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
- 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 Zimmel, College of Veterinary Medicine Dean

- Dean Zimmel 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

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.

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 Christodouloupoulou
- 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

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**Liaisons**
- Hub Brown
- Kent Fuchs
- Joe Glover
- Angela Lindner
- Taylor Rose
- Sean Trainor
- Richard A. Yost
- Dana Zimmel

**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