

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2015, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium

Paul Davenport called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Dr. Davenport asked for a moment of silence for all those affected by tragic events in France and around the world. After the moment of silence, the October 2015 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Paul Davenport, Faculty Senate Chair

- Dr. Davenport gave a report about the inauguration events for President Fuchs for Julie Dodd.
- Chair-Elect Nicole Stedman is organizing the Distinguished Professor Series.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Two administrative searches that are underway – Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Design, Construction and Planning.
- Please save—the-date for January 28 & 29 for a university conference that is tentatively titled: *UF Strategic Goals and Past Implementation*. On the evening of January 28, there will be a conversation on national preeminence with President Fuchs and Evneing a conversation on National preeminence with Fuchs and Robert Birgeneau, Chancellor Emeritus of UC Berkeley and President Emeritus of University of Toronto. On January 29, there will be a faculty conversation on how to build a top 10 university.

Action Items:

Honorary Degrees

Rick Yost, Chair, Honorary Degree Committee

- The Senate approved Libby Larsen and Erick Maskin for Honorary Degrees.

Information Items:

Program Termination

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Programs

[Packaging Science BS Program](#)

- Angela Lindner presented information on the program termination of the Packaging Science BS Program.

Faculty Ombuds

Ken Gerhardt, Faculty Ombuds

- UF Faculty Ombuds provides informal, impartial and confidential assistance for faculty seeking information on University conflict resolution processes.
 - Serves out-of-unit faculty
 - Faculty covered by collective bargaining are referred to UFF
- The Ombuds does not advocate, is not part of the administration and is free from influence in addressing issues of conflict.
- The Ombuds follows standards of practice articulated by the International Ombudsman Association.
- The Ombuds does not:
 - Mediate and negotiate settlements in disputes
 - Offer psychological counseling
 - Get involved with fact finding
 - Represent faculty in a grievance procedure or intervene in a formal grievance procedure
 - Overturn decisions by university officials
 - Provide legal advice or legal representation.

International Center

Leonardo Villalon, Dean, International Center

- Dean Villalon gave information about the International Center
 - UF is currently celebrating International Week.
 - Main administrative side of the International Center consists of the International Student Services which manages the 6,148 international students – six advisors handle these students.
 - UF is in the top 25 in the number of international students that come through campus.
 - Second major unit of the International Center is the Study Abroad Services.
 - UF is also in the top 25 in the number of students the university sends abroad – over 2,000 students.
 - Recently hired a new director of Study Abroad who will start in January.
 - Third main unit is Exchange Visitor Services.
 - Work with different offices to bring Foreign visitors to campus.
 - International Center handle the international collaborative exchange agreements.
- Part of the SACs reaccreditation process, UF used Internationalization for its QEP theme. Key component of the QEP is to enhance the opportunities for undergraduate students to add an international dimension for any degree.
 - International Scholars program: Any student can add this designation to graduate as an international scholar
 - Peace Corps Prep started with an invitation from the Peace Corps. UF has a Peace Corps representative on campus where students can complete the Peace Corps Prep and get better placed in Peace Corps volunteering.
 - Office of Global Research Engagement helps provide resources to encourage faculty to pursue international engagement. This office plans future seminars for faculty who are interested in doing research internationally.
- Reminder: Faculty – please register when doing international travel.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

- Jack Mecholsky voiced concern about decisions made in departments specifically the termination of Packaging Science Program. He suggested that the Faculty Senate should have a discussion about these types of decisions.
- Bruce Welt noted that the Packaging Science Program has always struggled for funding to run the program. The problem is when a program is operated in a department with a primary mission then the secondary missions get shunted in the funding process.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Senators Attending

Carrie Adams
Luis Alvarez-Castro
Pasha Antonenko
Wayne Archer
Jane Bachelor
Trevor Bopp
Dimitri Bourilkov
Kristy Breuhl Smith
Samanth Brooks
Jason Butler
Clay Calvert

Nico Cellinese
James Collins
Christa Cook
Michelle Darnell
Paul Davenport
Tammy Davidson
Keith Diem
Ibrahim Faruqi
Joshua Freeman
Lyn Gettys
Renee Goodrich

David Groisser
Charles Haddad
Jacob Hammer
Chris Hass
Phyllis Hendry
Amanda House
Raymond Issa
Rae Jesano
Melissa Johnson
Jasmeet Judge
Edith Kaan

Michael Kane
Christine Kelly-Begazo
Heather Kent
Serdar Kirli
Haniph Latchman
Alex Lucas
Volker Mai
Gene Mcavoy
Jack Mecholsky
Larry Muszynski
Scott Myers
Irfan Nasir
Walter O'Dell
Brandi Omerod
Mark Panning
David Quillen
Sarah Reuss
Mary Risner
Churchill Roberts
Andrew Rosalsky
Leah Rosenberg
Jean-Francois Roulet
Melody Royster
Susan Schaffer
Nipa Shah
Steve Shugan
Amy Simonne
Elisa Sottile
Fred Southwick
Stacey Steinberg
David Therriault
Ray Thomas
Hans van Oostrom
Heather Vincent
Katie Vogel-Anderson
Ann Wehmeyer
Kristin Weitzel
Bruce Welt
Karen Whalen
Nicole Whitehead
Caroline Wiltshire
Patricia Woods
Yafeng Yin

Students

Nathan Blinn
Mark Rottensteiner

Guests

Ken Gerhardt
Mark Rush

Liaisons

Joe Glover
Angela Lindner
Nicole Stedman
Leonardo Villalon
Rick Yost