[Statewide General Education Core Program](#)

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost

- Bernard Mair gave a presentation on the Statewide General Education Core Program

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

- Concern was raised about faculty/student ratio and the size of classes.
- Concern was raised that the state Gen Ed requirements were not approved by Faculty Senate

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Senators Attending

Jane Bachelor
Scott Banks
Ramon Bautista
Jim Bice
Donald Bolser
Jeannine Brady
Kendal Broad
Clay Calvert
Paul Chadik
Joseph Costa
Deb Cupples
Tammy Davidson
Julie Dodd
Sylvain Dore
Silvio dos Santos
Robert Emerson
Roger Fillingim
Kate Fogarty
Katerie Gladdys
Robyn Gleason
David Groisser
Charlie Guy
Charles Haddad
Allyson Hall
Jacob Hammer
Tace Hedrick
Satya Hegde
Phyllis Hendry
Cindy Higgins
Richard Hill
Daniel Hoh
Alice Holmes
Amanda House
Delores James
Rae Jesano
Jasmeet Judge
Edith Kaan
Joseph Katz
Dmitry Kopelevich
Pradeep Kumar
Sherry Larkin
Gillian Lord
Alex Lucas
Gene McAvoy
Valrie Minson
Kim Moore

Paul Mueller
Larry Muszynski
Brian Myers
Scott Myers
Vasudha Narayanan
Nawari Nawari
Michael Nussbaum
John Palmer
Anna Peterson
Andrew Pitkin
Caryn Plummer
Rose Pringle
George Pringle
Patrick Reakes
Jeffrey Rollins
Richard Rose
Beverly Sanders
Susan Schaffer
John Schueller
Christopher Scuderi
Rich Segal
Brent Sellers
Susan Semple-Rowland
Steve Shugan
Meera Sitharam
Craig Stanley
Nicole Stedman
Carol Stewart
Margaret Temple-Smith
Scott Tomar
Jenny Tucker
Sonal Tuli
Neill Wallis
Ann Wehmeyer
Sandra Wilson
Caroline Wiltshire
Janet Yamamoto
Mary Ellen Young
Lei Zhou
Henry Zmuda

Liaisons

Cheri Brodeur
Marc Heft
Sharda Udassi

Guests

Paul Duncan
Thomas Hawkins
Bernard Mair

Students

Katie Bonti
Andrew Giacini
Josh Newman