

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
January 22, 2015
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

Paul Davenport, chair-elect, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. December 2014 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Paul Davenport, Faculty Senate Chair-Elect

- President Fuchs could not attend the Faculty Senate meeting today due to a Board of Governors meeting.
- Because many of the spring Board of Governors meetings are on the third Thursday each month (which causes a conflict for President Fuchs to attend), the February meeting is rescheduled from February 19 to February 26.
- Nominations are still open for Faculty Senate Chair-Elect and also for councils and committees.
- February 9 at 4 p.m. is the next Distinguished Professor Lecture with guest speaker, Distinguished Professor Roger Fillingam who will give a presentation on *This Will Hurt Me More than it Hurts You: Understanding Individual Differences of Pain*. The Lecture is at Emerson Hall President's Ballroom.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Provost Glover gave his report by video due to the BOG meeting in Jacksonville. After the video, Provost Glover answered questions by phone.
 - BOG is requesting more performance funding for all state universities.
 - There is an interest in what state universities are doing with their online education.
 - A task force was formed to investigate the health and science enterprises around the state
 - Searches
 - CLAS Search Committee will soon provide candidates to review for its dean's position. Within the next week there should be a short list of semi-finalists for this position.
 - College of Law is continuing with this search for a new dean. The process is a little bit behind the CLAS process.
 - A hold-over search for the CFO is progressing.
 - Preeminence searches are continuing. We had 120 positions authorized and we have about 70 filled.
 - The President and Vice Presidents plan to relook at RCM, however, any review of RCM will most likely start the end of spring semester or later.
 - Construction Updates
 - Chemistry Building is underway on University Avenue.
 - Infinity Hall is a dormitory on 2nd Ave and is one of the first university's public/private partnerships.
 - Cypress Hall dormitory on SW 13th Street should open sometime toward the fall semester.
 - Plans are for renovation of Newell Hall for student study space.

- Questions and Answers via Provost Glover phoning into the meeting:
 - What are the criteria for students to enter the new dorms?
 - Cypress Hall – this is a regular dorm that will house mostly freshmen. No special requirements, however this facility has a certain number of rooms to accommodate students with special physical needs.
 - Infinity Hall – this dorm will have special expectations as it is designed for students with a special interest in entrepreneurship and innovation.
 - We've heard a great deal about preeminence. What are we doing to retain our excellent faculty?
 - Preeminence is not supplanting or eclipsing the efforts of retaining our excellent faculty on campus. (bad connection and Provost Glover was cut off)
 - What is the relationship with the search firm and the search committee for Dean of CLAS?
 - The search firm provides the entire pool of candidates to the search committee. The search committee determines the semi-finalists and finalists.

Information Items:

Curriculum Committee

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

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

[Diversity Survey](#)

Shari Robinson, Chair
Amelia Dempere, Chair Emeritus
Council on Diversity

- Council members have heard concerns from UF faculty and staff about the lack of diversity on campus.
- It has been expressed to council members that racial and ethnic minorities within departments experience isolation and are often overloaded with service given few faculty representing minority groups.
- Council on Diversity has developed a survey that will be administered to all UF employees.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

- Sylvan Dore requested that Steering Committee at its February 5th meeting approve a resolution that will be presented as an action item at the February 26th Senate meeting against concealed weapons and firearms on campus.
- Proposal:
 - I would like to request that this important item be included in the next Steering Committee on Feb 5th such that we can vote at our Next Feb 26th Senate Meeting.

Parents, family and future potential students are now selecting the institution at which they will spend the next transformative years of their lives.

I propose:

"A unified voice from the Senators representing Colleges and Departments throughout our great institution against the right to bear concealed weapons and firearms (with the exception of

police/law officers) in housing/dormitories and classrooms/offices within UF school properties and inside vehicles on campus, and this as part of the workplace violence UF policy."

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Senators Attending

Carrie Adams
Jane Bachelor
Derek Barber
Ramon Bautista
Jim Bice
Tina Bonahue-Smith
Trevor Bopp
Gary Boulware
Dimitri Bourilkov
Kendal Broad
Samantha Brooks
Jason Butler
Clay Calvert
Edward Chan
Don Cohen
Christa Cook
Deb Cupples
Paul Davenport
Tammy Davidson
Keith Diem
Julie Dodd
Sylvain Dore
Silvio dos Santos
Kitty Emery
Lyn Gettys
Katerie Gladdys
Renee Goodrich
David Groisser
Peter Hansen
Linda Hayward
Darryl Heard
Daniel Hoh
Alice Holmes
Delores James
Rae Jesano
Edith Kaan
Mike Katovich
Joseph Katz
James Keesling
Mary Agnes Keith
Mei-Fang Lan
Lora Levett
Gillian Lord
Alex Lucas

Volker Mai
Eugene Mcavoy
Kimberly Moore
Paul Mueller
Esther Obonyo
Jorg Peters
Caryn Plummer
Mario Poceski
Sarah Reuss
Alice Rhoton-Vlasak
Mary Risner
Andrew Rosalsky
Susan Schaffer
John Schueller
Christopher Scuderi
Nipa Shah
Steve Shugan
Daniel Siragusa
Meera Sitharam
Lauren Solberg
Keith Stanfill
Laurie Taylor
David Therriault
Ray Thomas
Sonal Tuli
Heather Vincent
Katie Vogel-Anderson
Ann Wehmeyer
Karen Whalen
Nicole Whitehead
Caroline Whiltshire
Yafeng Yin
Mary Ellen Young

Liaisons

Joe Glover (via phone)
Marc Heft
Barbara Wingo

Guests

Bernard Mair
Shari Robinson
Amelia Dempere