



**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Chamber**

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Call to order & Approval of [October 21, 2021 Minutes](#) David C. Bloom, Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chair David C. Bloom.
- The minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

David C. Bloom, Chair

- Chair Bloom thanked Faculty Senate committee and council members and Senators for their work on behalf of the faculty and for their participation in yesterday's emergency Faculty Senate meeting on academic freedom. The strong support of academic freedom was acknowledged. Two Faculty Senate-led Ad Hoc Committees are in progress. One is a fact-finding committee to examine the hiring practices in the UF College of Medicine and specifically of faculty member and newly appointed Florida Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo. The second will focus on post-tenure review. Both will report their findings to the Faculty Senate.
- Nominations, including self-nominations are now open to all faculty for service on University Committees and Councils. The [Committee Nomination Form](#) and details are available on the [Faculty Senate home page](#) and in the ['Committees & Councils' tab](#). Nominations close January 31.
- The next Distinguished Professor Lecture will take place following the next Faculty Senate meeting on December 16, 2021 at 5 p.m. in the Reitz Union Chamber. Distinguished Professor and Frederick E. Fisher Eminent Scholar W. Robert Knechel from the Warrington College of Business will present 'Who Do You Trust? Accounting and the (Political) Economy.'

[President's Report](#)

Kent Fuchs, President

- Dr. Fuchs' report covered the status of COVID and items of interest to faculty occurring in the December BOT meeting. The progress of vaccines and drugs and influenza data were discussed as well as the university's timeline of actions, outreach, investments, and responses made during COVID.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Provost Glover presented his report at yesterday's Faculty Senate meeting and opened the floor for inquiries. There were no inquiries for Provost Glover.

Action Items:

COVID Resolution

David C. Bloom, Chair

Sarah Lynne, Welfare Council Chair

- [Welfare Council Resolution](#)
- [August 26, 2021 Faculty Senate Resolution](#)
- Chair Bloom provided a brief introduction of both above resolutions: the [resolution passed by Faculty Senate on August 26, 2021](#) and the [Welfare Council resolution](#) which contains final modifications of the no-confidence resolution.
- Welfare Council Chair Sarah Lynne provided an overview of the resolution timeline and content.

During the Welfare Council meeting, members discussed the Senate feedback that the first ‘whereas’ statement is no longer accurate due to changing, documented COVID-19 transmission rates. Dr. Lynne clarified that the Welfare Council will not suggest any amendments to today’s resolution because it is time-stamped and therefore accurately reflects the ever changing COVID picture at that particular moment.

- Chair Bloom reiterated that the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, which did not endorse this resolution, voted to add this item as an item to today and last month’s Faculty Senate agenda so that it could be heard and discussed by Faculty Senators. He clarified that the Steering Committee unanimously rejected the resolution for reasons which included that the resolution was redundant to the one passed in August and did not provide a remedy.
- Senators Vander Zanden (CLAS), Timothy Murtha (DCP), and Theresa Antes (CLAS) expressed their support for the resolution.
- A motion to vote by paper ballot attained the required endorsement of 20 Senators.
- A motion to approve the resolution carried with 72 in support and 31 opposed.

Faculty Titles Resolution

Sean Trainor, Compensation & Equity Committee Chair

- An overview of the [Faculty Titles Resolution & Survey Report](#) was provided.
- This resolution to replace the ‘Lecturer’ title series with ‘Assistant, Associate, or (full) Instructional Professor was approved.

Honorary Degrees

Richard A. Yost, Honorary Degrees & Distinguished Awards Committee Chair

- Honorary degree candidates James Hines (HD of Science) and Tom Petty (posthumous HD of Music) were presented and approved.
- Dr. Yost continues to encourage faculty to submit diverse nominations for the committee’s review.

Information Items:

Introduction to the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine

Dana Zimmer, College of Veterinary Medicine Dean

- Dean Zimmer provided a thumbnail of her professional and academic history, the College of Veterinary Medicine’s research mission and programs, shelter medicine, and other community programs.

Introduction to the Dean of the College of Journalism and Communications

Hub Brown, College of Journalism and Communications Dean

- Dean Brown discussed his background, priorities as Dean, and the challenges and opportunities for his college and within the discipline.

2/9/22 UF Day of Gratitude, Celebration, and Reflection

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs

- A request is being made for consideration of cancellation of classes on 2/9/22 to mark a UF Day of Gratitude, Celebration, and Reflection. This is scheduled on a Wednesday when students are expected to be present on campus. The day will focus on the core values approved by the Board of Trustees last

year. How best to implement this day with attention to core UF values and accommodation to faculty and students was discussed.

University Curriculum Committee

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- [Construction Management Major - Update Common Prerequisite Manual](#)

- The proposed Common Prerequisite Manual update will align with previously approved curriculum changes.

- [LL.M in Environmental Land Use Law Termination](#)

- Elimination of this degree program is proposed as it is not currently marketed and has no enrollment.

- [UF/IFAS Soil & Water Sciences Dept. Name Change to Soil, Water, and Ecosystem Sciences](#)

- This proposed department name change to Soil, Water, and Ecosystem Sciences better aligns with faculty expertise and the ecosystem at the heart of such work.

- [Nuclear & Radiological Sciences Major Termination](#)

- Termination of this major is proposed as it does not fulfill a meaningful role beyond what is already achievable in the Nuclear Engineering major, particularly when accounting for transfer equivalency credits.

- [Medicine \(M.D.\) Reduction of Total Credit Hours](#)

- This is a proposal by the College of Medicine to reduce the Medicine (M.D.) total credit hours through four elective credits.

- [DCP Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Degree Credits Change](#)

- This proposed reduction in credits from 144 to 120 is part of a curriculum modification proposal to change the DCP to a four-year (from a five-year) degree.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor - *Three-minute limit per speaker.*

1) University of Florida Faculty Senators

- Senator Nico Cellinese (FLMNH) requested increased transparency and active involvement, particularly through the infrastructure Council, regarding UF's power plant planning and implementation.

- Senator Catherine Striley (Group 1) expressed gratitude and led applause to honor Dr. Michael Lauzardo as head of the Screen Test and Protect program; Department of Epidemiology Professor Jerne Shapiro; and others who worked tirelessly to help protect our community during COVID.

- Chair Bloom thanked the faculty for their active participation in the Faculty Senate and for persevering during these challenging times.

2) University of Florida Faculty

- There was no discussion from UF faculty.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Attending

Senators

Maria Aguilar
Luis Alvarez-Castro
Theresa Antes
Lisa Anthony
Haldun Aytug
Angela Bacsik
Ludmila Veloso Barbosa De Faria
Katie Basinger
Donald Behringer
Lauren Berkow
Mario Binelli
Jeremiah J. Blanchard
Helene Blondeau
Stephanie Bogart
Wesley Bolch
Eleni Bozia
Brent Broaddus
Michael Bumbach
Andrea Caloiaro
Teresa Cavanaugh
Nico Cellinese
Konstantina
Christodoulopoulou
Cynda Crawford
Megan Daly
Santanu K. Datta
Michael K. Davis
Luisa (Amelia) Dempere
Thomas Denagamage
Christina Deremer
Yousong Ding
Petra E. Duran-Gehring
Sara Moscovita Falzarano
Yuguang (Michael) Fang
Monica A. Fernandez
Jamie Foster
Klibs Galvao
Breann Garbas
Kristina Garcia-Guettler
Jamie Garner
Reetu Grewal
Liwei Gu
Charles Haddad
Barry Hartz
Selman Hershfield

Dennis Hiltunen
Amie Hoefnagel
Helene Huet
Robert W. Huigens, III
Frederick (Rick) Kates
Lisa King
Marcus Kirk
John Kraft
Sujata Krishna
Jaclyn Kropp
Ji-Hyun Lee
Jose Lemos
Lora Levett
Keya Locke
Maureen Long
Shannon Rae Lowe
Kiran Lukose
Sarah Lynne
Lucas Majure
Diba Mani
Crystal Marull
Anne Mathews
Tara Mathien
Mindy McAdams
Victoria Menzies
Carey Minter
Marjorie Montanez-Wiscovich
Walter Lee Murfee
Timothy M. Murtha
Christine T. Myers
Juan Nino
Walter O'Dell
Madan Oli
Monika Oli
Jorg Peters
Ariel Pomputius
Keith Rambo
Mary Risner
Jemmie Robertson
Hardev Sandhu
Richard Scholtz
Megan Sheridan
Matthew C. Smith
Patricia Sohn
Peter Sprowls
Ravi Srinivasan
Ruth Steiner
Richard Stepp

Jessica-Jean Stonecipher
Catherine Striley
Andres Susaeta
Melanie G. Taylor
Saundra TenBroeck
David Therriault
Stephanie Toelle
Vilma Torres
Apichai Tuanyok
Steve Tufts
Hannah Vander Zanden
Wagner Vendrame
Shawn Weatherford
Houston A. Wells
Karen Whalen
Trent Williams, Jr.
Gene Witmer
Sarah Wolking
Elizabeth Wood
Erich Wyckoff

Liaisons

Hub Brown
Kent Fuchs
Joe Glover
Angela Lindner
Taylor Rose
Sean Trainor
Richard A. Yost
Dana Zimmer

Student Senators

Kushi Alluri
Hope Lerman
Devon K. Mims
Micah Page
Soha Ramadan
Daniel C. Schultz
Alex Wong

Guests

Mayra Cordero
Aude Gagnon-Roberge
Mark Hostetler
Camila Pereira
Oscar Santiago