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

- **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

- **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  Paul Mueller
Scott Banks    Larry Muszynski
Ramon Bautista Brian Myers
Jim Bice       Scott Myers
Donald Bolser  Vasudha Narayanan
Jeannine Brady Nawari Nawari
Kendal Broad   Michael Nussbaum
Clay Calvert   John Palmer
Paul Chadik    Anna Peterson
Joseph Costa   Andrew Pitkin
Deb Cupples    Caryn Plummer
Tammy Davidson Rose Pringle
Julie Dodd     George Pringle
Sylvain Dore   Patrick Reakes
Silvio dos Santos Jeffrey Rollins
Robert Emerson Richard Rose
Roger Fillingim Beverly Sanders
Kate Fogarty   Susan Schaffer
Katerie Gladdys John Schueller
Robyn Gleason  Christopher Scuderi
David Groisser Rich Segal
Charlie Guy    Brent Sellers
Charles Haddad Susan Semple-Rowland
Allyson Hall   Steve Shugan
Jacob Hammer   Meera Sitharam
Tace Hedrick   Craig Stanley
Satya Hegde    Nicole Stedman
Phyllis Hendry Carol Stewart
Cindy Higgins  Margaret Temple-Smith
Richard Hill   Scott Tomar
Daniel Hoh     Jenny Tucker
Alice Holmes   Sonal Tuli
Amanda House   Neill Wallis
Delores James  Ann Wehmeyer
Rae Jesano     Sandra Wilson
Jasmeet Judge  Caroline Wiltshire
Edith Kaan     Janet Yamamoto
Joseph Katz    Mary Ellen Young
Dmitry Kopelevich Lei Zhou
Pradeep Kumar  Henry Zmuda
Sherry Larkin  
Gillian Lord   
Alex Lucas     
Gene McAvoy    
Valerie Minson 
Kim Moore      

Guests
Paul Duncan
Thomas Hawkins
Bernard Mair

Students
Katie Bonti
Andrew Giacini
Josh Newman

Liaisons
Cheri Brodeur
Marc Heft
Sharda Udassi