

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
March 23, 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 February minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Nicole Stedman, Faculty Senate Chair

- Distinguished Professor Lectures (Emerson Alumni Hall)
 - 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
- Senate Reception, Tuesday, April 18th – University House
- [Senate Bill 104](#)
 - Designates language that permits high schools to show equivalency for foreign language with computer coding skills.
 - Working with UF Communications group to craft a statement as to why this is not the best idea.
- Update from Board of Trustee meeting
 - Performance based metrics were discussed.
 - This was Dr. Stedman's last BOT meeting as Faculty Senate Chair.
 - Gave a College Faculty Council Chair meeting report to the BOT. These are chairs from each college's assembly, advisory group or council. Concerns from the meeting were:
 - Concerned about parking
 - Course evaluations (UF in the process of updating)
 - Changing expectation for promotion and tenure
 - Online Education

President's Report (video)

Kent Fuchs, President

- UF is working with Federal Relations staff of the AAU to provide input on President Trump's proposed federal budget outline. UF has concern about future of the National Endowment of Humanities and the National Endowment of the Arts. UF is also concerned about proposed cuts to the budgets of a number of other federal agencies such as National Institute of Health Budget
- Florida Board of Governors asked the state universities to begin an enhanced government initiative. Universities are to develop a clear set of guidelines and policies concerning approval of significant financial commitments by the university and affiliates and appointment of affiliate boards. UF developed a set of government standards and approved by the BOT. These standards should affect faculty members.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Search for Dean of College of Business is terminated. Another search will reopened this summer. John Kraft will continue as dean.
- Plans are to interview three or four candidates this week for the new Institutional Research Director.
- UF revised metric #10 that concerned the BOG measurement of university success in the area of external grant dollars that UF brought in. The new metric #10 is the number of licenses and options executed. This will be reported spring 2018.
 - For the future, the BOG has asked the university BOTs to revise the university's metric #10 and score no more than 7 for initial reports.
- "The Cost of Education" is one of the BOG's metric. This metric was interpreted as the college's cost to educate a student. The BOG is redefining the metric to mean the cost of education to the average student.

Action Items:

Curriculum Committee

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Studies

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

Information Items:

UF Communications

Margo Winick, Director
New and Content Management

- Presented information on speaking to and through the media.
- UF Communication is looking for ways to relay information to the public and peers about all the good work the UF faculty are doing.
- Works with faculty on their media presence.

[UF Quest](#) Background and Process

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- 2010 Task Force on Undergraduate Education recommended that the University work towards creation of a signature experience
- UF Quest's Initial "Core" Model for the first two years includes "What is the Good Life", "The Challenge of Climate Change" and "An Informed Life: People and Data".
- UF Core experience for third year students – "Experiencing the World to Improve the Lives of a Larger Community" and the fourth year is "Synthesize Learning in UF Core Experiences and Major"

[CURBS – Center for Undergraduate Research](#)

Patrick Rizk, President
CURBS

Board of Students

- CURBS helps undergraduates become more involved in the research process and to improve the student research experience in existing undergraduate programs.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

- Alice Rhoton-Vlasak asked for advice on how to handle student questions about media reports about UF students who have been arrested.
 - Dr. Stedman will talk with Vice President of Student Affairs, David Parrott help to provide more clarity about students' public issues to faculty.
- Jeannine Brady shared information about Gainesville March for Science that the undergraduates are organizing. The march will gather at the stadium on April 22 and march between 11 and 12 to downtown plaza. Plans are to have speakers from noon until 3 p.m. This is a non-partisan celebration of science.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Attending

Senators

John Abbitt
Suzan Alteri
Luis Alvarez-Castro
Wayne Archer
Dorina Avram
Victoria Bird
Dimitri Bourilkov
Jeannine Brady
Mary Brownell
Clay Calvert
James Collins
Jeffrey Davis
Keith Diem
John Erickson
Joshua Freeman
Jian Ge
Lyn Gettys
Ashley Ghiaseddin
Matthew Gurka
Bernard Hauser
Linda Hayward
Darryl Heard
Susan Hegeman
Phyllis Hendry
Melissa Johnson
James Keesling
Yong Jae Ko
Tanya Koropeckyj-Cox
Mei-Fang Lan
Christopher Martinez
Robert McCleery
William McGehee
Ayalew Mergia

Nancy Moores
Hannah Norton
Brandi Ormerod
Nam-kyu Park
Cindy Prins
David Quillen
Keith Rambo
Ralph Remshardt
Alice Rhoton-Vlasak
Mary Risner
Churchill Roberts
Andrew Rosalsky
Leah Rosenberg
Elizabeth Ross
Karen Sando
Richard Scholtz
Liz Scream
James Seale
Nipa Shah
Elizabeth Shephard
SA Sherif
Steve Shugan
Amy Simonne
Lauren Solberg
Elisa Sottile
Fred Southwick
Margaret Temple-Smith
Ray Thomas
Hans van Oostrom
Wagner Vendrame
Katie Vogel-Anderson
Jay Watkins
Phil Wegner
Ann Wehmeyer

Nicole Whitehead
R. David Whitley
Patricia Woods
John Yelton
Mary Ellen Young

Liaisons

Angela Bacsik
Joe Glover
Angela Lindner
Michael Perri
Ana Spiguel
Nicole Stedman

Guests

Eva Czarnecka-Verner
Adrian Acuna Higuki
Kris Klann
Patrick Rizk
Toby Shorey
Margo Winick
Amy Wolpert