Paul Davenport called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and the December minutes were approved.

Chair’s Report

Paul Davenport, Faculty Senate Chair

- Reminder: Please make sure you signed in.
- Thank you for signing up for committee and councils. The Nominations Committee is putting together the nominations for this academic year.
- Marc Orazem is the first presenter for the Distinguished Professor lecture series on March 21st.
- Faculty Senate will take the lead on the Academic Freedom Symposium organization with consultation with the Provost and President.
- Please participate in the Path to Implementation symposium that starts this evening with discussion on national preeminence with Robert Birgeneau at 6:30 p.m. in Emerson Hall and continues tomorrow.
- Ray Thomas asked why the Faculty Club will not be at the University House.
  - Dr. Davenport replied that some issues were raised about using the University House for a Faculty Club. A meeting is set for next week to discuss more location options and Dr. Davenport will report back after more planning is completed.

President’s Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- President Fuchs wants to make sure that there is a viable business model and it not drain general resources and it not be for people over 60. It needs to be for younger faculty.
- Provost Symposium
  - Reminder that Robert Birgeneau will be the guest this evening at the symposium. He has a relevant record as a faculty and administrator and is a Project Chair of the Lincoln Project: Excellence and Access in Public Higher Education.
- Session with the Governor’s Cabinet
  - Governor Scott invited the University Presidents to attend a Cabinet meeting last week. Each President was asked about their commitment to graduating students finding employment if they are seeking employment.
  - President Fuchs sent an eight page response that will be provided to put on the Faculty Senate website.
  - UF has an amazing Career Services organization.
- United Faculty of Florida and Impasse
  - Trustees agreed today to follow the recommendation of the administration. UFF will be offered a 2.5% merit base raise beginning January 1, 2016.

Provost’s Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Vice President of Student Affairs Search Committee conducted airport interviews and have narrowed candidates to three finalists. The finalists will be scheduled to visit the campus during the month of February.
- Dean of Design, Construction and Planning Search Committee received all applicants and they have set up airport interviews. These will take place in early February.
- Provost Glover noted that the Board of Governors has a new chair, Tom Kuntz. Dr. Glover read portions of Mr. Kuntz’s State of the System Address which highlights three areas that he would like to place emphasis during his term.
  - Aligning Degrees to Match High-Skilled Workforce Needs
  - Elevating Research Profile
  - Increasing Access and Affordability
Action Items:

New Degree

- PhD Youth Development and Family Science
  - This item was passed.

2019-2020 Academic Calendar

- Edith Kaan asked why Fall 2019 term starts so early in August.
  - Steve Pritz explained the UF tries to have a one week break between spring and summer. It is sometimes affected by fiscal policies of the university.
  - This item passed.

Information Items:

College Financial Information

- About a year ago the Faculty Senate Budget Council requested the creation of an interactive, university-level financial report with available balance summary, amounts at the college, department and funding sources.
- Data is current – updated nightly to include transaction process by end of the business day.
- The Faculty Senate Budget Report will be available on the CFO’s website.

Are You Ready?

- Lynne Palmer and Katie Rogers gave a presentation on the new renovations of the Reitz Union. The new section will open early February.

Dr. Davenport forgot to mention early that he is working with the University of South Carolina Faculty Senate Chair to organize a SEC Faculty Senate Chairs group so that the SEC universities can communicate with each other about things going on at each campus. Hopefully the group can get together this spring semester.

Open Discussion

- Alex Lucas mentioned that she is glad the university is looking into decreasing student to faculty ratio in classes.
  - Provost Glover stated that the student to faculty ration has been a concern for a long time. With the aid of the Dean’s budget and recent appropriations from the legislature we are making progress.
  - The President agreed UF is making progress but stated that there is a lot of work to be done.
    - IFAS has received funding that was created by the Agriculture community.
- Jonathan Cohen wondered if any thought has been given for students to be good citizens.
• Provost Glover reminded the senate that UF has good programs plus all freshman must take the Good Life Course. He also noted the Bob Graham Center for Public Service has made one of the centerpiece projects the issue of civic preparedness for our graduates.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Senators Attending
John Abbitt
Luis Alvarez-Castro
Pasha Antonenko
Jane Bachelor
Lars Beattie
Trevor Bopp
Gary Boulware
Dimitri Bourilkov
Jeannine Brady
Kristy Breuhl Smith
Samantha Brooks
Thomas Buford
Jason Butler
Clay Calvert
Don Cohen
Michael Dark
Paul Davenport
Tammy Davidson
Silvio dos Santos
Kitty Emery
Ibrahim Faruqi
Roger Fillingim
Carrie Geiger
Katerie Gladdys
Renee Goodrich
Charles Haddad
Jacob Hammer
Chris Hass
Marc Heft
Amanda House
Raymond Issa
Rae Jesano
Melissa Johnson
Edith Kaan
Bahareh Keith
Heather Kent
Serdar Kirli
Mei-Fang Lan
Sherry Larkin
Haniph Latchman
John Lilly
Gillian Lord
Alex Lucas

Volker Mai
William McGehee
Jack Mecholsky
Nancy Moores
Larry Muszynski
Ashley Booth Norse
Walter O’Dell
Brandi Omerod
Cindy Prins
David Quillen
Alice Rhoton-Vlasak
Mary Risner
Churchill Roberts
Jeffrey Rollins
Andrew Rosalsky
Jean-Francois Roulet
Melody Royster
Karen Sando
John Sansalone
Elizabeth Shephard
SA Sherif
Steve Shugan
Amy Simonne
Daniel Siragusa
Meera Sitharam
Lauren Solberg
Elisa Sottile
Stacey Steinberg
Margaret Temple Smith
Ray Thomas
Hans van Oostrom
Katie Vogel-Anderson
Jay Watkins
Ann Wehmeyer
Barbara Welsch
Brigitte Weltman-Aron
Nicole Whitehead
Caroline Wiltshire
Patricia Woods
Yafeng Yin
Henry Young
Mary Ellen Young

Liaisons
Kent Fuchs
Joe Glover
Angela Lindner
Winifred Phillips
Stephen Pritz
James Seale
Ana Spiguel
Nicole Stedman
Elaine Turner

Students
Nathan Blinn

Guests
Greg Dubois
Paul Duncan
Frances Fiorello
Lynne Palmer
Katie Rogers