

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**March 15, 2018 - 3:00 - 5:00 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 [February 15, 2018 minutes](#) were approved.

## Reports

- **Chair's Report** **David M. Quillen, Chair**
  - Faculty Senate Chair nominations are being accepted through March 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - [The Distinguished Professor Lecture](#) will be held immediately following this 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 19<sup>th</sup> (following the Faculty Senate meeting.)
  - Please hold any inquiries or feedback regarding the [Office of Research policy change regarding the submission of research proposals](#). This item has been tasked to the Research and Scholarship Council and an update will be provided following their March meeting.
  
- **President's Report** **Kent Fuchs, President**
  - The most recent state legislative session is nearing its end and UF is awaiting the governor's decision on budget items. President Fuchs introduced and highlighted the endeavors and achievements of VP of University Relations Jane Adams, who retires on April 20<sup>th</sup>. VP Adams provided an update of legislative items which passed this session, including:
    - Top 5 funding to attract and retain faculty and fund graduate students
    - Data science building funding
    - Senate Bill 4 which focuses on increased preeminence funding and an increase of the undergraduate four-year graduation rate.
    - Increased Bright Futures funding, including to UF Innovation Academy students.
  - Legislative items which did not pass included:
    - A required, annual Board of Governors survey of intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity
    - Required documentation of the five year trends of the number of administrators as opposed to students.
    - Public records laws to exclude trade secrets between universities and private companies
    - Guns on campus, which was excluded from this year's legislative agenda
  - Senate inquiries and discussion included:
    - How metrics are determined and by whom for four-year graduation rates, particularly in relation to the College of Engineering. The legislature sets the metrics and UF looks at peer institution comparables.
    - After the Parkland shootings, there is faculty concern about the inability of many UF classroom doors to be locked from the inside.

- **Provost's Report**

**Joe Glover, Provost**

- "Airport interviews" of about eight to ten candidates have been conducted for the positions of the Dean of the College of the Arts and for the Director of the Harn Museum of Art.

## **Information Items:**

### **Graduate Council**

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

- [Master of Health Science](#)

The Graduate Council recommends acceptance of a proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions to reduce the required credit hours by one for this master's degree.

### [UFPD Response to Resistance](#)

**Darren J. Baxley, UF Police Department**  
Deputy Chief

- Deputy Chief Darren J. Baxley provided the department's annual update of police reports on campus on behalf of Chief Linda Stump-Kurnick and introduced Boomer and his handler/K-9 officer Dale Holmes. Deputy Chief Baxley relayed that the department will continue to provide transparency to the public about the use of force and also provided the following information:
- Active shooter stats and resources. UF has an active shooter policy and active shooter safety presentations which are accessible online.
- A summary of 2017 [UF Alerts in Gainesville](#).
- UF offers and encourages enrollment in the Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) self-defense program.
- The UF Department of Emergency Management hosts an annual planning cohort for colleges and departments.
- The University of Florida Behavioral Consultation Team (BCT) is a multidisciplinary team which reviews threats to campus community and helps provide intervention strategies.
- There are four active bomb-detection canine at the UF Police Department. New technology is allowing training of gun powder-sniffing dogs to locate guns.

### [Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Report](#)

**Mike Sagas, Professor and Chair**  
Tourism, Recreation & Sport Mgmt. Dept.

- Mike Sagas presented the annual Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Report and reviewed its mission statement and recent agendas; provided student-athlete admissions policy updates; graduation success rates and trends; annual progress rates metrics; findings from the Ad hoc committee studying UF faculty and staff perceptions of UAA students and athletes; and highlighted the [IAC website](#).

### [OPS \(Other Personnel Services\) Resolution](#)

**David M. Quillen, Faculty Senate Chair**

- The Infrastructure Council forwarded a resolution, which recommends that the University of Florida create a mechanism to move long-term OPS employees to full-time TEAMS or other classification with benefits when employed in a position for longer than one year. The resolution was drafted by UF faculty member Dr. Paul Ortiz, Director of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, who was present to answer inquiries.
- The resolution will become an action item at the next Faculty Senate meeting and can be amended as needed; rejected or passed as is; or tabled for further research and/or committee discussion.
- In the spirit and conduct of shared governance, the Faculty Senate serves in an advisory capacity for

items such as human resources and staffing issues (as opposed to a determinative vote in such matters as curriculum issues.)

- A concern was raised about including the current resolution's quote from President Fuchs in a Faculty Senate resolution because the quote originated from the student-run *The Independent Florida Alligator* newspaper, rather than a faculty source.

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

- 1) University of Florida Faculty Senators
  - 2) University of Florida Faculty
- There was no open discussion from the Senate floor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

**Attending**

*Senators*

John Abbitt  
Sophia Acord  
Suzan Alteri  
Luis Alvarez-Castro  
Wayne Archer  
Dorina Avram  
Jim Bice  
Victoria Bird  
Vincent Bird  
Helene Blondeau  
Donald Bolser  
Ashley Booth Norse  
Lyle Brenner  
Mary Brownell  
Jason Butler  
Jason Byrd  
Clay Calvert  
Janice Carrillo  
Nico Cellinese  
Jim Chen  
Jamie Collins  
Joseph Costa  
Tammy Davidson  
Jeffrey Davis  
Kara Dawson  
John Diaz  
Keith Diem  
Silvio dos Santos  
Andrea Dutton  
Hugh Fan  
Michael Fang  
Ben Fernandez  
Paul Gader

Joseph Gagnon  
Jian Ge  
Macy Geiger  
Yolanda Goode  
Reeta Grewal  
Matthew Gurka  
Youssef Haddad  
Ralph Hamor  
Chris Hass  
Bernard Hauser  
Marc Heft  
Phyllis Hendry  
Michael Kane  
Tanya Koropecj-Cox  
Mei-Fang Lan  
Gillian Lord  
Ashley MacSuga-Gage  
Volker Mai  
Christopher Martinez  
William McGehee  
Jack Mecholsky  
Gloria Miller  
Scott Myers  
Deborah Nistler  
Hannah Norton  
Brandi Omerod  
Keith Rambo  
Joe Riley  
Churchill Roberts  
Andrew Rosalsky  
Leah Rosenberg  
Elizabeth Ross  
Melody Royster  
Laila Samiian  
Susan Schaffer  
Keith Schneider

Liz Screaton  
James Seale  
Meera Sitharam  
Patricia Sohn  
Lauren Solberg  
Martin Sorbille  
Elisa Sottile  
Fred Southwick  
Richard Stepp  
Ray Thomas  
Scott Thompson  
Hans van Oostrom  
Katie Vogel Anderson  
Hui Zou

*Liasons*

Joe Glover  
Kent Fuchs  
Ana Spiguel

*Student Senators*

Punam Amratia

*Guests*

Boomer (UFPD K-9)  
Darren J. Baxley  
Blair Fils  
Paul Duncan  
Brian K. Marchman  
Paul Ortiz  
Michael Sagas  
Sharlynn Sweeney  
Jeremiah Tattersall  
Laurie Taylor  
Ann Wehmeyer