

# University Constitution and Regulations Committee (UCRC) Minutes

**07 April 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Via Zoom:**

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92677284815?pwd=aHUxUW54dFlsNjZ1VEpUUHozbE5RQT09>

**Present:** Padraic Levings, Sylvain Doré, Katie Vogel Anderson, Ray G. Thomas, Taylor Rose, Laurie Bialosky, and Charlene Luke.

- 1. Call to Order** - Padraic Levings, UCRC Chair
  - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by UCRC Chair Padraic Levings.
- 2. Approval of 03 March 2021 Minutes**
  - The minutes were approved.
- 3. Updates to and Summary of the UCRC Report to Faculty Senate** - Padraic Levings, UCRC Chair
  - a. [Compensation Committee Name Change and Mission Amendment](#)**
    - Presented as an Information Item @ the March 25 Faculty Senate and as an Action Item @ the April 15 Faculty Senate.
  - b. [Committee on Committees Reporting Period Amendment](#)**
    - Presented as an Information Item @ the March 25 Faculty Senate and as an Action Item @ the April 15 Faculty Senate.
  - c. [Faculty Senate Chair Term Amendment](#)**
    - Referred to UCRC at the March 4 Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting.
    - The UCRC unanimously tabled this item for consideration next academic year. The Senate Office Ad Hoc Committee will have recommendations by that time point, and that would significantly aid this discussion. It was noted that the ad hoc committee is also considering such items as: the current, similar start terms of the Student Body President and the Faculty Senate Chair, and the timing/coordination of their trustee orientation by the Office of Government and Community Relations; and proposed paths to the orientation and onboarding of each new Faculty Senate Chair.
- 4. Regulations Update** – Taylor Rose, Senior Counsel
  - Faculty Senate Parliamentarian and Senior Counsel Taylor Rose reported that Senior Counsel Ana Spiegel and their colleagues in the General Counsel’s Office are undertaking a wholistic review of current university regulations. Regulations are being reviewed for any overlaps and guiding principles related to federal, state, etc. laws.
  - In general, efforts are being made to eliminate those university regulations which are more policy-oriented and therefore which would be better suited as policies. Policies typically allow greater flexibility than regulations and can be more easily adapted to environmental nuances or changes.

The General Counsel's Office is coordinating with Human Resources to consolidate policies into one, easily navigable and accessible web page, similar to how regulations are now housed @: <https://regulations.ufl.edu/>.

- Numerous recommendations, several of which will be regulations repeals or revisions, are forthcoming, and are anticipated to be reviewed at the June Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting. Senior Counsel Rose will stay in touch with UCRC regarding any regulations under consideration for the June BOT meeting, and will forward any sections or clauses being considered. An UCRC meeting will be coordinated, likely in May, to review and light those regulations.

## **5. Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

### **Resources:**

[UF Senate Constitution](#), as amended by February 20, 2020

[UF Senate Bylaws](#), as amended by February 20, 2020

[UCRC Operating Procedures](#), as amended by May 2015