

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
September 18, 2014
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

Pradeep Kumar called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. August 2014 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Pradeep Kumar, Faculty Senate Chair

- Pradeep reported on a resolution passed by the Florida State University Faculty Senate, calling upon the Presidential Search Advisory Committee to not recommend Senator John Thrasher as a candidate for President of FSU and the FSU Board of Trustees to not hire Senator Thrasher as the next president of FSU. This was recently reported in the *Miami Herald*.
- Parking Privatization was discussed at the September Board of Trustees meeting. As of right now, parking privatization is off the table. Parking privatization is a public-private partnership such as the one at [Ohio State](#) and is expected to facilitate innovation in the overall organization. However, the UF staff report came to the conclusion that the benefits were not sufficiently attractive to continue.
- In the survey of graduate students, there seems to be a need for periodic assessment of progress towards previously identified goals. One proposal has been to make sure that doctoral dissertation committees meet at least once a year to assess progress.
- We had a great response to our call for nominees for the APB Special Election. The names are being considered by the Senate Nominating Committee.
- The Student Petitions committee has an opening. Please visit the committee website for more information
- UF Online will have a faculty advisory committee. Senators that have suggestions or nominations for this committee, please contact Dr. Kumar.

Action Items:

Graduate Council

Paul Duncan, Assoc Dean, Graduate School

- Program Terminations
 - [Marriage and Family Counseling](#)
 - This item was approved.
 - [Mental Health Counseling](#)
 - This item was approved.

Information Items:

[SERU Report](#)

Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Assistant Vice President
Student Affairs

- Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa reported on the data from the 2013 SERU Survey.
- SERU is a student survey that began in the University of California system and tailored to research universities and opened to AAU members outside California.
- UF surveyed all undergraduate students with a 58% response rate.
- 2013 Time Usage of UF Students compared to AAU peers
 - UF has more students participating in student organizations
 - UF has more students exercising and partying.
 - UF has less students attending class, discussion sections, and labs

- UF has less students preparing for studying and other academic activities outside of class
- UF has less students working.

Presidential Search

Marc Heft, Member
Presidential Search Committee

- Dr. Heft gave a background summary on the Presidential Search.

Open Discussion

- David Groisser commented on the presentation on the SERU Report about the number of hours that students typically put in outside of class from UF and other universities. He noted that this has been a concern of his since moving to UF. He has learned that the hardest courses are usually the ones that students learn the most. He is concerned that university pressure seems to reduce workload to students. Students gravitate to multi-section classes that are rated easy and punish professors for giving them more work than their peers receive. When promotion and tenure comes up for the professor, the only criteria used are teaching evaluations.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Senators Attending

Carrie Adams
Jane Bachelor
Derek Barber
Ramon Bautista
Lars Beattie
Jim Bice
Trevor Bopp
Marcus Boston
Gary Boulware
Dimitri Bourilkov
Kendal Broad
Samantha Brooks
Jason Butler
Clay Calvert
Edward Chan
Christa Cook
Paul Davenport
Tammy Davidson
Julie Dodd
Silvio dos Santos
Kate Fogarty
Lyn Gettys
David Groisser
Charles Haddad
Allyson Hall
Jacob Hammer
Linda Hayward
Darryl Heard
Phyllis Hendry
Cindy Higgins
Daniel Hoh

Alice Holmes
Aida Hozic
Ray Issa
Delores James
Rae Jesano
Melissa Johnson
Jasmeet Judge
Edith Kaan
Mike Katovich
Joseph Katz
Dmitry Kopelevich
Dragan Kujundzic
Mei-Fang Lan
Haniph Latchman
Alex Lucas
Bill Mahan
Volker Mai
Eugene Mcavoy
Kimberly Moore
Paul Mueller
Larry Muszynski
Walter O'Dell
Jorg Peters
Anna Peterson
George Pringle
Cindy Prins
Jeanne Repetto
Sarah Reuss
Alice Rhoton-Vlasak
Mary Risner
Jeffrey Rollins

Andrew Rosalsky
Richard Rose
Beverly Sanders
Susan Schaffer
Steven Shugan
Daniel Siragusa
Lauren Solberg
Maya Stanfield-Mazzi
Keith Stanfill
Stacey Steinberg
Ray Thomas
Heather Vincent
Katie Vogel-Anderson
Ann Wehmeyer
Barbara Welsch
Bruce Welt
Nicole Whitehead
Joe Wilson
Caroline Wiltshire
Andrew Wolpert
Yafeng Yin
Henry Young
Mary Ellen Young
Roberto Zori

Liaisons

Marc Heft
Pradeep Kumar
Barbara Wingo

Students

Mirna Amaya
Josh Neumann
Andrew Giacini

Guests

Paul Duncan
Jeanna Mastrodicasa
George Samraj