

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2016 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Chamber

Nicole Stedman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and the October minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Nicole Stedman, Faculty Senate Chair

- Communications Survey – will go out after Thanksgiving
 - How to communicate
 - What to communicate
 - Cater to specific messages
- Distinguished Professor Lecture – Dr. Jeffery Jones, January 23, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
- Provost Symposium – January 26-27, 2017
- Academic Freedom and Responsibility Symposium – working on dates for mid-Spring
- Senators needed:
 - Academic Assessment Committee
 - Academic Policy Council

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Dean Search – Warrington College of Business
 - Nothing new to report
- Renewing the Open Access Publishing Fund with \$120,000 a year for 4 years
- Board of Trustees with concurrence of the Board of Governors adopted the following metrics:
 - 1st metric -licenses and options that are executed in technology transfer
 - UF has been national leader – ranked among Top 10 nationally
 - 2nd metric – cost of undergraduate education
 - UF has the second lowest cost of education among all of the public universities in Florida
- Commitments ledger
 - Under development
 - Allows departments to record commitments they have against money to get a better idea of the finances for the University
 - Being beta tested
 - Should be rolled out beginning with the Spring term
- Presidential Election
 - National and political atmosphere is unsettled
 - Issues of gender, race and national origin raising controversy and uncertainty that may leave some wondering about place in society
 - Immediate concern is for welfare of students
 - Students experiencing high levels of stress, anxiety and fear of future events
 - Need to help these students through this difficult experience
 - Circulated memo to faculty
 - Be sensitive to students
 - Students in distress
 - Email umatter@ufl.edu
 - Students can self-refer to counseling center by calling 352-392-1575
 - Respect UF's exam policy
 - Comprehensive final exams should not be given the last week of class

- Final exams should not be rescheduled
- Respect the designated reading days
- Save the Date email announcing Provost Symposium on the topic of Implicit Bias
 - January 27-28, 2017

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- Post-Election Unrest
 - Be sensitive to students and employees
 - Serious racial issues on campus
 - Racially charged flyers posted on cars at O'Connell Center and on walls
 - Saw firsthand the message scrawled on interior door at Beatty Hall
 - Horrific and awful
 - Read column in Alligator http://www.alligator.org/opinion/columns/article_27af8022-ac74-11e6-a0e4-ab81f3dcf388.html
- International Students
 - Hosting a welcome to the new International Students
 - 700 rsvp'd to attend
 - Important part of community
 - Done annually
- Board of Trustees Retreat
 - Shared metrics comparing ourselves to our competition/peers
 - Trustees committed to helping address metrics that involve resources
 - Number of faculty – student to faculty ratio is at the bottom of the AAU
 - Compensation of faculty – need \$30M in recurring funds
 - Stipends for graduate students
 - Address immediately
- State Legislature and goals for this year
 - No dramatic changes in elected officials in achieving what we need to do
 - Key legislator leader who opposed guns on campus – lost election
 - Will come up every year
 - All SUS Presidents and Chiefs of Police are opposed
 - Legislative budget requests
 - Compensation
 - Number of faculty
 - Facilities
 - Maintenance for infrastructure
 - Finishing Normal Hall, College of Education historic facility
 - Engineering Building
 - Data Science and Technology building
 - Music building
- National Book Award
 - History faculty member-non-fiction
 - Ibram Kendi
 - Giving Ph.D. commencement address in December
- Student Body President
 - Received Schwarzman Scholar Award-Rhodes Scholar of China Award

Comments from Senators

(could not hear the faculty members' name)

- Wells Fargo
 - CEO committed fraud
 - Bombard students during preview
 - Largest number of ATMS on campus
 - Bad example to have them on campus
 - University should take a stance on moving them off campus
 - President Fuchs will have Chief Operating Officer Charlie Lane look into it

Elizabeth Ross – College of the Arts

- Students exercising free speech in ways they have not before
 - Legal and ethical situation
 - Guidance from administration
 - How to instruct TAs
 - President will follow-up with Provost Glover

Jeanne Repetto – College of Education

- Guns on Campus
 - Suggested Faculty Senate Vote showing support
 - Nicole Stedman will work with Welfare Council and Academic Policy Council to present Resolution to Faculty Senate at December meeting

Action Items:

Close Department of Behavioral Science & Community Health, PHHP

Paul Duncan, Sr. Associate Dean
Graduate School

- Department of Behavioral Sciences & Community Health is requesting to close the department.
 - This item passed

Honorary Degrees

Rick Yost, Chair, Honorary Degree Committee

- Nomination of Chita Rivera for an Honorary Degree
 - This item passed

Information Items:

Open Access Publishing Fund

Valrie Minson, Chair, Research and Scholarship Council

- Initially funded by Provost in July 2010 with \$120,000
- 18-24 month pilot project
- Support was available to UF faculty, staff and students
 - Maximum of \$3,000 per year
 - Maximum of \$3,000 per peer-reviewed research article published in a journal listed in DOAJ
 - Maximum of \$1,500 per peer-reviewed research article published in a hybrid journal. Hybrid journals are journals that allow the author to pay a fee to have their specific article available as open access.
- Intended to support articles not covered by grants or other funding sources

- Funds expended in February 2012
- Provost is renewing the program by providing 4 years of funding with \$120,000 per year
 - Applications will be accepted beginning January 1, 2017

Resolution – Library Funding

Valrie Minson, Chair, Research and Scholarship Council

- University libraries would like present this resolution at the next Faculty Senate as an action to increase the funding for libraries
 - Challenges of providing collections when overall funding for the libraries has remained flat
 - Cost of big journal packages have increased from \$3.9M to \$5M while the overall materials budget has dropped from \$10.2M to \$10.1M.

Harn Museum

Eric Segal, Curator of Academic Programs

- Harn Art Museum can be a faculty resource for teaching.
- There are five collecting areas: African, Asian, Contemporary, Modern and Photography.
- Tours of museum of available
- Examples of working with faculty
 - Geriatrics in Physical Therapy
 - Spanish in the Museum
 - Tropical Ecology
 - Internships for students from all majors are available
- Teaching facilities
 - Space to meet with students and Harn staff to discuss topics and study art
- Museum Nights
 - 2nd Thursday of each month – open until 9:00 p.m.
- Camellia Court Café
- Free membership program
 - Free and reduced entrances at museums throughout the US and Canada
 - Discounts at Harn's store
 - Invitations to Harn member parties

Creative Campus Program

Amy Vigilante, Director, University Galleries

- Started 10 years ago with \$50,000/year from Provost
- Creating opportunities for interdisciplinary research
- Ideas that connect with other disciplines
- Scholar in Residence
 - From one college to another
- www.creativecampus.ufl.edu

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

Hans VanOstroom

- Turnitin App is disappearing at end of semester
 - Must follow 12 page document to get results
- Elias Eldayrie indicated that software is not going way at end of spring
 - License expires at end of December – using that to get leverage with company
 - Talking to other vendors that are viable

Alice Rhoton – College of Medicine

- Safety on campus
- Two weeks before election students were upset about young lady that was hit and killed on campus while biking
 - Live in most dangerous part of the country
 - What does UF propose to make campus safer
 - Enforce non-texting while driving on campus?
- Nicole Stedman indicated that it is a community issue
 - Suggest working with Transportation and Parking

Damian Adams – School of Forest Resources and Conservation

- change in police presence since recession
- close encounters with buses
 - left message with RTS with no response
 - should be able to reach out to UPD
 - changing timing of lights to allow pedestrians to go first
 - Nicole Stedman indicated that some intersections are stationed with UPD officers around 4:45-5:15 p.m.
 - Ray Thomas from CLAS and Chair of the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee
 - New garage across from Reitz Union
 - Planning for that lot includes parking studies
 - Transportation and Parking is contracting with consultants
 - Marc Heft indicated he was attending a meeting of the UF Police Advisory Board
 - Asked for individuals to send comments to him and he would bring it up at the Advisory Board meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Attending

Senators

John Abbitt
Carrie Adams
Sherry Ahrentzen
Suzan Alteri
Luis Alvarez-Castro
Arunava Banerjee
Richard Berry
Victoria Bird
Helene Blondeau
Rori Bloom
Dimitri Bourilkov
Kristy Breuhl Smith
Jason Butler
Clay Calvert
Janice Carrillo
Nico Cellinese
Don Cohen
Christa Cook
Tammy Davidson
Keith Diem
John Erickson
Daniel Estrada
Tammy Euliano
Joshua Freeman
Carrie Geiger
Lyn Gettys
Matthew Gurka
Jacob Hammer
George Harrison
Chris Hass
Darryl Heard
Marc Heft
Phyllis Hendry
Melissa Johnson
Heather Kent
Stan Kaye
James Keesling
Yong Jae Ko
Tanya Koropeckyj-Cox
Mei-Fang Lan
Volker Mai
Christopher Martinez
Jack Mecholsky
Ayalew Mergia
Nancy Moores
Irfan Nasir
Deborah Nistler
Hannah Norton
Brandi Ormerod

Mark Panning
Cindy Prins
David Quillen
Keith Rambo
Teresa Reid
Ralf Remshardt
Jeanne Repetto
Alice Rhoton-Vlasak
Churchill Roberts
Andrew Rosalsky
Leah Rosenberg
Elizabeth Ross
Jean Francois Roulet
Melody Royster
Susan Schaffer
Richard Scholtz
Liz Screamon
James Seale
Nipa Shah
Steve Shugan
Daniel Siragusa
Meera Sitharam
Tina Smith-Bonahue
Lauren Solberg
Elisa Sottile
Margaret Temple-Smith
Ray Thomas
Hans van Oostrom
Kathie Vogel-Anderson
Phil Wegner
Ann Wehmeyer
Nicole Whitehead
R. David Whitley
Patricia Woods
Samuel Wu
Ye Xia
John Yelton
Mary Ellen Young

Liaisons

Paul Davenport
Elias Eldayrie
Kent Fuchs
Angela Lindner
Valrie Minson
Michael Perri
Ana Spiguel
Rick Yost

Students

Eric Blair

Guests

Stephanie Hanson
Patricia Moore
Eric Segal
Amy Vigilante