

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2015, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium

Paul Davenport called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and the November minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Paul Davenport, Faculty Senate Chair

- Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to participate on our committees. We have not had a sufficient number of nominations so we are extending the nominations until January.
- Chair-Elect Nicole Stedman is organizing the Distinguished Professor Series for the spring semester.
- President Fuchs was inaugurated last week. Congratulations!

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- Florida Legislative session is starting earlier this year with new leadership in the House and Senate.
 - UF is asking for the following from the Legislature this year:
 - For additional increment to the university's performance funding.
 - Preeminence funding
 - Infrastructure funds
- Thank you to all who participated last week at the Inauguration Week events. President Fuchs reviewed points from his inauguration speech.
 - Impressed with the University – the quality of faculty and students
 - Reviewed the history from the start of the University
 - Who UF is today and the aspirations for the future.
 - Issues to work on in the future with faculty
 - Raise the university's reputation and the way it is perceived globally and nationally.
 - Embrace the mission to make a difference in society.
 - Globalizing and nationalizing the undergraduate student body.
 - UF will not be limited by our resources.
- Thank you to the faculty for inauguration week, commencements next week, courses faculty teach, the scholarship and the way faculty have served the university.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- The Draft UF PhD Programs and Policies Recommendations are posted on the Provost's website and linked from the Faculty Senate Website. Under each boldface topics are two paragraphs. The first is recommendations and the second are policies. Sections on the draft documents are:
 - Overview
 - Recruitment and Admissions
 - Orientation and Handbook
 - Advising and Supervisory Committees
 - Individual Development Plan (IDP)
 - Monitoring Progress
 - Professional Development
 - Postgraduate Contact Information
 - Diversity and Inclusion
 - Faculty Mentoring Training
 - Consecutive Semester Registration
 - Your comments will be posted on the Faculty Senate Website.
 - Jack Mecholsky commented that he agrees with writing policies and recommendations.

- Provost Glover gave an update on the Newell Hall Renovations. Plans are to complete interior renovation to create a *Learning Commons* for undergraduate and graduate students, exterior rehab and repairs, sitework/utilities and creation of a courtyard, and add a 10,000 sq. ft. new annex for “core functions and food service”.
- Completion date is planned for Spring 2017 with:
 - Improved safety and accessibility
 - Eliminate the service drive
 - Create usable courtyard
 - Enhance food service with outdoor seating

Action Items:

Program Termination

[Packaging Science BS Program](#)

- This item was passed.

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Programs

Information Items:

New Degree

• [PhD Youth Development and Family Science](#)

- Paul Duncan presented a request for a new PhD program in Department of Family, Youth and Community Science that was passed at Graduate Council.
- After David Groisser voiced a concern about Appendix D of the request, Tracy Irani from Family Youth and Community Sciences, gave background about the request, the steps and revisions that were done before presenting at the Senate.

Paul Duncan, Associate Dean, Graduate School

[2019-2020 Academic Calendar](#)

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Programs
Steve Pritz, Registrar

- The Academic Calendar for 2019-2020 was presented to the Senate. It had been approved by the University Curriculum Committee and now ready for approval by the Senate.
 - Homecoming date for 2016 has been set for October 16 (Missouri game).
 - Churchill Roberts was disappointed that his Wednesday class this year ended up two weeks shorter due to Veterans Day and Wednesday holiday before Thanksgiving.
 - Steve Pritz, Registrar, explained the history about the Wednesday holiday where the university had a two year test making the Wednesday before Thanksgiving a holiday. After the test and reviewing data, the University decided to make the Wednesday a holiday. This was also approved by the Faculty Senate.
 - Jack Mecholsky stated he remembers the Faculty Senate discussion about the Wednesday holiday and pointed out how difficult it is to create the academic calendar. How was the Wednesday data collected?
 - Mr. Pritz said they looked at bus ridership and also waste water usage on campus.
 - David Groisser reminded the senate he was outspoken about the Wednesday holiday. He emphasized that holidays in November really fracture a semester.

UF Online

Evangeline Cummings, Director, UF Online

- Evangeline Cummings gave an information about UF Online.
 - UF Online established by statute in 2013; launched in spring 2014.
 - Courses taught by 12 colleges, 64 departments, and over 260 faculty
 - UF Online Faculty Advisory Committee informs vision, direction and strategies
 - UF Online continues to expand offerings
 - Enrollment up 84% this fall over last fall
 - Efforts are underway to engage campus in UF Online’s future direction.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Senators Attending

Carrie Adams
Luis Alvarez-Castro
Pasha Antonenko
Wayne Archer
Lars Beattie
Jane Bachelor
Trevor Bopp
Dimitri Bourilkov
Kristy Breuhl Smith
Samantha Brooks
Thomas Buford
Clay Calvert
Christa Cook
Michael Dark
Michelle Darnell
Paul Davenport
Tammy Davidson
Keith Diem
Kitty Emery
Ibrahim Faruqi
Joshua Freeman
Carrie Geiger
Lyn Gettys
David Groisser
Jacob Hammer
Darryl Heard
Marc Heft
Phyllis Hendry
Amanda House
Rae Jesano
Melissa Johnson
Michael Kane
Hayk Khachatryan
Bahareh Keith
Christine Kelly-Begazo
Mei-Fang Lan
Haniph Latchman
Gillian Lord

Volker Mai
William McGehee
Jack Mecholsky
Valrie Minson
Kelly Morgan
Walter O’Dell
Andrew Pitkin
Cindy Prins
David Quillen
Sarah Reuss
Alice Rhoton-Vlasak
Churchill Roberts
Jeffrey Rollins
Richard Rose
Jean-Francois Roulet
Melody Royster
Susan Schaffer
Liz Screamton
Elizabeth Shephard
Steve Shugan
Lauren Solberg
Elisa Sottile
Fred Southwick
Margaret Temple-Smith
Ray Thomas
Hans van Oostrom
Katie Vogel-Anderson
Kristin Weitzel
Barbara Welsch
Patricia Woods
Henry Young
Mary Ellen Young

Students

Mirna Amaya

Liaisons

Joe Glover
Angel Kwolek-Folland
Angela Lindner
Nicole Stedman