Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2023  
3:00 p.m.  
Reitz Union Chamber, Ground Floor
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Call to order &  
Approval of December 6, 2022 Minutes
- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chair Amanda Phalin.  
- The minutes were approved.

Reports

- **Chair’s Report**  
  Amanda Phalin, Chair  
  - Chair Phalin presented the Chair’s Report slides. Following an inquiry, Chair Phalin clarified that the post-tenure review regulation is not on the January 24-5 Board of Governors (BOG) meeting agenda but may be considered at a future meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative and Government Affairs, being chaired by Dr. Tim Murtha, was formed earlier this academic year to help identify communication strategies between faculty and state leadership and Senators are also encouraged to provide their input.

- **Provost’s Report**  
  Joe Glover, Provost  
  - In December, the Board of Trustees (BOT) approved the West Palm Beach campus operations proposal and it is being submitted this month to the BOG. Permanent buildings will not be built on the West Palm Beach campus for about five years, so, per regulations, an approval for a temporary campus facility will likely be reviewed by the BOG staff and will likely not appear on BOG agendas. Following discussion, it was determined that classes for this graduate professional education campus will begin in Fall 2025. This allows time to complete robust marketing, enrollment, and accreditation efforts, and degree program offerings for this campus. Dr. Glover briefly discussed its instructional space, including on Palm Beach State College campus, rental facilities, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation process. Following an inquiry, Provost Glover clarified that the West Palm Beach campus, which is called The Global Technology and Innovation Campus (the GTIC), is an extension of the UF campus and is not a UF branch campus (with a separate President, Board, and other central operational components.) Instead, there will be a chief academic officer (focused on academic offerings and student behavior and welfare) and a chief operations officer (focused on the physical aspects of the campus land and environment). The GTIC academic programs will be under the direction of Levin College of Law, Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, and the Warrington College of Business. Graduate and professional program offerings will be made.

Action Items:
Graduate Council

- MS with a Major in Urban Analytics New Degree
- The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to create a new interdisciplinary MS with a major in Urban Analytics degree program in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning that is supported by the Department of Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) and the Department of Electric and Computer Engineering (ECE). The proposed 36-credit, two-year degree program strongly aligns with UF's strategic investment in AI.
- This item was approved.

University Constitution & Regulations Committee (UCRC) Report (ACFS Changes Proposal)

- This proposal to the Faculty Senate Bylaws amends the duties of the Faculty Senate Chair-elect and Past Chair by moving the voting membership for the ACFS from the Chair-elect to the Past Chair. The proposal to amend the (one word) verbiage in Article V, Section 2 of the University of Florida Constitution is suggested to align the document more closely with current practice.
- A motion to approve this proposal carried.

Information Items:

BOT Regulations

- UCRC Chair Charlene Luke shared university regulations which will be considered by the Board of Trustees (BOT) this spring.
- The UCRC has adopted a color-coded key for easily informing the Faculty Senate of proposed regulation changes that may affect Senators or their colleagues:
  - **Red** – proposed changes affect the faculty; please review and comment as appropriate.
  - **Yellow** – proposed changes may affect or be of interest to faculty; senators may want to review and comment as appropriate.
  - **Green** – proposed changes likely have minimal effect on faculty and do not necessarily warrant further review by the senators.
- Each regulation was lit as follows:
  a. New UF Regulation - 7.050 Examinations and Assessments -- YELLOW. This regulation requires UF to create assessment/examination policies or procedures to be in compliance. The eventual policy that will be designed by UF may address concerns around modern technological challenges, such as exam-taking security mechanisms, for example. This is just the regulation to design the policies and procedures.
  b. UF Regulation Amendment - 7.100 Academic Program Termination and Temporary Suspension of New Enrollments -- RED. This regulation does give more power of programs and the university to terminate and suspend programs, with the BOG approving (not recommending), but does include items such as 5(b) - inability to close a state-funded program and reopen an off-book program that we control.
- Please contact Chair Phalin, Faculty Senate Chair-elect Danaya Wright, or General Counsel liaison Taylor Rose with any inquiries.
Graduate Council
- Create MS with a major in Artificial Intelligence Systems
- This Graduate Council approved proposal was submitted by the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering (HWCOE) and is a 30-credit hours on-campus masters program which aligns well with UF academic and AI strategic initiatives and categories.

University Curriculum Committee
- Close BA in Art Education
- The closure of this program is due to lack of interest and there are currently no students enrolled.
- A motion to move this from an ‘Information Item’ to an ‘Action Item’ carried with the required 2/3 vote.
- A motion to approve this item carried.

2027-2028 Academic Calendar
- Associate Provost Lindner reviewed the 2027-8 academic year calendar and answered inquiries. No Spring Break or Homecoming dates are noted and will be determined closer to the start of the relevant academic year following consultation with Student Life, the University Athletic Association, the Registrar, and the UF Foundation. It was noted that last Fall, the Faculty Senate approved: extending the Thanksgiving holiday to the entire week; a later start to the spring semester; and aligning UF and Alachua County Public School (ACPS) Spring Breaks. This calendar implements each of these elements.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor - Three-minute limit per speaker.
1) University of Florida Faculty Senators
   - There was no discussion from University of Florida Faculty Senators.
2) University of Florida Faculty
   - There was no discussion from University of Florida Faculty.

Adjournment
- The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.
Attending

Senators
Holly Abeels
Luis Alvarez-Castro
Haldun Aytug
Angela Bacsik
Donald Behringer
Mario Binelli
Jeremiah Blanchard
David Bloom
Julie C. Brown
Michael Bumbach
Megan Butala
Andrea Caloiaro
Nico Cellinese
Konstantina
Christodouloupoloulou
Mayra Cordero
Maddy Coy
Cynda Crawford
Megan Daly
Santanu Datta
Paul Davenport
Michael K. Davis
Thomas Denagamage
Richard B. Dickinson
Yousong Ding
William P. Dishong
Randell Doty
Petra E. Duran-Gehring
Sara M. Falzarano
Michael Feely
Monica A. Fernandez
Jamie Foster
Klibs Galvao
Jamie Garner
Laurie Gauger
Ifigeneia Giannadaki
Frank Gibson

Vivian Gonsalves
Reetu Grewal
Dipankar Gupta
Barry Hartz
Selman Hershfield
Amie Hoefnagel
Hélène Huet
Flora Iff-Noel
Sarah Rajkumari Jayasekaran
Frederick 'Rick' Kates
Valeria Kleiman
Sujata Krishna
McKenzie Landrum
Zhigang Li
Keya Locke
Maureen Long
Charlene Luke
Kiran Lukose
Lucas Majure
Diba Mani
A. Corinne Manley
Alexandra Mannix
Crystal Marull
Anne Mathews
John A. Mendoza-Garcia
Carey Minteer
Charles Mitchell
Marjorie Montanez-Wiscovich
Christine T. Myers
John Neubert
Cuong Nguyen
Jorg Peters
Czerne Reid
Mary Risner
Albert Ritzhaupt
Jemmie Robertson
Christopher Robinson
Esther Romeyn
David Gaddis Ross
Judi Schack-Dugre
Ajay Sharma
Megan Sheridan
Hugh A. Smith
Matthew C. Smith
Stephen Smith
Peter Sprowls
Ruth Steiner
Svetlana Stepchenkova
Richard Stepp
Catherine Striley
Saundra TenBroeck
Wagner Vendrame
Nian Wang
Houston A. Wells
Gene Witmer
Sarah Wolking
Stefanie Wulff
Jennifer Zedalis

Liaisons
Joe Glover
Chris Hass
Tom Kelleher
Angela Lindner
Joseph W. Little
Taylor Rose
Danaya Wright

Student Senators
Sadie Carey
Emma Carlson
Anthony Valenzuela
Paul Wassel
Alex Wong

Guests
Jen Setlow