



UF FACULTY SENATE MEETING – SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

# Chair's Report

*Danaya Wright, Chair*

# BOT Meeting

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- UF Health updates – financial and management reports
- Campus survey update – VPs Mary Parker, Heather White, Elias Eldayrie
- Research update – VP David Norton
- Strategic Enrollment Management Task Force Update – VPs Mary Parker and Ray Sass
- Rankings update – Assoc. Provost Cathy Lebo
- President update – President Sasse – lots of ideas

# FYI

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- Distinguished Lecture series – getting scheduled and many of the distinguished professors are choosing to have their talks either before or after senate meetings so we hope you can attend when they are scheduled
- Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards nominations are due October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Nominations/volunteers for joint, senate, and presidential committees will be opening sometime next month and closing the end of January – please encourage faculty in your units to participate!

# Chair Initiatives Update

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- Shared Governance –
  1. Faculty councils are starting work in their units,
  2. The president wants faster responses from faculty on some strategic items so we need to know his priorities in order to develop procedures that work for everyone
  3. Shared governance resolution should be an information item at next Senate meeting and an action at the November meeting

# Administrative burdens

## [Report Administrative Burdens](#)

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1. Collected nearly 100 comments on the “report administrative burdens” at senate.ufl.edu
2. Met with provost and he is focused on clearing some of these
3. Met with McKinsey consultants to see where we can make progress on others
4. President is supportive of streamlining
5. I have identified 7 main areas of concern from your comments:
  - UF Go and travel
  - Research (IRB/IACUC/Risk Assessment/approval procedures)
  - Trainings
  - Conflicts of interest reporting
  - Effort reporting/certification/annual reviews/post tenure reviews
  - Management of resources – lab spaces, off-campus computers, space reporting, etc.
  - HR processes are too slow

# Post-tenure Review

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- Deans have been instructed to begin the process of getting faculty involvement in setting performance standards
- Faculty who “won” the lottery should be notified soon
- Regulation and policy are mostly completed
- Faculty in the collective bargaining unit should check with your union representatives regarding where things stand, as this is a very complicated legal issue

Volunteer to serve on an ad hoc committee to compile a statement on the meaning, history and importance of tenure in higher education for non-academics – contact Bruce Welt at [bwelt@ufl.edu](mailto:bwelt@ufl.edu)

# Academic Excellence

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- I am encouraging the president and provost to put some of the strategic initiative money toward providing resources for teaching faculty to improve course pedagogy
- Academic policy council is reviewing guidelines and policies regarding the use of generative AI
- You will be hearing from John Jordi and Pam Malyk later today on ICAI faculty survey and changes to the Honor and Conduct Code procedures



# Hybrid Meetings Update

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- Public will continue to have access to the livestream which sends out dual video feeds with the speaker and the slideshow – *streamers* – about 45-60 seconds behind real time (managed by UF IT)
- Senators (or anyone with the right of the floor) will receive a Zoom webinar link – *zoomers* – which allows us to pin everyone's pictures to a display screen, allows all senators to speak and participate, keeps the webinar secure from zoom bombers, and the personal links cannot be shared. (Audio will be managed by UF IT but zooming will require senate staff to monitor)
- Voting will be done by orange card in the room or aa.voting app for offsite participants. Only senators will be able to vote using the app and these votes will be recorded with names and a record will be kept.
- Current unknowns
- 1) how will zoomers see the screen (zoom screen share? receive the powerpoint deck in advance? watch the livestream even though it is behind in time?)
- 2) will in-person senators vote via the aa app on their phones or laptops or use the orange card?