David Quillen, Chair-Elect, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and the September minutes were approved.

**Chair’s Report**

David Quillen, Faculty Senate Chair-Elect

- Reminder about Distinguished Professor Lecture Series – all at 4:00 p.m. in Emerson Alumni Hall
  - First one on Monday, October 17 – Francis Putz, it was great
  - January 23 - Jeff Jones
  - February 20 – Robert Ferl
- Advisory Board of Faculty Senates – comprised of Faculty Senate Chairs and Chair-Elects from 12 state universities and colleges. Housed and supported by Board of Governors. Chair of the Board is a member of the Board of Governors. Allows information to be moved back and forth between the Board of Governors and the Faculty Senate. Just another example of shared governance.
- Committee needs.
  - Preservation of Historical Buildings and Sites Committee
  - Academic Assessment Committee
  - Transportation and Parking Committee.
    - These committees are where shared governance really happens. Share, learn and make things better.
- Faculty Senate etiquette at the microphone.
  - Keep questions short and specific
  - Important to participate
  - Issues directed to other areas that can help

**President’s Report**

Kent Fuchs, President

- Closing the university for the hurricanes disrupts education programs
  - Postponement of football game was made on Thursday
  - Decided not to reschedule game for Sunday or Monday
  - Tradition at UF is not to play football games Monday through Friday
  - Cost community millions of dollars and the University, specifically athletics
  - Pleased with preparedness, learned to be more flexible with reopening university after a closing
    - University could have opened after hurricane passed
- Athletics
  - Appointed new director, Scott Stricklin
  - Sitting athletic director at SEC school from Mississippi State
  - Shares same values
    - Athletics and academics
    - Supports breadth of athletics – all sports
    - Do the right thing, the right way
    - Managing the program
- Discussion with BOT/BOG – Top 10 University – What does that mean?
  - Presenting to Trustees What a Great Research University is all about
    - Win Phillips will discuss metrics tracked
    - Joe Glover will focus on subset of metrics-metrics that really matter
    - Track metrics and take subset and influence those metrics
13 metrics and where we rank in those metrics
Half of them we are doing well other we need to work on
  • Student-faculty ratio ranked 34

Provost’s Report  
Joe Glover, Provost

• Dean Search – Warrington College of Business
  o David Richardson, Chair
  o Working on assembling large pool of candidates
    ▪ Later in fall will be conducting airport interviews in Gainesville
    ▪ Review 8-10 semifinalists
    ▪ Finalist selected to spend couple days on campus

• Graduation Rates
  o Important role for campus to play
  o Initiating program this year to improve graduation rates – 6 year and 4 year
    ▪ 6 year graduation rate is at 86%
      ▪ Every percent of increase represents changing the behaviors of 65 students
    ▪ 4 year graduation rate not tracked nationally
      ▪ 67% of incoming freshmen graduate in 4 years or less
      ▪ Good compared to peers
  o Excess hours
    ▪ Too many hours – state does not subsidize
    ▪ Student required to pay for every extra hours
  o New program instituted through Enrollment Management
    ▪ Processes over 1,000 withdrawals annually
    ▪ Student Financial Affairs has intervened when for financial reasons to help students and has offered between $300-$1000 on a one time basis
    ▪ Enables students to continue registration and not drop out
    ▪ Launching as a full time initiative
    ▪ $1.5 million has been made available and Student Financial Affairs will reach out to students and evaluate
    ▪ Angela Lindner, Associate Provost looking at how students are advised and guided through their programs

• Various Costs
  o Cost of online education has been looked at all universities – not UF Online
  o Includes distance education courses, hybrid learning and the extra costs associated
  o Committee analyzed the costs
    ▪ Average among all universities is $41
    ▪ UF is $25
    ▪ Capped costs is $30
    ▪ Highest cost was $57

Action Items:

Curriculum Committee  
Angela Lindner, Associate Provost, Undergraduate Affairs

• Request to transition UFCOM-J Div of Urology to a Dept of UFCOM-J
  • UFCOM-J Department of Surgery’s Division of Urology and requested to transition to an independent department of UFCOM-J.
    o This item passed
• Modify Common Prerequisites – Digital Arts/Digital Media, Computer Animation
  Angela Linder, Associate Provost
  Undergraduate Affairs
  Digital Arts/Digital Media, Computer Animation is requesting to modify its currently approved common prerequisites.
  ○ This item passed

Information Items:

Close Department of Behavioral Science & Community Health, PHHP
  Paul Duncan, Sr. Associate Dean
  Graduate School

Climate Survey
  Jodi Gentry, Vice President
  Human Resource Services

Post Docs Salaries
  Jodi Gentry, Vice President
  Human Resource Services

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Attending

Senators
John Abbitt
Carrie Adams
Suzan Alteri
Luis Alvarez-Castro
Pasha Antonenko
Wayne Archer
Dorina Avram
Richard Berry
Indraneel Bhattacharyya
Victoria Bird
Helene Blondeau
Rori Bloom
Kristy Breuhl Smith
Samantha Brooks
Mary Brownell
Clay Calvert
Janice Carrillo
James Collins
Christa Cook
Keith Diem
John Erickson
Jian Ge
Matthew Gurka
Jacob Hammer
George Harrison
Darryl Heard
Marc Heft
  Susan Hegeman
  Phyllis Hendry
  Melissa Johnson
  Michael Kane
  Serdar Kirli
  Yong Jae Ko
  Tanya Koropecskyj-Cox
  Dennis Kramer
  Mei-Fang Lan
  John Lilly
  Gillian Lord
  Volker Mai
  Christopher Martyniuk
  Robert McCleery
  William McGehee
  Jack Mecholsky
  Ayalew Mergia
  Nancy Moores
  Irfan Nasir
  Deborah Nistler
  Ashley Norse
  Hannah Norton
  Cindy Prins
  David Quillen
  Keith Rambo
  Ralf Remshardt
  Alice Rhoton-Vlasak
  Churchill Roberts
  Andrew Rosalsky
  Elizabeth Ross
  Melody Royster
  Laila Samiian
  Karen Sando
  Susan Schaffer
  Richard Scholtz
  Liz Screaton
  Nipa Shah
  Elizabeth Shephard
  SA Sherif
  Steve Shugan
  Meera Sitharam
  Lauren Solberg
  Elisa Sottile
  Fred Southwick
  Ray Thomas
  Hans van Oostrom
  Kathie Vogel-Anderson
  Ann Wehmeyer
  R. David Whitley
  Steven Willis
  Mary Ellen Young

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