

President's Task Force on Outside Activities
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Working Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Review President Fuchs' charge to the Task Force (*Task Force currently limited to issue of serving as expert witness; asks for recommendations by November 29*)
4. Review of the working agenda
5. Questions to be answered:
 - a. How might UF's written policies on disclosure of outside activities and conflict of interest (as they relate to the issue of serving as an expert witness) be modified to better reinforce the university's longstanding commitment to academic freedom and/or to achieve other goals?
 - b. If need arises for a new interpretation of written policies or a revised interpretation or application is proposed, what is the process for creating, adopting, or rejecting a new/revised interpretation?
 - c. Do the procedures used for receiving and assessing disclosures of outside activities need modification? Who should issue decisions to faculty members and what form should the communications take?
 - d. Assuming for the moment that the intention is to grant most requests to serve as expert witnesses, what are the possible exceptions to this intention, how do we delineate them, and who gets to decide those exceptions?
6. What references/literature searches/research/consultations do we need for our next meeting?
7. Future meeting schedule