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 form 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:  Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost
• BS Athletic Training
  o This item was approved.

Information Items:

Name Change  Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost
• Dept of Health Outcomes and Policy
  o Requesting that the Department of Health Outcomes and Policy is renamed to Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics

Graduate Council  Paul Duncan, Sr. Associate Dean
• Change MA in DAS from 36 to 30 credits
  o Master of Arts in Digital Arts & Sciences requests modification of credit hours
• Terminate Master of Science in Nursing
  o College of Nursing requests to close the Master of Science in Nursing degree

Rename Honorary Degree, Distinguished Alumnus  Richard Scholtz, Chair
Awards and Memorial Committee  Constitution Committee
• Honorary Degrees, Distinguished Alumnus Awards and Memorials Committee asks to rename to Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards Committee.

Resolution in opposition to legislation allowing computer coding courses to substitute for foreign language study  David Quillen, Chair
Faculty Senate
• 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.

Positioning UF Faculty on the National Stage  Steve Orlando, National Media Strategist
University Relations
• 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.

Faculty Honors and Awards  David Reed, Provost Fellow
• 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:
  o Appoint a team dedicated to faculty nominations
  o Central web site for all information
  o A database to facilitate more nominations
Robust internal awards program at UF
Nominate more faculty
Celebrate their success

Open discussion from Senate Floor
• Senators
  o Meera Sitharam asked for clarification of the graduate stipend program.
• All UF faculty
  o 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                      Youssef Haddad                      Patrick Troy
Sophia Acord                    Carrie Harmon                        Hans van Oostrom
Damian Adams                    Marc Heft                           Katie Vogel-Anderson
Abhinav Alakashendra           Susan Hegeman                       Christopher Vulpe
Luis Alvarez-Castro             Michael Kane                        Jay Watkins
Wayne Archer                    Dennis Kramer                       Ratreer Wayland
Dorina Avram                    Mei-Fang Lan                        Phil Wegner
Jim Rice                        Margaret Lo                        Nicole Whitehead
Victoria Bird                   Ashley MacSuga-Gage                 R. David Whitley
Vincent Bird                    Volker Mai                          Hui Zou
Helene Blondeau                 Kalen Manasco                     Scott Thompson
Rori Bloom                      Robert McCleery                    Kent Fuchs
Lyle Brenner                    William McGehee                    Joe Glover
Kristy Breuhl Smith             Phyllis Hendry                    Angel Kwolek-Folland
Judy Callahan                   Scott Myers                         Ann Wehmeyer
Clay Calvert                    Ashley Booth Norse                  Students
Charles Cobb                    Hannah Norton                      Punam Amratia
Christa Cook                    Brandi Ormerod                    Sloan Boothman
Tammy Davidson                  Mario Poceski                      Guests
Jeffrey Davis                   David Quillen                      Jesse Cosner
Kara Dawson                     Keith Rambo                        Eva Czarnecka-Verner
John Diaz                       Andrew Rosalsky                    Jason Fults
Keith Diem                      Elizabeth Ross                      David Freeman
John Erickson                   Susan Schaffer                     Daphna Krause
Daniel Estrada                  Keith Schneider                     Brian K Marchman
Tammy Euliano                   Richard Scholtz                    Paul Ortiz
Hugh Fan                        James Seale                        David Reed
Michael Fang                    Amy Simonne                        Timothy Tia
Ben Fernandez                   Meera Sitharam                     Jeremiah Tattersall
Joshua Freeman                  Patricia Sohn                       Ravi Srinivasan
Paul Gader                      Lauren Solberg                    Richard Stepp
Joseph Gagnon                   Richard Stepp                      Ray Thomas
Macy Geiger                     Reetu Grewal