Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2015, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Reitz Union Auditorium

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

Chair’s Report  
Paul Davenport, Faculty Senate Chair
- Advisory Council of Faculty Senates is an organization whose members are chairs from Florida’s 12 universities. Drs. Davenport and Stedman attended the ACFS Meeting on October 2, 2015. The ACFS voted unanimously to reaffirm ACFS resolution opposing “Guns on Campus” legislation for 2016.
- University Relations Office is scheduled to launch a refreshed UF homepage on Wednesday, November 4 recognizing that faculty members are one of the primary stakeholder groups at UF.

President’s Report  
Kent Fuchs, President
- President Fuchs commented on Academic Freedom and Faculty Advocacy. (The attached document is the President’s Talking Points NOT a transcript)

Provost’s Report  
Joe Glover, Provost
- Two administrative searches were launched this week.
  - Dean Silvers notified all the faculty in Design, Construction and Planning that he will be stepping down as dean at the end of the year. A search committee was formed to find a successor.
  - Dave Kratzer, Vice President for Student Affairs, has decided to retire at the end of the fiscal year. A search committee was formed today to find his successor.
- The College of Engineering, in recognition of a large transformative gift, has been renamed the “Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering”.
- A committee of deans, faculty and some administrators was charged to look at administrative policies and processes of graduate programs (not curriculum). The Provost has asked that this committee give a list of requirements and make recommendations for graduate education.
  - The proposed recommendations and policies will be posted on a website for faculty to review and comment.
- In the future, the new UF website will have a template that colleges and departments can use so that there is consistency and uniformed look for the University of Florida.

Information Items:

Climate Survey  
Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost  
Academic and Faculty Affairs
- A Climate Survey for faculty, staff and post-doctoral associates will become available October 27 and end November 17th. Information from the survey will be available Spring 2016. This survey is to identify important issues related to the workplace and will be used as a benchmark against future campus climate assessments.
- The Faculty Senate Welfare council had asked that UF conduct a climate survey.
- An outside vendor, Rankin and Associates, will conduct the survey. Sue Rankin is an emeritus faculty at Penn State University and a senior research associate in the Center for the Study of Higher Education.

Harn Art Museum  
Eric Segal, Education Curator  
Harn Art Museum
- The Harn Art Museum can be a faculty resource for teaching.
- There are five collecting areas: African, Asian, Contemporary, Modern and Photography.
• Tours of the museum are available and are tailored to stimulate lively discussions.
• Examples of working with faculty
  o Geriatrics in Physical Therapy
  o Spanish in the Museum
  o Tropical Ecology
  o Internships for students from all majors are available for fall, spring and summer.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor
• Julie Dodd gave an update on President Fuchs Inauguration.
  o Inauguration week is November 30 – December 4
    ▪ The Inauguration Committee has a website that is in the process of getting updated:
    ▪ November 30 – Students are working on putting on a festival
    ▪ December 1 – Open House on the East Campus
    ▪ December 2 & 3 – Campus Showcase – all colleges will be involved.
    ▪ December 4 – Investiture ceremony at 3 p.m. University Auditorium. Invitation only event, but will have a couple places that are live streaming.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Senators Attending

Fred Southwick Stacey Steinberg David Therriault Sonal Tuli Hans van Oostrom Wagner Vendrame Katie Vogel-Anderson Ann Wehmeyer Caroline Wiltshire Henry Young Mary Ellen Young

Liaisons
Kent Fuchs Joe Glover Angela Lindner

Students
Nathan Blinn Angel Kwolek-Folland Mark Rottensteiner Michael Russel

Guests
Julie Dodd Paul Duncan Eric Segal

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