

Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
April 16, 2015
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium

Paul Davenport, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. March 2015 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Paul Davenport, Faculty Senate Chair

- Pradeep Kumar retired March 31, 2015
- Thank you to all that volunteered to serve on university committees and councils and voting. Election results will be posted tomorrow morning.
- President Fuchs is hosting the Faculty Senate Reception, Tuesday, April 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the former President's House
- Next Faculty Senate meeting is May 7 in the President's Ballroom, Emerson Hall.

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- At the last senate meeting, Dr. Win Phillips will give an update on the planning process to set university wide goals. A task force was appointed to guide in this. The President expects to give describe the initial version of the goals at the State of the University address in the fall. During the week of December 4, there will be a celebration of the University – past, present and future.
- Due to the construction at the O'Connell Center, commencement this year will be held in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.
- President Fuchs introduced Jane Adams, VP University Relations, to explain what has been going on in the Legislature this year.
 - Jane Adams noted that at the moment there is a standoff between the legislature, governor and federal governor. There's \$2B difference between house and senate versions of the budget.
 - UF is doing well in the House budget version. Some of the top priorities include:
 - Renovation and Expansion of Engineering building into the Nexxus facility
 - Renovation of Norman Hall
 - Buying new boiler
 - Preeminence funding – UF is seeking an additional \$10M
 - IFAS is asking for \$5.5M
 - Seeking funding for the St. Augustine project
 - Joint use of Library facilities
 - Policy issues going on in the legislature
 - Last year the legislature passed public exemption for researchers. This year UF is asking that animal care records at the College of Veterinary Medicine be exempt.
 - Other bills going through the legislature are:
 - Sales Tax exemption for textbooks
 - How many days in advance of class should textbooks be posted?
 - Senate version: Universities cannot increase graduate and professional tuition. House version has that the BOG approves graduate and professional tuition increases.
 - Guns on campus bill is sitting in Senate committee.

Provost Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- The College of Law is close to the end of their Dean search.
- A search has started for the Director of the University of Florida Performing Arts Center because Michael Blachly is retiring.
- UF has hired Ms. Betty Cummings as new director of UFOnline effective July 1st. Ms. Cummings served a Director in the US Environmental Protection Agency.
- Senior leadership has decided to take a portion of UF funds to invest in the creation of HyperGator II, a research computer. HyperGator I almost exceeds its capacity. The University is currently asking for bids. Plans are to have it up and running by October 2015.
- At the moment we have 80 out of 120 confirmed hires for preeminent funding.
- The PaCE program basically provides students a chance to start their degree online and then transfer to campus after completing prerequisites and earn 60 credits.

Action Items:

Chair-Elect Election

- Each candidate gave a 5 minute presentation about their qualification and goals before the vote. Dr. Keesling gave his talk by video.
 - [James Keesling](#), Professor, Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
 - [Nicole Stedman](#), Associate Professor, Agricultural Education & Communication, College of Agriculture
 - Nicole Stedman was elected Chair-Elect by majority vote. (James Keesling - 23; Nicole Stedman - 43)

Honorary Degrees

Paul Davenport, Chair

- Stratford May, Chair of the Honorary Degree Committee, had a conflict. Paul Davenport presented in his place.
 - Senate approved the candidates for Honorary Degrees: Walden Rhines and Henry Trawick, Jr.

Curriculum Committee

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- [Change Credits BSN-DNP Program](#)
 - This item was approved.
- [Change Credits Post Master's DNP Program](#)
 - This item was approved.
- [Close Economics \(College of Business\)](#)
 - This item was approved.

Constitution Committee

Christine Fruin, Chair, Constitution Committee

- [Revisions Article VI of the Constitution \(with edits\)](#)
- [Revisions Article VI of the Constitution \(edits accepted\)](#)
 - This item was approved.

Information Items:

Curriculum Committee

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- [Change Credits Choral Keyboard 2015](#)
- [Change Credits Choral Keyboard 2016](#)

Professor of Practice

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost
Academic and Faculty Affairs

- Academic deans asked the Office of Academic Affairs to explore the creation of a non-tenure-eligible faculty title emphasizing relevant industry and professional experience.
- After discussing with faculty and administrators, the Office of Academic Affairs proposes a new faculty title modifier: *Of [field specific] Practice*. Examples include: “Professor of Engineering Practice”, “Professor of Educational Practice”, “Professor of Business Practice”, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Senators Attending

Carrie Adams
Derek Barber
Jim Bice
Trevor Bopp
Gary Boulware
Dimitri Bourilkov
Jeannine Brady
Kendal Broad
Samantha Brooks
Christa Cook
Deb Cupples
Paul Davenport
Tammy Davidson
Keith Diem
Julie Dodd
Silvio dos Santos
Katerie Gladdys
Renee Goodrich
David Groisser
Darryl Heard
Phyllis Hendry
Cynthia Higgins
Amanda House
Ray Issa
Delores James
Rae Jesano
Jasmeet Judge
Edith Kaan
Mei-Fang Lan
Sherry Larkin
Gillian Lord
Volker Mai
Valrie Minson
Kimberly Moore
Paul Mueller
Larry Muszynski
Esther Obonyo

Walter O’Dell
Jorg Peters
Caryn Plummer
George Pringle
Cindy Prins
Patrick Reakes
Sarah Reuss
Mary Risner
Jeffrey Rollins
Andrew Rosalsky
Beverly Sanders
Susan Schaffer
Christopher Scuderi
Susan Semple-Rowland
Nipa Shah
Steve Shugan
Daniel Siragusa
Lauren Solberg
Maya Stanfield-Mazzi
Nicole Stedman
Stacey Steinberg
Laurie Taylor
Margaret Temple-Smith
Ray Thomas
Sonal Tuli
Katie Vogel-Anderson
Ann Wehmeyer
Karen Whalen
Nicole Whitehead
Sandra Wilson
Caroline Wiltshire
Yafeng Yin
Henry Young
Mary Ellen Young

Liaisons

Jane Adams

Christine Fruin
Kent Fuchs
Joe Glover
Angel Kwolek-Folland
Bernard Mair
Marc Heft

Guests

Lars Beattie
Meg Hendrix
Michelle Knight
Janine Sikes
Sondra Smith