

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024

3:00 p.m.

Reitz Chamber

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Call to Order & Approval of [January 18, 2024 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.

Reports:

- **Provost's Report** **Scott Angle, Provost**
 - The President and Provost's Office is collaborating on increasing UF's rankings to the Top Five and on achieving other meaningful academic criteria, such as UF's ranking as #2 for Fulbright Scholars.
 - Post tenure review information for out-of-unit faculty has been released to the deans while bargaining continues for faculty covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). More information will be forthcoming. Out-of-CBA faculty who are to undergo post tenure review this cycle have now been notified. Provost Angle provided an overview of the process. Associate Provosts Hass and Schanzenbach have designed the process to be as straight forward and efficient as possible and will continue to be available to assist faculty.
 - Inquiries related to UF's promotion and tenure process and metrics were answered.
- **Chair's Report** **Danaya Wright, Chair**
 - Faculty Senate Chair Wright presented the [Faculty Senate Chair's Report](#) and answered inquiries.
 - The report included notes forwarded by President Sasse who is traveling today.
 - Manual balloting is being utilized for today's meeting.

Action Items:

Graduate Council

Tom Kelleher, Graduate School

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

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

- This is a request to close this low enrollment program, with a phase out occurring through Spring 2025.

- This item carried.

- [Create the Dept. of Pharmacy Education and Practice](#)

This proposed department will be primarily clinically focused and has generated rigorous faculty review and support. No degrees are changing within the proposed department re-alignment, and the Department of Pharmacotherapy and Translational Research (PTR) will remain in existence with graduate faculty.

- This item carried.

University Curriculum Committee

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

- This request by CALS' Agricultural Operations Management program is to create a new track in a CIP code for the existing AOM major, with a different set of common prerequisite courses (compared to those the Florida BOG currently lists.)

- This item carried.

Hans van Oostrom, Interim Chair, UCC and Chair and Associate Professor, EED

Information Items:

Introduction of VP for Jacksonville Programs

Kurt Dudas, VP for Jacksonville Programs

- VP Dudas introduced himself and discussed the Jacksonville degree and certificate programs expected to be launched in Fall 2025, although many will have a rolling timeline. Work with industry partners and AI concentrations were reviewed, as well as collaborative and physical space plans and opportunities. Inquiries were answered, including urban development prospects and updates on the ongoing collaboration between other State University System (SUS) schools, UF Health, and the city and community of Jacksonville.

[University Honors Program Update](#)

Melissa L. Johnson, Interim Director University Honors Program

- Director Johnson answered inquiries and provided an overview of the honors program, including its focus, goals, student population, and office contact information. She discussed who the honors program students are in and outside of the classroom, and how faculty can partner with this program. Honors students Nick Blumenthal, Patrick Grey, and Julianne Owen were introduced, and they spoke about their honors program experience.

[Resolution on Civil Discourse, Free Expression, and Academic Freedom](#)

Danaya Wright, Chair

- Chair Wright provided background on this resolution, including the [1967 Kalven Report](#) (advocating political neutrality in higher education), the [Chicago Principles](#) (advocating for neutrality so freedom of expression can be fully exercised) and the Florida Board of Governors (BOG) recommendation that every student and faculty senate endorse its [State University System \(SUS\) Free Expression Statement](#) annually. The handling of this issue by peer and SUS institutions, compelled speech, free expression, and the [Princeton Principles](#) (which advocates for a campus culture of free inquiry) were also discussed.

- This resolution, crafted by Chair Wright, and which includes the SUS Free Expression Statement, was approved at the last Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting and will be an Action Item at next month's Senate meeting.

[2028-2029 Academic Calendar](#)

Hans van Oostrom, Interim Chair, UCC and Chair and Associate Professor, EED

- Dr. van Oostrom reviewed the calendar and answered inquiries. Spring Break will be added once Alachua County Public Schools' Spring Break is known and there are no classes the week of Thanksgiving, both of which are consistent with Faculty Senate's previous approval vote of the academic calendar. Spring classes commence on January 16th (which is after the Martin Luther King Birthday holiday).

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

- 1) University of Florida Faculty Senators
 - 2) University of Florida Faculty
- There was no open discussion from the Senate floor.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Attending*Senators*

Jose F. Abisambra
Michael Aherne
Luis Alvarez-Castro
Haldun Aytug
Norman Beatty
Marguerite Beckford
Lauren Berkow
Mario Binelli
Eleni Bozia
Sarah Brunnig
Brett Bultemeier
Michael Bumbach
Andrea Caloiaro
Rachel Carrico
Teresa Cavanaugh
Mayra L. Cordero
Maddy Coy
Cynda Crawford
Santanu K. Datta
Paul Davenport
Michael K. Davis
Matthew Decker
Scott Denton
David Deremer
Richard B. Dickinson
Randell Doty
James Essegbey
Gayle Nelson Evans
Jeanne Ewert
Sara Moscovita Falzarano
Michael Feely
Breann Garbas
Laurie M. Gauger
Frank Gibson
Vivian E. Gonsalves
Liwei Gu
Marshall Haning
Robert L. Hatch
Amie Hoefnagel
Carolyn Holland
Hélène Huet
Robert W. Huigens, III
Flora Iff-Noel
Raymond Issa
Sarah Rajkumari Jayasekaran

Frederick 'Rick' Kates
Samantha Kennedy
Valeria Kleiman
Jaclyn Kropp
Yu Hao Lee
Mengyu Li
Qing Lu
Sarah Lynne
Diba Mani
A. Corinne Manley
Alexandra Mannix
Willm Martens-Habbena
John A. Mendoza-Garcia
Charles Mitchell
Don Monk
Judi Shade Monk
Christine T. Myers
John K. Neubert
Cuong Nguyen
Dennis Odero
Monika Oli
Heidi Radunovich
Sandip Ray
Mary Risner
David Gaddis Ross
Eleonora Rossi
Peter Sayeski
Judi Shack-Dugre
Megan Sheridan
Jinnie Shin
Sudeep Singh Sidhu
Benjamin Smith
Hugh A. Smith
Matthew C. Smith
Ruth Steiner
Svetlana Stepchenkova
Adam Wayne Stern
Ian D Storch
Catherine Striley
Imanol Suarez-Palma
Saundra TenBroeck
Cyntrice Thomas
R. James Toussaint
Anastasia M. Ulanowicz
Hannah Vander Zanden
Silvana Vieira de Paula
Nathalie A. Wall

Nian Wang
Houston A. Wells
Gene Witmer
Sarah Wolking
Stefanie Wulff

Liaisons

Scott Angle
Nancy Clark
Kurt Dudas
Tom Kelleher
Walter O'Dell
Amanda Phalin
Richard Scholtz
Hans van Oostrom

Student Senators

Max Geller
Matthew Reich
Kevin Senior

Guests

Nick Blumenthal
Larisa Cavallari
Patrick Grey
Melissa Johnson
Chris Moran
Julianne Owen