

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**January 25, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Reitz Union Chamber**

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

The [December 7, 2017 minutes](#) were approved.

## Reports

- **Chair's Report**

**David M. Quillen, Chair**

- Announcements by the Chair included:
  - Nominations for councils and committees close on January 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Faculty Senate Chair nominations are now open.
  - 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 19<sup>th</sup> (following the Faculty Senate meeting.)
  - The deadline for preliminary proposals for Creative Campus Grants is February 5<sup>th</sup>. View <https://creativecampus.ufl.edu/> for more details.
  - A thank you to Sue Alvers, who retires on January 31<sup>st</sup>, for her eight years of service to the Faculty Senate administration.
- The chair presented a [retirement compensation report](#) comparing UF to peer institutions which shows UF faring poorly and offers suggestions for an improved path forward. This was also presented at the December Board of Trustees meeting as well as to the deans and the President's cabinet. It will also be presented at the annual meeting of the ACFS (Advisory Council of Faculty Senates) tomorrow in Tallahassee. The following items were referenced:
  - Retire Already Article
  - Retirement for AAU and Top 10 Chart
  - State Unv's Retirement Programs Data Sort
  - Faculty Retirement for Top 10 Pub U and AAU
  - State University's Retirement Programs
  - UNC Benefits2003
- UF Human Resource Services has just hired a consulting firm to conduct a comprehensive review of all benefits including retirement.

- **President's Report**

**Kent Fuchs, President**

- President Fuchs just returned from the Board of Governors meeting in Tallahassee today and presented these legislative updates:
  - The state legislative leadership is extremely positive about the need to continue to invest resources in higher education.
  - UF has requested resources for infrastructure, including a new music building and a data sciences/information sciences area; the hiring of additional faculty to strengthen our student/faculty ratio and national ranking; and providing

compensation equal to or above that of our national peer institutions, including Grant Assistant stipends, and faculty and staff compensation.

- Due to it being an election cycle, the legislative term will end a bit earlier so the university will likely learn of allocated resources in April.
- It is unlikely that any ‘guns on campus’ legislation will be passed this year. UF opposes guns on campus but is expecting the issue to be raised again in the future by the legislature.
- There is discussion of freedom of expression and speech restrictions which the university opposes.
- There is discussion in the legislature of conducting an annual survey of the intellectual diversity of campuses to get a sense of the intellectual climate. UF opposes this.
- The Constitutional Revision Commission, which convenes every 20 years to bring forward proposals to be voted upon by the public to amend the state constitution, has brought a proposal forward to severely restrict universities’ ability to raise tuition, which President Fuchs finds problematic.
- President Fuchs discussed the commissioning and findings of the [BEBR \(Bureau of Economic and Business Research\)](#) report which examines race and ethnicity inequity in areas of health care, education household income, and housing. Leaders from across Alachua County recently held an open forum in east Gainesville and had an attendance of approximately 300 people.
- President Fuchs discussed *The Gainesville Sun* op-ed he authored in support of providing a pathway to citizenship for DACA program participants. Also, Florida has a law stating such students are to be charged in-state tuition if they graduate from a Florida high school.

## Action Items:

### [Approve 2018 Homecoming Date](#)

**Angela Lindner**, Associate Provost  
Undergraduate Affairs

- November 3<sup>rd</sup> (vs. Missouri) was chosen as the 2018 Homecoming date.

### [Constitution Committee Report](#)

**Richard Scholtz**, Chair  
Constitution Committee

- All items were approved.

## Information Items:

### **Graduate Council**

**Paul Duncan**, Sr. Associate Dean  
Graduate School

### [Master of Fine Arts in Design and Visual Communications](#)

- This item is being brought forward by the request of the Graduate School and Graduate Council. Approval is being sought for a College of Arts proposal to establish a new Master of Fine Arts degree.

### **University Curriculum Committee**

**Angela Lindner**, Associate Provost  
for Undergraduate Affairs

### [Update to the Common Prerequisite Manual](#)

the Accounting Major

- This item was approved by the University Curriculum Committee in December and is a request by the Fisher School of Accounting to add Managerial Accounting I to the common prerequisites.

### University Technology Licensing

**Jim O'Connell**, Asst. VP for Commercialization & Director, Office of Technology Licensing

- Jim O'Connell gave a presentation on what the Office of Technology Licensing offers to faculty, including the office's primary goal of ensuring commercial revenue stream to protect patents. He discussed successes such as the Sid Martin Biotechnology Institute in Alachua which was named the world's number one biotech incubator. He encouraged faculty and students to contact his office in their efforts to direct their work toward commercial success and connect with industry.

### Revised OA Publishing Fund Policy

**Angela Bacsik**, Chair, University Library Comm.

- Angela Bacsik shared this link: <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/scholcomm/UFOAPF> to introduce faculty to the Open Access Publishing Fund requirements for this year. The guidelines and forms are located at this site.

### Academic Calendar Options

**Angela Lindner**, Associate Provost Undergraduate Affairs

- Angela Linder presented two academic calendar options to consider as alternatives to the current academic calendar system. The 2022-2023 academic year calendar needs to be approved in the next Faculty Senate meeting to fulfill the senate role of approving a five year cycle of academic calendars.
- The alternatives were generated in response to a Faculty Senate request to obtain additional time (one additional day) for grading at the end of the term.
- In addition, the University Curriculum Committee requested a delay to the start of classes after winter break to allow time for students who have declared a new major to do so.
- The two academic calendar versions take into account the constraints levied by this body and the Board of Governors requirements, such as the BOG requirement of a minimum of 220 classroom days.
- Version 1 (V1) will decrease the total number of class days in the Fall and Spring semesters. The total number of days in the fall and spring semesters are equal.
- Version 2 (V2) will hold final exams on Sunday.
- UF registrar Steve Pritz was instrumental in creating the calendar options and will answer any inquiries prior to next month's senate vote to either maintain the current academic calendar system or select one of the two options presented today.

### Course Evaluation Project

**Angel Kwolek-Folland**, Associate Provost Academic and Faculty Affairs

- Associate Provost Kwolek-Folland discussed the new course evaluation project, which the Welfare Council and Academic Policy Council have been working on and which aims to create a more flexible and user-friendly system.
- Please provide faculty feedback on course evaluation questions by completing the survey at: [https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_b9R3pXpyWiDy18h](https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9R3pXpyWiDy18h).
- The survey is open until February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Additional information regarding vendors and products can be viewed at: <http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs/38/2017-2018/FINAL%20New%20Course%20Evaluation%20Project%20010818.pdf> .

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

- 1) University of Florida Faculty Senators
- 2) University of Florida Faculty

There was no discussion from the Senate floor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

**Attending**

*Senators*

John Abbitt  
Damian Adams  
Abhinav Alakshendra  
Luis Alvarez-Castro  
Wayne Archer  
Dorina Avram  
Richard Berry  
Jim Bice  
Rori Bloom  
Ashley Booth Norse  
Lyle Brenner  
Mary Brownell  
Jason Butler  
Jason Byrd  
Joseph Anthony Costa  
Clay Calvert  
Nico Cellinese  
Charles Cobb  
Joseph Costa  
Michelle Darnell  
Tammy Davidson  
Kara Dawson  
John Diaz  
Keith Diem  
Silvio dos Santos  
Andrea Dutton  
Michael Fang  
Ben Fernandez  
Joshua Freeman  
Jian Ge  
Ashley Ghiaseddin  
Reetu Grewal  
Ralph Hamor  
Carrie Harmon  
George Harrison  
Chris Hass  
Marc Heft  
Susan Hegeman  
Phyllis Hendry  
  
Michael Kane

Mei-Fang Lan  
Margaret Lo  
Gillian Lord  
Ashley MacSuga-Gage  
Christopher Martinez  
Christopher Martyniuk  
Robert McCleery  
Jack Mecholsky  
Scott Myers  
Deborah Nistler  
Hannah Norton  
Cindy Prins  
David Quillen  
Keith Rambo  
Joseph Riley  
Churchill Roberts  
Andrew Rosalsky  
Leah Rosenberg  
Elizabeth Ross  
Jean-Francois Roulet  
Melody Royster  
Susan Schaffer  
Keith Schneider  
Richard Scholtz  
Liz Scream  
James Seale  
Amy Simmone  
Steven Slutsky  
Patricia Sohn  
Lauren Solberg  
Martin Sorbille  
Elisa Sottile  
Ravi Srinivasan  
Richard Stepp  
Ray Thomas  
Scott Thompson  
Patrick Troy  
Hans van Oostrom  
Katie Vogel-Anderson  
Christopher Vulpe  
Ratree Wayland  
Phil Wegner

Bruce Welt  
Brigitte Weltman-Aron

*Liaisons*

Angela Bacsik  
Angel Kwolek-Folland  
Angela Linder  
Stephen Pritz  
Ana Spiguel

*Students*

Mirna Amaya  
Punam Amratia

*Guests*

Brian K. Marchman  
Maria Rogel  
Laird Veatch  
Anne Wehmeyer