Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Chamber

Call to order & Approval of August 23, 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.

Reports
• Chair’s Report
  Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Vogel Anderson:
  o Introduced UFPD Major Brad Barber, canine officer, and Boomer, who are acting as campus community partners with Faculty Senate, as well as with Student Government. A UFPD canine officer will attend future Faculty Senate meetings to answer any questions regarding campus safety which may arise during discussion. This service was offered by Chief Stump Kurnick this summer. Senators are encouraged to ask any questions during open discussion.
  o Encouraged Senators to pick up a brochure describing the current exhibit at the University Galleries: Steven Siegel’s An Evolutionary Moment, which is installed until October 26th.
  o Thanked Dr. Amy Vigilante, Director of the University Galleries, for loaning and installing art in the Faculty Senate office, Tigert 134. All are encouraged to stop by and view the artwork.
  o Invited all Senators to the Human Resources new faculty orientation “Experience UF” event on October 10th at the University Galleries, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. To join the Chair, Gainesville Mayor, Lauren Poe, VP of Human Resources, Jodi Gentry, Associate Provost for Academic & Faculty Affairs, Chris Hass, Dr. Amy Vigilante, and others, please email experienceuf@hr.ufl.edu, Tricia Bachus at tbachus@ufl.edu, or the chair at: FacultySenateChair@aa.ufl.edu.
  o Requested nominations for the Faculty Enhancement Opportunity Committee (FEO committee) which reviews applications for faculty development activities. A Senate appointed faculty member is needed by October 10th so nominees and nominators should email the chair no later than October 5th.
  o Shared a reminder that all honorary degree and distinguished award nominations are due by October 1st.
  o Announced that the Distinguished Professor Lectures will be held immediately following the Senate meetings on January 24th, February 21st, and May 9th in the Reitz Union Chamber. Dr. Simon Phillpot from the College of Engineering presents first, followed by Dr. Krista Vandenbome from the College of Public Health and Health Professions in February, and then Dr. William Hager from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in May.

• President’s Report
  Kent Fuchs, President
  Dr. Fuchs discussed the ongoing updates being made to university commencement ceremonies and addressed concerns being voiced by students and their families, alumni, and others.
commencement overview was provided as well as a discussion of past experiences, and future plans. Please forward any feedback to Dr. Fuchs, who will be providing future updates from the Commencement Task Force.

- **Provost’s Report**
  
  Joe Glover, Provost
  
  Dr. Glover introduced The Platform for Life video and The Platform for Life concept, which identifies and highlights what is important to and unique about the University of Florida. The Provost also discussed the UF ‘moon shot’ initiative which originated as a call through the deans to solicit proposals to solve some of the most challenging problems of our era. A panel has selected nine proposals for funding and an overview was provided of each.

**Action Items:**

- **University Curriculum Committee**
  
  Angela Lindner, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs
  
  **BA in Art**
  
  This item was approved.

- **Graduate Council**
  
  Paul Duncan, Sr. Associate Dean
  
  **Close the Master of Advertising**
  
  This item was approved.

**Information Items:**

- **Introduction of Office of the Chief Diversity Officer**
  
  Antonio Farias, Chief Diversity Officer
  
  Antonio Farias introduced the Office of the Chief Diversity Officer and discussed goals, challenges and planned efforts to help facilitate a university environment with a greater sense of belonging and presence for faculty, staff, and students. Antonio Farias serves on the President’s cabinet, is UF’s first Chief Diversity Officer, and is connecting with other personnel and resources on campus to help move positive diversity and inclusion practices forward at UF.

- **Discovery Suite**
  
  Cathy Lebo, Assistant Provost and Director, Institutional Planning and Research
  
  Cathy Lebo demonstrated and answered inquiries regarding the new discovery tool, the UF Faculty Research Expertise, which will help connect University of Florida research collaborators, expand grant opportunities, and promote UF faculty expertise externally. There is an internal and external view and faculty can edit and add internal content. The information is downloadable and the landing page is: [https://ufl.discovery.academicanalytics.com/](https://ufl.discovery.academicanalytics.com/).

- **Open Discussion from Senate Floor**
  
  There was no open discussion from the Senate floor.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Attending**

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Ralf Remshardt
Maria Rogal
Elizabeth Ross
Jean-Francois Roulet
Keith Schneider
Richard Scholtz
Martin Sorbille
Richard Stepp
Tricia Swan
Jacqueline Swank
Ray Thomas
Scott Thompson
Lawrence Ukeiley
Kevin Vincent
Katie Vogel Anderson
Christopher Vulpe
Nian Wang
Phil Wegner
Nicole Whitehead
Samuel Wu
John Yelton
Andrew Zimmerman
Hui Zou
Student Senators
Alwin Hopf
Alexander Vlasak

Liaisons
Antonio Farias
Kent Fuchs
Joe Glover
Chris Hass
Angela Linder
Patricia Sohn

Guests
Victoria Frame
Cathy Lebo
Brian K. Marchman