

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**October 15, 2015, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Reitz Union Auditorium**

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Paul Davenport called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. September 2015 minutes were approved.

**Chair's Report**

**Paul Davenport**, Faculty Senate Chair

- Advisory Council of Faculty Senates is an organization whose members are chairs from Florida's 12 universities. Drs. Davenport and Stedman attended the ACFS Meeting on October 2, 2015. The ACFS voted unanimously to reaffirm ACFS resolution opposing "Guns on Campus" legislation for 2016.
- University Relations Office is scheduled to launch a refreshed UF homepage on Wednesday, November 4 recognizing that faculty members are one of the primary stakeholder groups at UF.

**President's Report**

**Kent Fuchs**, President

- President Fuchs commented on Academic Freedom and Faculty Advocacy. (*The attached document is the President's Talking Points NOT a transcript*)

**Provost's Report**

**Joe Glover**, Provost

- Two administrative searches were launched this week.
  - Dean Silvers notified all the faculty in Design, Construction and Planning that he will be stepping down as dean at the end of the year. A search committee was formed to find a successor.
  - Dave Kratzer, Vice President for Student Affairs, has decided to retire at the end of the fiscal year. A search committee was formed today to find his successor.
- The College of Engineering, in recognition of a large transformative gift, has been renamed the "Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering".
- A committee of deans, faculty and some administrators was charged to look at administrative policies and processes of graduate programs (not curriculum). The Provost has asked that this committee give a list of requirements and make recommendations for graduate education.
  - The proposed recommendations and policies will be posted on a website for faculty to review and comment.
- In the future, the new UF website will have a template that colleges and departments can use so that there is consistency and uniformed look for the University of Florida.

**Information Items:**

**Climate Survey**

**Angel Kwolek-Folland**, Associate Provost  
Academic and Faculty Affairs

- A Climate Survey for faculty, staff and post-doctoral associates will become available October 27 and end November 17th. Information from the survey will be available Spring 2016. This survey is to identify important issues related to the workplace and will be used as a benchmark against future campus climate assessments.
- The Faculty Senate Welfare council had asked that UF conduct a climate survey.
- An outside vendor, Rankin and Associates, will conduct the survey. Sue Rankin is an emeritus faculty at Penn State University and a senior research associate in the Center for the Study of Higher Education.

**Harn Art Museum**

**Eric Segal**, Education Curator  
Harn Art Museum

- The Harn Art Museum can be a faculty resource for teaching.
- There are five collecting areas: African, Asian, Contemporary, Modern and Photography.

- Tours of the museum are available and are tailored to stimulate lively discussions.
- Examples of working with faculty
  - Geriatrics in Physical Therapy
  - Spanish in the Museum
  - Tropical Ecology
  - Internships for students from all majors are available for fall, spring and summer.

### **Open Discussion from Senate Floor**

- Julie Dodd gave an update on President Fuchs Inauguration.
  - Inauguration week is November 30 – December 4
    - The Inauguration Committee has a website that is in the process of getting updated:
    - November 30 – Students are working on putting on a festival
    - December 1 – Open House on the East Campus
    - December 2 & 3 – Campus Showcase – all colleges will be involved.
    - December 4 – Investiture ceremony at 3 p.m. University Auditorium. Invitation only event, but will have a couple places that are live streaming.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

### **Senators Attending**

Luis Alvarez-Castro  
Derek Barber  
Lars Beattie  
Dimitri Bourilkov  
Russ Bowers  
Samantha Brooks  
Mary Brownell  
Nico Cellinese  
Don Cohen  
James Collins  
Christa Cook  
Michael Dark  
Paul Davenport  
Tammy Davidson  
Silvio dos Santos  
Ibrahim Faruqi  
Roger Filliingim  
Carrie Geiger  
Lyn Gettys  
Renee Goodrich  
David Groisser  
Charles Haddad  
Jacob Hammer  
Chris Hass  
Linda Hayward  
Darryl Heard  
Marc Heft  
Rae Jesano  
Melissa Johnson

Michael Kane  
James Keesling  
Heather Kent  
Hayk Khachatryan  
Mei-Fang Lan  
Haniph Latchman  
Gillian Lord  
William McGehee  
Jack Mecholsky  
Scott Myers  
Brandi Ormerod  
Mark Panning  
Anna Peterson  
Andrew Pitkin  
Cindy Prins  
Sarah Reuss  
Alice Rhoton-Vlasak  
Jeffrey Rollins  
Andrew Rosalsky  
Richard Rose  
Leah Rosenberg  
Melody Royster  
Karen Sando  
Susan Schaffer  
Liz Scream  
Elizabeth Shephard  
Steve Shugan  
Lauren Solberg  
Elisa Sottile

Fred Southwick  
Stacey Steinberg  
David Therriault  
Sonal Tuli  
Hans van Oostrom  
Wagner Vendrame  
Katie Vogel-Anderson  
Ann Wehmeyer  
Caroline Wiltshire  
Henry Young  
Mary Ellen Young

### **Liaisons**

Kent Fuchs  
Joe Glover  
Angela Lindner

### **Students**

Nathan Blinn  
Angel Kwolek-Folland  
Mark Rottensteiner  
Michael Russel

### **Guests**

Julie Dodd  
Paul Duncan  
Eric Segal