

Senate Steering Committee Minutes

December 7, 2023

3:00 p.m.

135 Tigert Hall (Student Affairs Conference Room 142), or if needed, via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 933 5123 1856 Passcode: 217185 Dial in: +1 646 558 8656

Present: Sarah Lynne, Stephanie Bogart, Walter O'Dell, Nancy Clark, Chris Janelle, Richard Scholtz, Alexandra Bitton-Bailey, Angela Lindner, Catherine Striley, Tom Kelleher, Laurie Bialosky, Jorg Peters, John Jordi, Jeremiah Blanchard, Rick Stepp, and Joe Little.

Call to Order

Sarah Lynne, Chair-elect

- The meeting was called to order by *Faculty Senate Chair-elect Sarah Lynne at 3:00 p.m.
- *Faculty Senate Chair Wright is attending the BOT meeting today.

Approve [November 1, 2023 Minutes](#)

Sarah Lynne, Chair-elect

- The minutes were approved.

Reports

- **Chair's Report**

Sarah Lynne, Chair-elect

- Chair Wright continues to work with the administration and McKinsey Consultants on administrative burden issues.
- Now posted on the [master calendar](#), the University Committees and Councils Virtual Open House is on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 - 1:00 – 2:00:
<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/93014200320?pwd=OU95MXVjc2szSzZ2YlJEUU85cGZ0dz09> | Meeting ID: 930 1420 0320 | Passcode: 008404 | Dial: 305 224 1968
You must sign-on via your UFL Zoom account to gain access to the meeting.
- Chair-elect Lynne, Chair Wright, and Past Chair Phalin will be attending the Board of Governors and Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS) meetings in Tallahassee Jan 23 - 25.
- Join us following next month's Senate meeting for the 2nd lecture, by Dr. Michael Okun, in the Distinguished Professor Lecture Series:
<https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/FacultySenate/Pages/Faculty-Senate/DistinguishedProfessorLectureSeries>
- Chair-elect Lynne introduced ENG Senator & Steering Committee member Jeremiah Blanchard to present a [Proclamation Commending the Service of Associate Provost Angela Lindner](#). Dr. Lindner's last day in her current role is January 4. Following discussion, a motion to approve the proclamation and add it to the December Senate agenda as an Information Item carried.

- **Provost's Report**

Scott Angle, Interim Provost

- Provost Angle is attending the BOT meeting today. Chair-elect Lynne relayed the topics which Dr. Angle will provide to the Senate next week, including: post-tenure review, international hiring, and an update on the Provost's Office review.
- Following regulation inquiries, Associate Provost Hass briefly addressed their potential implementation and bargaining agreement timelines and paths.

Introduction of VP Wegmann

James Wegmann, VP for Communications

- VP Wegmann is attending the BOT meeting today and will attend December Senate to introduce Himself and office initiatives.

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC) Report

Christopher Janelle, Faculty Athletics Representative

- At Senate, Dr. Janelle will review the overall role of and membership makeup the [IAC](#); its progress under the leadership of (now retired) Dr. Andy McCollough; the IAC focus on academic-related issues; the data results from the graduated student athletes' exit interviews (which indicate a favorable UF academic experience); and recent topics of interest, ranging from Name Image Likeness (NIL) to UF student athletes' academic balance and challenges.

- Following an inquiry, Dr. Janelle addressed recent transfer portal changes and trends.

International Center for Academic Integrity (ICAI) Survey Results

John Jordi, Instructional Assessment Coordinator, Center for Teaching Excellence

- John Jordi will present to Senate the role of academic integrity in UF's partnership with the ICAI, highlighting items which have the most impact. Active resource links will be provided in his slides and the posted minutes. UF Center for Teaching Excellence resources will be shared and include alternate assessments, the resource library, syllabus statement examples, and tips for discussing academic integrity.

University Curriculum Committee

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs

- [Modify the Classification of Instructional Programs \(CIP\) code for the Agricultural Operations Management \(AOM\) Program](#)

- This request by CALS' Agricultural Operations Management program is to create a new track in a CIP code for the existing AOM major, with a different set of common prerequisite courses (compared to those the Florida BOG currently lists.)

Graduate Council

Tom Kelleher, Graduate School Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

- [Close the MS in Animal Molecular and Cellular Biology](#)

- This is a request to close this low enrollment program, with a phase-out occurring through Spring 2025.

[Strategic Plan for Animal and Human Subject Research Resources Update](#)

David Norton, VP for Research

- VP Norton is attending the BOT meeting today and submitted this report.

Council Reports

Research and Scholarship Council

Ashley Ghiaseddin, Chair

- Dr. Ghiaseddin is traveling today but submitted this Research and Scholarship Council report: Council had a great meeting last month. The UF Health IT/Data Science team came to discuss their clinical data sharing tool for research that can be accessed by those interested in leveraging the database: Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership (OMOP). They provided a demo on how to use OMOP and future directions for the system.

- Council does not meet in December. 2021-22 Faculty Council Chair Dr. David C. Bloom has been invited for the January meeting to provide updates on the prior IRB/IACUC action item, and where we stand following Dr. Norton's updates to Faculty Senate in December.

Welfare Council**Stephanie Bogart, Chair**

- Met on November 30 and will meet in January. Council is focusing on reviewing university-wide milestones to advocate for faculty and increase faculty recognition. It is also promoting collaborative faculty spaces, potentially using the Keene Faculty Center as a model.

Academic Policy Council**Nancy Clark, Chair**

- APC reviewed a [Posthumous Recognition of Faculty Resolution](#) presented by Chair Wright and approved [the resolution as amended](#). Chair Wright has shared it with the Provost's Office.

Budget Council**Jorg Peters, Chair**

- Council followed-up on a previous McKinsey Consultants funding inquiry and confirms that they are paid via carryover funds from the President's Office. 4.7 million was spent in the summer and council will follow up to ascertain the current tally of funding to date. Chair-elect Lynne or Dr. Peters will forward this inquiry to VP Wegmann. Council also discussed College of Medicine shortfalls and ripple effects.

Infrastructure Council**Walter O'Dell, Chair**

- Council meets in January.

Approve [December 14, 2023 Faculty Senate Agenda](#)**Sarah Lynne, Chair-elect**

- The agenda was approved as amended to: add the [Proclamation Commending the Service of Associate Provost Angela Lindner](#) (to be presented by Dr. Blanchard) as the second Information Item and (due to his schedule restraints) move VP Wegmann forward as the first 'Information Item' speaker.

Adjournment**Sarah Lynne, Chair-elect**

- The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.