Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.  
Reitz Union Chamber

Call to order & Approval of September 27, 2018 minutes  
Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair
The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Katie Vogel Anderson. The minutes were approved.

Reports

Chair’s Report  
Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair

○ Thank you to all attendees of the Experience UF event held at the University Galleries last Wednesday. Announcements will be made if additional opportunities arise for Senators to meet with new faculty.

○ Administrative liaison updates were announced, including:
  a. Chief Diversity Officer Antonio Farias will serve as a liaison to the Faculty Senate.
  b. Dean of Libraries, Judith Russell, will serve as liaison to Infrastructure Council and SCORS.
  c. Assistant Provost and Director of Institutional Planning and Research, Cathy Lebo, will serve as a liaison to SCORS.
  d. Steph McBride, Director of Commencements, will replace Donna Stricker, Director of Executive Events, on the Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee.
  e. Hannah Norton is the Faculty Enhancement Opportunity (FEO) Committee Senate representative.

○ A request for nominations to serve on councils and committees will be sent in November. Nominations will be open through 1/31/19.

○ National First Generation Day is on Thursday, November 8th. This is a nationwide celebration for the unique and special circumstances of first generation college students, faculty, and staff. On November 8th all faculty and staff who are first generation, or who support first generation students, are encouraged to wear green and use the hashtag “#FirstGenUF” to show support. In addition, Erica Aguiar, Assistant Director of the Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars and First Generation Student Success provided the Senate with buttons and stickers to support National First Gen day.

○ Megan Newsome, a UF graduate and researcher in the Department of Physics, who is also a Puffin Democracy fellow, met with SCORS to present her research about “STEMocracy: Bridging Civics and Science.” STEM students had the lowest voting turnout rate in 2013-2016. Research reflects that faculty have a positive effect on voter participation by reminding students of voting dates and options, including early voting at the Reitz Union, from 10/22 through 11/3. If you’re comfortable doing so, please encourage your students to vote.

○ A Senator requested reserved parking for Senators at the Reitz Union for Senate meetings. Costs are prohibitive and the Steering Committee agreed that a better alternative is for Senators to review transportation options such as the RTS routes or Campus Cab, or obtain a temporary pass at UFPD on Senate meeting dates.

○ Infrastructure Council passed a resolution to delay the construction of the Data Science Building until the new parking garage on Gale Lemmerand is complete. However, at their second meeting, the
Infrastructure Council unanimously agreed to table this resolution until more information is received from Craig Hill, Associate VP for Business Affairs. Last week, the Senate Chair met with Craig Hill, Associate Vice President for Business Affairs; Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; Carlos Dougnac, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Planning and Construction; and President Fuchs, to discuss parking and possible solutions. There are initiatives in the works regarding new parking areas on campus, as well as plans to modify transit from these parking lots to the core of campus and HSC. Craig Hill will present these items to the Infrastructure Council on November 8th at 2pm in 150 Pugh Hall. The Senate Chair agrees with tabling the resolution at this time and keeping this item in council.

- **President’s Report**
  Kent Fuchs, President

  - Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, will soon be providing a campus-wide parking update to all faculty, staff, students; any feedback can be forwarded to Dr. Fuchs.
  - Dr. Fuchs provided a Hurricane Michael update: 3.3 million lost power and about 100,000 Florida homes are still without power; The University of West Florida, Florida State University, and Florida A&M closed during the hurricane; UF panhandle area and IFAS facilities suffered about one million dollars in damages and about 150 UF employees are still on leave because of hurricane damage and disruption. Input is welcome regarding the communications which was extended by the university hurricane operations and policy teams.
  - A search firm and university strategic advisory group is leading a search for the Sr. Vice President for Health Affairs and President of UF Health.
  - The Alligator will publish an article by Dr. Fuchs about the 60th anniversary date of George Starke, the first African American to attend the University of Florida.
  - One year ago, ‘Lift Every Voice and Sing’ was played on the carillon at Century Tower by Dr. Laura Ellis on 10/19/2017 in opposition to white supremacist Richard Spencer’s appearance on campus on that date. Dr. Ellis will perform a recital from the University of Florida Carillon Studio tomorrow, 10/19/18.

- **Provost’s Report**
  Joe Glover, Provost

  - There is a search for a Director of the Center of Latin American Studies. It is being led by College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean, Dr. Dave Richardson.
  - Tomorrow is the opening night of The School of Theatre and Dance’s production of Hairspray which features UF alumna and Broadway regular LaVon Fisher-Wilson (as Motormouth Maybelle) and all are encouraged to attend.

**Information Items:**

**Florida Constitution Declaration by USF**

  - Shawn Felton, EdD, LAT, ATC, Chair of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS) forwarded all 12 state university faculty senate chairs the resolution the University of South Florida delegation approved on 9/26/18. The Faculty Senate at USF strongly encourages all eligible voters in the state of Florida to vote No on proposed amendments 5 and 7.

  - A motion to move this Information Item to an Action Item on today’s agenda passed with the required 2/3 vote; the next Senate meeting is after the election. Discussion was held on the proposed resolution verbiage: “The University of Florida Faculty Senate declares opposition to proposed Amendments 5 and 7 to the Florida Constitution and hereby endorses the Declaration of the University of South Florida Faculty Senate.” Following discussion, another proposed resolution in favor of supporting the USF resolution and opposing the proposed Florida constitutional amendments 5 and 7 passed.
University Curriculum Committee

- Criminology BA

This is a request for removing limited access status, which was originally requested because the number of students meeting the requirements for the program was far in excess of available resources. This no longer appears to be the case and it appears that the regular tracking requirements for the major are effectively functioning to moderate the number of students in the major.

University Libraries Initiatives & Update

University Libraries Dean, Judith Russell, presented library resources and tools available to faculty at the George A. Smathers Libraries, which includes Library West, Marston Science Library, Health Science Center Library, Architecture & Fine Arts Library, Education Library, and Smathers Library. An overview was provided of the UF digital collections @ ufdc.ufl.edu; The Scholarly Communications web page; the Records Management Program; course reserves; Academic Research & Consulting Services (ARCS); UBorrow which allows users to request materials through the online library catalog directly from participating Florida state university and college libraries; LibGuides; and Subject Specialists (Liaison Librarians). The Libraries also support Open Access publishing through the development of The IR@UF: the digital archive for the intellectual output of UF. It is UF’s vehicle for Sharing Scholarship Online—a showcase of, and portal to UF’s scholarly creativity and research.

Graduate Council

- New PhD with a major in Anatomical Sciences Education
- Master of Science in Anatomical Sciences Education

The Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology in the College of Medicine and the Schools of Teaching and Learning and Human Development and Organizational Studies in the College of Education are jointly sponsoring the proposed Anatomical Sciences Education Graduate MS and PhD Programs. The proposals address the increasing need for Masters and PHD’s in anatomy who can teach anatomy and science.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

- CLAS Senator Youssef Haddad expressed concern that UF did not make an official institutional statement of support for former UF student Lara Alqasem, who was detained in Israel because of alleged support for boycotting Israel, and that her participation in activism should be considered a constitutional right.
- CLAS Senator Mary Ann Eaverly pointed out that ‘Lift Every Voice and Sing’ is also known as the ‘black national anthem’.
- College of Dentistry Senator Jeannine Brady asked if a broadcast could be made available of tomorrow’s carillon recital. The Faculty Senate Chair will follow up with the Senate.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Attending

Senators
Angela Bacsik
Imre Bartos
Sally Bethart
Julien Beuzelin
Vincent Bird
David Bloom
Donald Bolser
Jeannine Brady
Lyle Brenner
Jason Butler
Jason Byrd
Clay Calvert