

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Reitz Chamber

Call to Order & Approval of [November 16, 2023 Minutes](#) Danaya Wright, Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Faculty Senate chair Danaya Wright.
- The minutes were approved.

Action Items:

University Curriculum Committee

- [Termination of BS in Horticultural Science](#)

- This is a request by CALS to terminate the BS in Horticultural Science and has been approved by the UCC.
- This item carried.

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs

Graduate Council

- [Close the Master of Arts with a Major in Religion](#)

- [Close the Master of Arts with a Major in Classical Studies](#)

- The faculty and Graduate Council request closure of these programs due to low enrollment and low demand.
- A motion to approve the closure of the Master of Arts with a Major in Religion carried.
- A motion to approve the closure of the Master of Arts with a Major in Classical Studies carried with one abstention.

Tom Kelleher, Graduate School Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Information Items:

Introduction of VP Wegmann

- This item was moved forward to accommodate VP Wegmann's travel schedule.
- VP Wegmann answered inquiries and introduced himself and UF communications initiatives being undertaken by his office, including ways to generate increased exposure of UF and faculty success stories on local and international platforms.

James Wegmann, VP for Communications

Reports:

• **Provost's Report**

- Dr. Angle addressed countries of concern faculty inquiries and he continues work with Associate Provosts Hass and Schazenbach to identify how to best adhere to legislative and regulation requirements pertaining to post-tenure review.
- The Provost's Office organizational review is progressing.
- Administrative and search updates were provided: the Whitney Laboratory Director, and the Levin College of Law and the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering Dean searches are

Scott Angle, Interim Provost

advancing and will be faculty and stakeholder-driven; beginning in January, Dr. Jennifer Setlow will be the Interim College of Arts Dean and Associate Provost Lindner will step down from her Associate Provost role to return to the College of Engineering faculty.

- Dr. Angle recognized Past Faculty Senate Chair and current Board of Governor member Dr. Amanda Phalin for her faculty advocacy.

- **Chair's Report**

Danaya Wright, Chair

- Faculty Senate Chair Wright presented the [Faculty Senate Chair's Report](#) and answered inquiries. The floor was opened {video: 1:09:30 – 2:03:26} to UF Faculty Senators and UF faculty guests wishing to discuss SB 846/HB 7017/Countries of Concern matters. Interim Provost Scott Angle and Dean of the International Center & Associate Provost Marta Wayne made topic comments and assisted in answering extensive inquiries. Dean Wayne noted that the bill is not retroactive, does not place legal limitations on to student enrollment but instead pertains to the hiring of RA's, TA's, and GA's, who are considered employees, and whose appointments from 'countries of concern' will not move forward unless they go through the process mandated and overseen by the BOG (via and as per the BOG regulation). Students will still be able to visit their home countries. Chair Wright will take the faculty's concerns and comments to the administration, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors and will continue to work on resolving outstanding issues associated with this legislation and BOG regulation.

- Dr. Sasse submitted a President's Report [video](#), shared by Chair Wright, which outlined a request for Faculty Senate input on policy development for UF core curriculum and faculty academic standards, as well as President Sasse's response to recent inaccurate news narratives.

[Proclamation Commending the Service of Associate Provost Angela Lindner](#)

Jeremiah Blanchard, ENG Senator & Steering Committee Member

- A motion to move this Information Item to an Action Item carried by the required 2/3 vote.
- A motion to approve Faculty Senate commendation of Associate Provost Lindner carried, with a standing ovation.

Information Items (continued):

- Due to time constraints, the below/remaining Information Items are being placed on the next Faculty Senate agenda:

Strategic Plan for Animal and Human Subject Research Resources Update

David Norton, VP for Research

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC) Report

Christopher M. Janelle, Professor, Applied Physiology & Kinesiology and UF SEC & NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative

International Center for Academic Integrity (ICAI) Survey Results

John Jordi, Instructional Assessment Coordinator, Center for Teaching Excellence

University Curriculum Committee

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

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs

Graduate Council

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

Tom Kelleher, Graduate School Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

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

- 1) University of Florida Faculty Senators
 - 2) University of Florida Faculty
- See Chair's Report.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attending*Senators*

Holly Abeels
Michael Aherne
Christopher James Anthony
Haldun Aytug
Katie Basinger
Marguerite Beckford
Lauren Berkow
Sally Bethart
Mario Binelli
Jeremiah J. Blanchard
Sarah Brunnig
Brett Bultemeier
Michael Bumbach
Megan Butala
Andrea Caloiaro
Rachel Carrico
Michael A. Carrillo
Nico Cellinese
Jinghua Chen
Konstantina
Christodouloupoulou
Cynda Crawford
Tamara Lee Cushing
Santanu K. Datta
Michael K. Davis
Matthew Decker
Luisa (Amelia) Dempere
David Deremer
William P. Dishong
Eric Jing Du
James Essegbey
Gayle Nelson Evans
Jeanne Ewert
Sara Moscovita Falzarano
Michael Feely
Breann Garbas
Frank Gibson
Vivian E. Gonsalves

Marshall Haning
Robert L. Hatch
Selman Hershfield
Amie Hoefnagel
Carolyn Holland
Hélène Huet
Jill Ingram
Raymond Issa
Samantha Kennedy
John Kraft
Yu Hao Lee
Mengyu Li
Zhigang Li
Qing Lu
Charlene Luke
Kiran Lukose
Sarah Lynne
Diba Mani
A. Corinne Manley
Willm Martens-Habbena
Charles Mitchell
Don Monk
Judi Shade Monk
John K. Neubert
Cuong Nguyen
Juan Nino
Dennis 'Calvin' Odero
Monika Oli
Silvana Paula-Moraes
Jorg Peters
Czerne Reid
Bruno De Souza Ribeiro
Jemie Robertson
David Gaddis Ross
Peter Sayeski
Megan Sheridan
Sudeep S. Sidhu
Hugh A. Smith
Benjamin Smith
Matthew C. Smith

Ruth Steiner
Svetlana Stepchenkova
Adam Wayne Stern
Ian D. Storch
Saundra TenBroeck
David Therriault
Cyntrice Thomas
R. James Toussaint
Hannah Vander Zanden
Jason von Meding
Nathalie A. Wall
Nian Wang
Houston A. Wells
Bruce Welt
Sarah Wolking
Stefanie Wulff
Ying Xiao

Liaisons

Scott Angle
Chris Hass
Tom Kelleher
Angela Lindner
Joseph W. Little
David Norton
Walter O'Dell
Amanda Phalin
Richard Scholtz
Marta Wayne
James Wegmann

Student Senators

Kevin G. Senior

Guests

Chris Janelle
Chenglong Li
Jiangeng Xue