

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2018 - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Chamber

The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate Chair David M. Quillen, MD, at 3:00 p.m.

The [January 25, 2018 minutes](#) were approved.

Reports

- **Chair's Report** **David M. Quillen, Chair**
 - A moment of silence was held in remembrance of the victims of the Parkland school shooting.
 - Faculty Senate Chair nominations are now open.
 - [The Distinguished Professor Lecture](#) will be held immediately following the next Faculty Senate meeting.
 - The end of the year faculty senate reception will be held at the Earl and Christy Powell University House from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on April 19th (following the Faculty Senate meeting.)
 - Faculty Senate Parliamentarian Ana Spiguel was introduced to present the Constitution Committee's annual review of proposed [university regulations](#) changes via assignments of *'lights' as follows:
 - Green = changes which have elements of potentially some impact to faculty but are mainly stylistic or technical changes to a regulation.
 - Yellow = changes which have elements of potentially limited impact to a more limited number of faculty.
 - Red = changes which have elements of potentially high impact to many faculty.
 - *Red*: Traffic & Parking: Parking Registration [Regulation # 3.007](#) which increases some faculty and staff parking decal rates.
 - *Green*: Eligibility for Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) [Regulation #6.019](#) which follows last year's overhaul of a number of IFAS regulations; it was determined that this regulation is not needed and should be repealed.
 - *Green*: The group of regulations including: 2.004, 2.005, 2.008, and 2.012: these pertain to a 'clean up' of language to consistently match definitions in other regulations, including consistently defining persons and matching the language pertaining to the use of space on campus with actual (unchanged) university practices.
 - It is expected that there will be a tuition regulation in June and, barring any emergency regulations, probably not any additional regulations until next year.
 - The regulations will be posted on February 20th after which there is a comment period in which all are welcome to comment before the Board of Trustees meeting in March when they then vote on the regulations before they become law. Please contact Ana Spiguel with any follow-up inquiries.

- **Provost's Report**

Joe Glover, Provost

- After securing a position as a Top 10 university this fall, the Board of Trustees and President Fuchs are seeking to become a Top 5 university. Provost Glover discussed how this informs some of the initiatives the university is undertaking and how it affects faculty.
- Provost Glover presented details regarding UF's current rankings, particularly among peer and competitive institutions. Rankings metrics such as faculty profiles, graduation and admission rates, alumni engagement, and degrees offered were examined.

Action Items:

Graduate Council

Master of Fine Arts in Design and Visual Communications

- This item was approved.

Paul Duncan, Sr. Associate Dean
Graduate School

University Curriculum Committee

Update to the Common Prerequisite Manual

the Accounting Major

- This item was approved.

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
for Undergraduate Affairs

Academic Calendar Options

- The 2022-2023 academic year calendar was approved. The Senate favored maintaining the current academic calendar model rather than either of the two academic calendar options of: (Version 1) which decreased the total number of class days; and (Version 2) which offered final exams on Sunday.

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

Information Items:

University Athletics & Academics

- University Athletic Director Scott Stricklin provided an overview of the University Athletic Association's structure, operating principles, and academic statistics relating to UF's 573 student athletes and 21 varsity sports programs. UF athletes are from 35 states and 31 countries.

Scott Stricklin, UF Athletic Director

Guidelines on Managing Classroom Behavior

- Dr. Schaeffer presented a resource which was crafted in response to the Academic Policy Council's concerns about classroom behavior. The guidelines were published in the last faculty newsletter and resides on the Provost's website. It is meant to be a resource for faculty in distress due to disruptive student behavior. The guidelines are proactive and discusses behavioral norms and what is and is not acceptable practice. Faculty are encouraged to include the guidelines in their syllabus.

Susan Schaffer, Chair
Academic Policy Council

Animal Research Task Force

Irene Cooke, Asst. Vice President for
Research, Executive Director of Animal Care
Services

Charles E. Wood, Professor and Chair,

- Dr. Charles E. Wood provided an update and overview of the Animal Research Task Force which presented its findings to the Vice President of Research in March 2017. The task force's positive findings, concerns, and recommendations were addressed in addition to information about the roles of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee ([IACUC](#)) and Animal Care Services ([ACS](#)). University infrastructure and administrative resources which support animal services were also reviewed.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor - *Three minute limit per speaker.*

- 1) University of Florida Faculty Senators
 - 2) University of Florida Faculty
- A concern was raised regarding the overall, increased growth of bureaucracy over the past 3 – 5 years at UF and its impact on faculty's time. It was asked if the Infrastructure Council could review these and provide quantitative metrics comparing now to five years ago, particularly in consideration of the university's emphasis on effort reporting. It was suggested that a prototypical item, such as Health Center IT, or training regulations, could be a good starting point in such a review.
 - Feedback was provided regarding the considerable length of time needed to meet the requirements of IACUC protocol which has to meet strict federal regulations. Dr. Wood suggested that amendments to committee memberships and continued increased communication will assist in this process as the organization moves forward.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Attending

Senators

John Abbitt
Damian Adams
Abhinav Alakshendra
Suzan Alteri
Dorina Avram
Richard Berry
Jim Bice
Victoria Bird
Vincent Bird
Helene Blondeau
Rori Bloom
Donald Bolser
Lyle Brenner
Kristy Breuhl Smith
Mary Brownell
Jason Butler
Jason Byrd
Clay Calvert
Nico Cellinese
Jim Chen
Christa Cook
Joseph Costa
Tammy Davidson

Kara Dawson
John Diaz
Keith Diem
John Erickson
Hugh Fan
Michael Fang
Zihui Fang
Ben Fernandez
Joshua Freeman
Jian Ge
Ashley Ghiaseddin
Reeta Grewal
Matthew Gurka
Youssef Haddad
Ralph Hamor
George Leslie Harrison
Chris Hass
Bernard Hauser
Susan Hegeman
Ianessa Humbert
Michael Kane
Christine A. Kelly-Begazo
Sedar Kirli
Tanya Koropecykj-Cox
Mei-Fang Lan

Gillian Lord
Ashley MacSuga-Gage
Kalen Manasco
Christopher Martinez
Robert McCleery
William McGehee
Julia Morrisroe
Michael Mulvaney
Scott Myers
Deborah Nistler
Hannah Norton
Brandi Omerod
Mario Poceski
Cindy Prins
David Quillen
Keith Rambo
Churchill Roberts
Andrew Rosalsky
Leah Rosenberg
Elizabeth Ross
Jean-Francois Roulet
Melody Royster
Susan Schaffer
Keith Schneider
Richard Scholtz

James Seale
Amy Simonne
Steven Slutsky
Lauren Solberg
Elisa Sottile
Martin Sorbille
Fred Southwick
Ray Thomas
Scott Thompson
Katie Vogel Anderson
Jay Watkins

Phil Wegner
Bruce Welt
Nicole Whitehead
R. David Whitley
Hui Zou

Liasons
Angel Kwolek-Folland
Angela Lindner
Ana Spiguel

Student Senators
Punam Amratia

Guests
Irene Cooke
Michael Mahoney
Brian K. McMahan
Maria Rogal
Scott Stricklin
Charles E. Wood