

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**January 28, 2016, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Reitz Union Auditorium**

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Paul Davenport called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and the December minutes were approved.

**Chair's Report**

**Paul Davenport, Faculty Senate Chair**

- Reminder: Please make sure you signed in.
- Thank you for signing up for committee and councils. The Nominations Committee is putting together the nominations for this academic year.
- Marc Orazem is the first presenter for the Distinguished Professor lecture series on March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Faculty Senate will take the lead on the Academic Freedom Symposium organization with consultation with the Provost and President.
- Please participate in the Path to Implementation symposium that starts this evening with discussion on national preeminence with Robert Birgeneau at 6:30 p.m. in Emerson Hall and continues tomorrow.
- Ray Thomas asked why the Faculty Club will not be at the University House.
  - Dr. Davenport replied that some issues were raised about using the University House for a Faculty Club. A meeting is set for next week to discuss more location options and Dr. Davenport will report back after more planning is completed.

**President's Report**

**Kent Fuchs, President**

- President Fuchs wants to make sure that there is a viable business model and it not drain general resources and it not be for people over 60. It needs to be for younger faculty.
- Provost Symposium
  - Reminder that Robert Birgeneau will be the guest this evening at the symposium. He has a relevant record as a faculty and administrator and is a Project Chair of the [Lincoln Project: Excellence and Access in Public Higher Education](#).
- Session with the Governor's Cabinet
  - Governor Scott invited the University Presidents to attend a Cabinet meeting last week. Each President was asked about their commitment to graduating students finding employment if they are seeking employment.
  - President Fuchs sent an eight page response that will be provided to put on the Faculty Senate website.
  - UF has an amazing Career Services organization.
- United Faculty of Florida and Impasse
  - Trustees agreed today to follow the recommendation of the administration. UFF will be offered a 2.5% merit base raise beginning January 1, 2016.

**Provost's Report**

**Joe Glover, Provost**

- Vice President of Student Affairs Search Committee conducted airport interviews and have narrowed candidates to three finalists. The finalists will be scheduled to visit the campus during the month of February.
- Dean of Design, Construction and Planning Search Committee received all applicants and they have set up airport interviews. These will take place in early February.
- Provost Glover noted that the Board of Governors has a new chair, Tom Kuntz. Dr. Glover read portions of Mr. Kuntz's [State of the System Address](#) which highlights three areas that he would like to place emphasis during his term.
  - Aligning Degrees to Match High-Skilled Workforce Needs
  - Elevating Research Profile
  - Increasing Access and Affordability

## Action Items:

### New Degree

**Paul Duncan**, Associate Dean, Graduate School

- [PhD Youth Development and Family Science](#)
  - This item was passed.

### [2019-2020 Academic Calendar](#)

**Angela Lindner**, Associate Provost  
Undergraduate Programs  
**Steve Pritz**, Registrar

- Edith Kaan asked why Fall 2019 term starts so early in August.
  - Steve Pritz explained the UF tries to have a one week break between spring and summer. It is sometimes affected by fiscal policies of the university.
    - This item passed.

## Information Items:

### [College Financial Information](#)

**Greg Dubois and Frances Fiorello**  
Finance and Planning

- About a year ago the Faculty Senate Budget Council requested the creation of an interactive, university-level financial report with available balance summary, amounts at the college, department and funding sources.
- Data is current – updated nightly to include transaction process by end of the business day.
- The Faculty Senate Budget Report will be available on the CFO's website.

### [Are You Ready?](#)

**Lynne Palmer**, Events Services Manager  
**Katie Rogers**, Event Coordinator

- Lynne Palmer and Katie Rogers gave a presentation on the new renovations of the Reitz Union. The new section will open early February.

Dr. Davenport forgot to mention early that he is working with the University of South Carolina Faculty Senate Chair to organize a SEC Faculty Senate Chairs group so that the SEC universities can communicate with each other about things going on at each campus. Hopefully the group can get together this spring semester.

## Open Discussion

- Alex Lucas mentioned that she is glad the university is looking into decreasing student to faculty ratio in classes.
  - Provost Glover stated that the student to faculty ration has been a concern for a long time. With the aid of the Dean's budget and recent appropriations from the legislature we are making progress.
  - The President agreed UF is making progress but stated that there is a lot of work to be done.
    - IFAS has received funding that was created by the Agriculture community.
- Jonathan Cohen wondered if any thought has been given for students to be good citizens.

- Provost Glover reminded the senate that UF has good programs plus all freshman must take the Good Life Course. He also noted the Bob Graham Center for Public Service has made one of the centerpiece projects the issue of civic preparedness for our graduates.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

**Senators Attending**

John Abbitt  
Luis Alvarez-Castro  
Pasha Antonenko  
Jane Bachelor  
Lars Beattie  
Trevor Bopp  
Gary Boulware  
Dimitri Bourilkov  
Jeannine Brady  
Kristy Breuhl Smith  
Samantha Brooks  
Thomas Buford  
Jason Butler  
Clay Calvert  
Don Cohen  
Michael Dark  
Paul Davenport  
Tammy Davidson  
Silvio dos Santos  
Kitty Emery  
Ibrahim Faruqi  
Roger Fillingim  
Carrie Geiger  
Katerie Gladdys  
Renee Goodrich  
Charles Haddad  
Jacob Hammer  
Chris Hass  
Marc Heft  
Amanda House  
Raymond Issa  
Rae Jesano  
Melissa Johnson  
Edith Kaan  
Bahareh Keith  
Heather Kent  
Serdar Kirli  
Mei-Fang Lan  
Sherry Larkin  
Haniph Latchman  
John Lilly  
Gillian Lord  
Alex Lucas

Volker Mai  
William McGehee  
Jack Mecholsky  
Nancy Moores  
Larry Muszynski  
Ashley Booth Norse  
Walter O'Dell  
Brandi Omerod  
Cindy Prins  
David Quillen  
Alice Rhoton-Vlasak  
Mary Risner  
Churchill Roberts  
Jeffrey Rollins  
Andrew Rosalsky  
Jean-Francois Roulet  
Melody Royster  
Karen Sando  
John Sansalone  
Elizabeth Shephard  
SA Sherif  
Steve Shugan  
Amy Simonne  
Daniel Siragusa  
Meera Sitharam  
Lauren Solberg  
Elisa Sottile  
Stacey Steinberg  
Margaret Temple Smith  
Ray Thomas  
Hans van Oostrom  
Katie Vogel-Anderson  
Jay Watkins  
Ann Wehmeyer  
Barbara Welsch  
Brigitte Weltman-Aron  
Nicole Whitehead  
Caroline Wiltshire  
Patricia Woods  
Yafeng Yin  
Henry Young  
Mary Ellen Young

**Liaisons**

Kent Fuchs  
Joe Glover  
Angela Lindner  
Winifred Phillips  
Stephen Pritz  
James Seale  
Ana Spiguel  
Nicole Stedman  
Elaine Turner

**Students**

Nathan Blinn

**Guests**

Greg Dubois  
Paul Duncan  
Frances Fiorello  
Lynne Palmer  
Katie Rogers