

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2017 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Chamber

Nicole Stedman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and the January minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Nicole Stedman, Faculty Senate Chair

- Distinguished Professor Lectures are starting (Emerson Alumni Hall)
 - 2/20 – Dr. Robert Ferl, College of Agriculture
 - 3/27 – Dr. Michael Perfit, Geological Sciences
 - 4/10 – Dr. Bala Sivaramakrishnan, College of Engineering
- Academic Freedom and Responsibility Symposium is scheduled for March 28 at 3:30 p.m. in the Reitz Union Chamber
 - Lyryssa Lidskey, Kevin Folta, Barbara Wingo and Jaimie Lewis Keith
- Call for nominations for Chair-Elect
- White papers being developed through ACFS
 - Online education in higher education
 - Florida performance – based on metrics
- Three proposals are being developed by the COO's office for a faculty club

President's Report (video)

Kent Fuchs, President

- President is in Boston where five UF faculty members are being inducted into the AAAS.
 - John Ewel, Biology, CLAS
 - Hugh Fan, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, ENG
 - Alice Harmon, Biology, CLAS
 - Robert Dan Holt, Biology, CLAS
 - Laura Ranum, Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, MED
- The University has continued concern about disturbing incidents happening on campus.
- President Fuchs signed with members of AAU, ACE, APLU and other higher educational institutions a letter to Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly expressing concerns and highlighting the important role of international students and scholars.

Provost's Report (video)

Joe Glover, Provost

- UF is close to the end of interviews of the three finalists for the Dean of the College of Business.
- A new search has opened for the Director of Planning and Institutional Research.
- Office of Admissions released the list of students admitted for the new freshman class.
 - UF had about 34,000 applications and accepted about 13,000 students. Out of that number, UF plans about 6600 to agree to attend Summer B/Fall 2017.
 - UF also admitted students into the Innovation Academy and PACE program

Action Items:

Curriculum Committee

- [Doctor of Occupational Therapy](#)
 - This is a new degree program for PHHP.
 - *This item passed*

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

Approve 2017 Homecoming Date

- The Senate had tentatively assigned a homecoming date of Oct13/14. UF Foundation selected that weekend to launch its capital campaign. The Senate voted at the last meeting to make this item an Information Item for January and an Action Item for February's meeting. Two dates are available for homecoming: October 7 and November 18.
 - October 7, 2017 was selected as Homecoming 2017.
 - (October 7 – 41 votes; November 18 – 18 votes)

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Information Items:

Curriculum Committee

- [Change of B.S. Degree name from 'Astronomy' to 'Astrophysics'](#)
 - Request for a degree name change

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Undergraduate Studies

[New and Revised Regulations \(Lights\)](#)

- The Committee reviewed the proposed regulation changes and makes the following recommendations. The Committee adopted a color-coded key for easily identifying the regulation changes that it feels need further consideration.
 - **Red** – Faculty members might disapprove or deem to be controversial and, therefore, should be given thoughtful consideration by all.
 - **Yellow** – Concerns a limited group of faculty and we recommend that those faculty examine the rule changes closely and express their views both to the Senate and to the administration through the public hearings if they feel it is appropriate.
 - **Green** – Changes have some impact on faculty but generally made only stylistic or technical changes.

Maureen Long, Member
University Curriculum Committee

UF [Mindfulness](#)

- Dr. Grumwald gave a presentation on the UF Mindfulness program.

Sabine Grunwald, Professor,
College of Agriculture

UF Wellness

Morgan Papworth, Gatorcare
Wellness Coordinator

- Morgan Papworth gave information about the Employee Wellness Opportunities.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

- Steven Willis, College of Law, enjoyed the mindfulness presentation wellness presentation and pointed out that males tend not to seek help when needed. He hopes that there are programs with that in mind.
- Dr. Willis also voice concern that there is a lack of “diversity in thought” at his college. He suggested that there should be a discussion on this subject
 - Dr. Stedman agreed and asked that this issue be discussed in the Welfare Council.

Meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Attending

Senators

John Abbitt
Carrie Adams
Damian Adams
Suzan Alteri
Luis Alvarez-Castro
Dorina Avram
Arunava Banerjee
Richard Berry
Victoria Bird
Gary Boulware
Kristy Breuhl Smith
Mary Brownell
Clay Calvert
Janice Carrillo
Christa Cook
Tammy Davidson
Keith Diem
Kitty Emery
John Erickson
Joshua Freeman
Jian Ge
Carrie Geiger
Jacob Hammer
George Harrison
Chris Hass
Marc Heft
Susan Hegeman
lanessa Humbert
Stan Kaye
Serdar Kirli

Tanya Koropecykj-Cox
Mei-Fang Lan
Mai Volker
Christopher Martinez
Robert McCleery
Jack Mecholsky
Ayalew Mergia
Nancy Moores
Deborah Nistler
Ashley Booth Norse
Nam-kyu Park
Cindy Prins
David Quillen
Keith Rambo
Jeanne Repetto
Alice Rhoton-Vlasak
Mary Risner
Churchill Roberts
Andrew Rosalsky
Leah Rosenberg
Elizabeth Ross
Jean-Francois Roulet
Melody Royster
Laila Samilian
Karen Sando
Richard Scholtz
James Seale
Nipa Shah
SA Sherif
Steven Slutsky
Tina Smith-Bonahue

Ray Thomas
Katie Vogel-Anderson
Jay Watkins
Phil Wegner
Ann Wehmeyer
Kristin Weitzel
Bruce Welt
R. David Whitley
Steven Willis
Patricia Woods
John Yelton
Mary Ellen Young

Liaisons

Angela Lindner
Michael Perri
Ana Spiguel
Nicole Stedman

Students

Eric Blair

Guests

Joanne Foss
Sabine Grumwald
Stephanie Larsen
Maureen Long
Morgan Papworth