

**Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
February 26, 2015  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Reitz Union Auditorium**

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Pradeep Kumar, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. He reminded the Senate that if members wish to participate in discussion that they should go to one of the two microphones in the aisles and identify themselves first.

January 2015 minutes were approved.

**Chair's Report**

**Pradeep Kumar, Faculty Senate Chair**

- Chair Kumar introduced President Fuchs. This is the first time that the new president has attended a Senate meeting. The Board of Governors has meetings during the same time as the Senate this semester, so President Fuchs has had a conflict. The Senate rescheduled the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to February 26 so that the president could attend.

**President's Report**

**Kent Fuchs, President**

- President Fuchs stated that during the first couple months of his appointment he plans to listen and learn along with
  - Building personal relationships with the legislature in Tallahassee.
  - Been building relationships with alumni of the university
  - Working hard to be accessible with the student body
  - Plans are to visit each of the colleges and schools.
- The university will launch a process next month documenting the university's aspirations for five years and ten years. The process will be at the university level and as inclusive as possible.
  - Provost Glover will communicate with the Deans that this will be done at the college level.
  - This process will be connected to a fund raising campaign that will be launched in a year or so.
- Senators asked several questions.
  - Alice Rhoton hoped that the university reinvigorates the importance of education for undergraduate students.
  - Beverly Sanders asked about UFOnline
  - Bruce Welt was curious about an article that mentioned anti-semitism at Cornell and Columbia.
  - Clay Calvert wondered what surprised the President about the university and out of state tuition.

**Provost's Report**

**Joe Glover, Provost**

- Provost Glover noted that the University has had a program for increasing diversity in the freshman class during the past five years. Several years ago the out-of-state freshman class was 5% and the current incoming class is 10%.
- Searches:
  - Search for the CLAS Dean is near the end. This past week the President and Provost have met with the CLAS search advisory committee. There are three strong candidates.
  - College of Law Dean search is a little behind. The Search Committee received the portfolio of all candidates for the position.
- Discussions have started in Tallahassee around the budget.

- The Governor and Board of Governors have taken a position that there will not be any tuition increases this year.
- The university hopes that the state will put another 100 million dollars into performance funding.
- UF is asking for another \$10 million in preeminence funding.
- Questions from Senators.
  - Ray Thomas noted that at the last Infrastructure Council meeting concern was raised about the building maintenance such as leaking roofs and lack of heating. Provost Glover explained that the legislature is still trying to find a PECO substitute for building maintenance for the universities.

## Action Items:

### Curriculum Committee

**Bernard Mair**, Associate Provost  
Undergraduate Affairs

- [Unified Elementary/Special Education](#) ProTeach Credit change
  - This item was approved.
- [Revision of Honor Roll and Dean's List Policy](#)
  - This item was approved.

### [Concealed Weapons on Campus Resolution](#)

**Pradeep Kumar**, Chair

- Chair Kumar explained that there is a bill proposed before the legislature which takes away exemption of college campuses of the concealed carry law which would allow people to carry weapons on campus.
- The Senate Steering Committee passed a resolution that opposes this. The two bills before the legislature is House Bill 4005 and Senate Bill 176. The Steering Committee resolution is based on the resolution that the Senate passed in 2011. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed resolution.
  - Discussion:
    - Sylvain Dore (COM) asked that he would like an amendment to add to the resolution title:
      - *And Increasing Effort to Update Training for First Responders* states:
      - Then end the resolution with:
        - *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we want to ensure that increasing effort is deployed to provide updated and sustained training to all first responders, including UF police and Gainesville and Alachua security officers, who are employed and trained to secure our safety should an emergency arise.*
      - A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment.
        - David Groisser agrees with the spirit of the content but thinks that the proposed amendment should be part of a separate resolution.
        - The amendment did not pass.
    - Bruce Welt gave a [power point presentation](#) against the resolution.
      - He noted that responsible adults follow the rules and criminals, lunatics and terrorists don't.
      - Murder Rates have fallen as the percentage of the adult population with permitted concealed handguns has increased.
    - Maggie Temple-Smith spoke for the resolution. She is concerned about guns scattered around campus. She is also worried that those who carry weapons

- are not expert shots, would panic in emergency situations and shoot innocent people instead of the intruder.
- David Groisser agreed with Maggie Temple-Smith. He is concerned about the proliferation of guns on campus and shootings.
  - Ray Thomas stated that personal security is a basic natural right. He noted that this resolution will do nothing to prevent the heinous acts of deranged criminals. It will only serve to deny the right of law abiding citizens.
  - Julie Dodd from the College of Journalism and Communications at its last meeting voted unanimously in support of a motion very similar to the resolution before the senate. She stated that her college would support this resolution.
  - Bruce Welt pointed out that this resolution does not stop the shooting of a professor. He stated that voting for this resolution would deny the right to defend yourself if someone came in and starting shooting.
- The motion to approve the February 2015 Resolution Against Guns on Campus was passed (Approve – 75 [66 onsite and 9 offsite] Against: 11 [7 onsite and 4 offsite] )

### ***Resolution Against Guns on Campus***

*WHEREAS, a civil, safe and open environment is fundamental to the educational and research mission of the University of Florida, and*

*WHEREAS guns, including legally purchased guns, have been involved in numerous unfortunate incidents on college campuses around the country in which students, faculty and staff have been injured and killed; and*

*WHEREAS, numerous studies have determined that possession of guns greatly increases the risk that innocent people will be shot, and*

*WHEREAS, Florida Senate Bill SB176 and House Bill HB 4005 was filed to amend Florida Statute 790.06 to allow the possession of firearms by non-law enforcement officials on university and college campuses, and*

*WHEREAS, the vast majority of the state of Florida educational and law enforcement professionals believe that prohibiting firearms on college campuses except by trained security officers is an essential element of overall school safety plan;*

*THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Florida, on behalf of the faculty of the University of Florida, strongly opposes SB 176, HB 4005, and any other legislation that would preempt an educational institution's right to prohibit or regulate possession of firearms on campus.*

## **Information Items:**

### **University Athletic Association**

**Jeremy Foley**, Athletic Director

- Jeremy Foley explained a little bit about the Athletic Association that might not be in the papers.
- UAA works hard to protect the UF brand and academic excellence.
- Integrity of the institution comes first.
- UF has 21 sports that represent the institution.
- Graduation success rate is 83%.

## Regulations (Lights)

**Christine Fruin**, Chair  
Constitution Committee

In Christine Fruin's absence, David Groisser, Member, Constitution Committee, read a statement about the regulations.

- The Constitution Committee wishes to advise faculty that proposed regulations will be posted online sometime next week. The proposed regulations can be viewed at <http://regulations.ufl.edu/>. Please review the proposed regulations and submit any comments you have within 14 days of the date of the notice that is posted. Comments should be submitted to Rebecca Holt via mail, fax or email at the following addresses:

Rebecca J. Holt, Executive Assistant  
Tigert Hall  
PO Box 113125  
University of Florida, Gainesville FL 32611  
FAX: 352-392-4387  
Email: [regulations@ufl.edu](mailto:regulations@ufl.edu)

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

## Senators Attending

John Abbitt  
Carrie Adams  
Pasha Antonenko  
Jane Bachelor  
Derek Barber  
Jim Bice  
Tina Bonahue-Smith  
Trevor Bopp  
Gary Boulware  
Dimitri Bourilkov  
Kendal Broad  
Samantha Brooks  
Clay Calvert  
Edward Chan  
Don Cohen  
Deb Cupples  
Paul Davenport  
Tammy Davidson  
Julie Dodd  
Sylvain Dore  
Silvio dos Santos  
Roger Fillingim  
Kate Fogarty  
Lyn Gettys  
David Groisser  
Charles Haddad  
Jacob Hammer

Darryl Heard  
Phyllis Hendry  
Cindy Higgins  
Daniel Hoh  
Alice Holmes  
Amanda House  
Ray Issa  
Rae Jesano  
Melissa Johnson  
Edith Kaan  
Mike Katovich  
Joseph Katz  
Hayk Khachatryan  
Mary Agnes Keith  
Mei-Fang Lan  
Haniph Latchman  
John Lilly  
Gillian Lord  
Alex Lucas  
Bill Mahan  
Volker Mai  
Eugene Mcavoy  
Valrie Minson  
Kimberly Moore  
Larry Muszynski  
Vasudha Narayanan  
Jorg Peters

Caryn Plummer  
Mario Poceski  
George Pringle  
Cindy Prins  
Patrick Reakes  
Jeanne Repetto  
Alice Rhoten-Vlasak  
Jeffrey Rollins  
Andrew Rosalsky  
Beverly Sanders  
Susan Schaffer  
John Schueller  
Christopher Scuderi  
Susan Semple-Rowland  
Nipa Shah  
Elizabeth Shephard  
SA Sherif  
Dietmar Siemann  
Maya Stanfield-Mazzi  
Keith Stanfill  
Nicole Stedman  
Stacey Steinberg  
Margaret Temple-Smith  
Ray Thomas  
Jenny Tucker  
Katie Vogel-Anderson  
Ann Wehmeyer

Bruce Welt  
Karen Whalen  
Nicole Whitehead  
Caroline Wiltshire  
Andrew Wolpert  
Yafeng Yin  
Mary Ellen Young

**Liaisons**

Joe Glover  
Kent Fuchs  
Paula Fussell  
Pradeep Kumar  
Charles Lane

**Guests**

Cheri Brodeur  
Bernard Mair  
Jeremy Foley