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 30th.
  - 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 19th (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 20th. 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**
  
  "Airport interviews" of about eight to ten candidates have been conducted for the positons of the Dean of the College of the Arts and for the Director of the Harn Museum of Art.

**Information Items:**

**Graduate Council**

- **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**

- **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**

- **Professor and Chair**
  
  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**

- **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 Koropecykj-Cox
Mei-Fang Lan
Gillian Lord
Ashley MacSuga-Gage
Volker Mai
Christopher Martinez
William McGee
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 Samian
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

_Liaisons_

Joe Glover
Kent Fuchs
Ana Spiguel

_Student Senators_

Punam Amratia

_Guests_

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