

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2017 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Chamber

David Quillen, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and the October minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

David Quillen, Faculty Senate Chair

- Reminder: December 7 Senate meeting location is the McKnight Auditorium at the Brain Institute.
- Nominations for councils and committees for fall 2018 are open until end of January 2018.
- Plans on writing a report on faculty retirement comparing us to the majority of the AAU universities.

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- Voiced concern about how the federal tax reform law that the US Legislature is drafting and its negative impact on our students and universities.
 - Any reduction in tuition that we give to graduate students will be taxed. Tuition waivers will be taxable for students.
 - Any tuition benefits given to dependents of employees at universities.
 - At private universities the law will tax some payouts for endowments.
 - Will lower capital withdrawal of Florida pre-pay capping it at \$10,000 annually
 - Eliminate deduction for federal student loan interest payments.
 - Repeals the rule that allows alumni to deduct 80% of their amount that they pay to purchase athletic tickets as a donation.
 - Constrain the ability to issue private bonds for athletic facilities
 - Subject certain income that we get from licensing, logos and naming to taxes.
- UF is asking the state legislature for \$76M for enhance the stature of the institution: 1) graduate programs, 2) recruiting new faculty 3) compensating existing faculty. Also requesting funds for infrastructure maintenance and utilities, along with for funds for two buildings: Music Building and Information Technology Building.
- Two searches are ongoing:
 - Vice President and General Counsel – Search Committee Chair is Charlie Lane
 - Chief Diversity Officer – Search Committee Chair is Cammy Abernathy

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Continuing search for new Director of Harn Museum of Art. Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost, Academic and Faculty Affairs, is chairing the search committee
- New search for Dean of College of the Arts. Lucinda Lavelli will retired end of this fiscal year.
- Dean John Kraft has agreed to continue as College of Business Dean for the next two years.
- The Provost is in the process of negotiating with each college dean the appropriate market based stipend that will allow us to compete effectively with our peers around the country. Starting fall 2018, UF will provide incoming doctoral candidates nationally competitive stipends for incoming students who are on state funded graduate assistantships. In the next four to five years, UF will phase in a new policy that these students will be appointed on .5 time.

Action Items:

Degree Termination:

- [BS Athletic Training](#)
 - This item was approved.

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost
Academic and Faculty Affairs

Information Items:

Name Change

- [Dept of Health Outcomes and Policy](#)
 - Requesting that the Department of Health Outcomes and Policy is renamed to Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost
Academic and Faculty Affairs

Graduate Council

- [Change MA in DAS from 36 to 30 credits](#)
 - Master of Arts in Digital Arts & Sciences requests modification of credit hours
- [Terminate Master of Science in Nursing](#)
 - College of Nursing requests to close the Master of Science in Nursing degree

Paul Duncan, Sr. Associate Dean
Graduate School

[Rename Honorary Degree, Distinguished Alumnus](#)

Awards and Memorial Committee

- Honorary Degrees, Distinguished Alumnus Awards and Memorials Committee asks to rename to Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards Committee.

Richard Scholtz, Chair
Constitution Committee

[Resolution in opposition to legislation allowing computer coding courses to substitute for foreign language study](#)

- Last year a proposal came before the legislature to allow computer coding courses to substitute for a foreign language study for admission to college. It will probably come before the legislature again this year. Several Florida University Faculty Senates have written resolutions against this legislation.

David Quillen, Chair
Faculty Senate

Positioning UF Faculty on the National Stage

- Steve Orlando gave a short presentation on what the University Relations department offers to faculty. He encourages faculty to contact University Relations to help promote the university and let media know all the great work of UF Faculty.

Steve Orlando, National Media Strategist
University Relations

[Faculty Honors and Awards](#)

- UF Faculty receive fewer awards than peers at other institutions even though UF's faculty are meritorious.
- UF lacks the infrastructure for supporting significant award nominations.
- Plans are to build out infrastructure and change culture to value and prioritize faculty honors and awards.
- Plan of Action:
 - Appoint a team dedicated to faculty nominations
 - Central web site for all information
 - A database to facilitate more nominations

David Reed, Provost Fellow

- Robust internal awards program at UF
- Nominate more faculty
- Celebrate their success

Open discussion from Senate Floor

- Senators
 - Meera Sitharam asked for clarification of the graduate stipend program.
- All UF faculty
 - Paul Ortiz asked the senate to approve a resolution to support paying OPS workers who lost wages during the Hurricane Irma and the Richard Spencer event. Dr. Ortiz will speak with Dr. Quillen after the meeting to find out the process.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Attending

Senators

John Abbitt
Sophia Acord
Damian Adams
Abhinav Alakshendra
Luis Alvarez-Castro
Wayne Archer
Dorina Avram
Jim Bice
Victoria Bird
Vincent Bird
Helene Blondeau
Rori Bloom
Lyle Brenner
Kristy Breuhl Smith
Judy Callahan
Clay Calvert
Charles Cobb
Christa Cook
Tammy Davidson
Jeffrey Davis
Kara Dawson
John Diaz
Keith Diem
John Erickson
Daniel Estrada
Tammy Euliano
Hugh Fan
Michael Fang
Ben Fernandez
Joshua Freeman
Paul Gader
Joseph Gagnon
Macy Geiger
Reetu Grewal

Matthew Gurka
Youssef Haddad
Carrie Harmon
Marc Heft
Susan Hegeman
Michael Kane
Dennis Kramer
Mei-Fang Lan
Margaret Lo
Ashley MacSuga-Gage
Volker Mai
Kalen Manasco
Robert McCleery
William McGehee
Phyllis Hendry
Scott Myers
Ashley Booth Norse
Hannah Norton
Brandi Ormerod
Mario Poceski
David Quillen
Keith Rambo
Andrew Rosalsky
Elizabeth Ross
Susan Schaffer
Keith Schneider
Richard Scholtz
James Seale
Amy Simonne
Meera Sitharam
Patricia Sohn
Lauren Solberg
Ravi Srinivasan
Richard Stepp
Ray Thomas

Scott Thompson
Patrick Troy
Hans van Oostrom
Katie Vogel-Anderson
Christopher Vulpe
Jay Watkins
Ratree Wayland
Phil Wegner
Nicole Whitehead
R. David Whitley
Hui Zou

Liaisons

Kent Fuchs
Joe Glover
Angel Kwolek-Folland
Ann Wehmeyer

Students

Punam Amratia
Sloan Bochman

Guests

Jesse Cosner
Eva Czarnecka-Verner
Jason Fults
David Freeman
Daphna Krause
Brian K Marchman
Paul Ortiz
David Reed
Timothy Tia
Jeremiah Tattersall