

Chair's Report

January 18, 2024



Legislative Updates

- HB 266 – Mission Alignment (nothing on this yet)
- HB 266 – DEI and funding prohibitions (Draft reg 9.016 will be voted on in January BOG meeting)
- HB 266 – Removal of Sociology from Gen Ed core (will be voted on in January)
- SB 846 – Prohibits employment of graduate students as RAs or TAs if they are currently domiciled in one of 7 countries of concern (China, Russia, N. Korea, Venezuela, Cuba, Iran, Syria)

Senate Business

Next Distinguished Professor Lecture – Michael Okun (Neurology) – January 18th after Senate meeting (5:00)

February Distinguished Professor Lecture – Jack Davis (History) – February 15th at 1:00 (before the Senate meeting)

Tech Update – Ironing out the voting before opening the hybrid option to all senators – hopefully in February – will start with advanced warning

I will be attending the ACFS meeting in Tallahassee next week and Gator Day in February

We will have the academic calendar to review in February for the 2028-29 meeting

Importance of Faculty Participation in Governance

- January 24th – council and committees virtual open house from 1:00-2:00 at <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/93014200320?pwd=OU95MXVjc2szSzZ2YlJEUU85cGZ0dz09> | Meeting ID: 930 1420 0320 | Passcode: 008404 | Dial: 305 224 1968
- January 31st – nominations close for university-wide councils and committees. Please remember that policy councils are open only to senators – so please volunteer
- March 1st – nominations close for Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards
- Faculty Senator election information for fall 2024 – check your senate end date on the senate website and volunteer to serve another term if you are eligible or encourage colleagues to volunteer
- Chair-elect nominations open in a couple of weeks and will close March 31st.