

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.
Reitz Chamber

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Call to Order & Approval of [October 19, 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.

Reports:

- **President's Report** **Ben Sasse**, President
 - Dr. Sasse answered inquiries and relayed updates on the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) negotiations, including the 2023-4 3.2% merit increase for in-unit faculty, which is retroactively effective; strategic funding initiatives advancing research funding and enhancing student experiences; opportunities in Jacksonville and leveraging AI models into curriculum and collaborative college partnerships; and STEM and core curriculum crossovers and potentials at UF.
- **Provost's Report** **Scott Angle**, Interim Provost
 - To increase its focus on teaching and learning, a review of the Provost Office's budget and functions is underway. Dr. Angle anticipates being in the Interim Provost role until August 2024.
 - To increase UF's Return on Investment (ROI), Deans and Department Chairs are being asked to review and close unused or inessential centers.
 - Search updates were provided, including that: the Whitney Lab Director search is underway; the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering search is on the books; the Levin College of Law Dean search is commencing as he speaks with college faculty this month; the College of Arts Dean search will begin next year; and the College of Medicine search is under the purview of the UF Health President (and not the Provost Office).
- **[Chair's Report](#)** **Danaya Wright**, Chair
 - Chair Wright presented the [Chair's Report](#) and answered inquiries.

Action Items:

[Shared Governance Resolution](#)

Danaya Wright, Chair

This resolution, generated as a recommendation of the [Report of the Ad hoc Task Force on Shared Governance](#), which made assessments of and recommendations to strengthen UF shared governance, carried.

Information Items:

[Introduction of Sr. VP Kratzer](#)

David Kratzer, Senior VP for Construction, Facilities, and Auxiliary Operations

- Sr. VP Kratzer discussed his office's mission; areas of operation, including construction, facilities and auxiliaries; and current and near-term campus projects, including Malachowsky Hall (DSIT), Honors Village, Baby Gator, and the new Disability Resource Center (DSR). He also discussed and answered

inquiries pertaining to and including campus safety initiatives and the unisex restrooms campus map.

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.

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.

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

- Senator Jamie Garner (CLAS) recognized transgender week and relayed concerns about the negative effects of policies denying equal treatment and inclusion and the harmful effects of transgender regulations implementation.

- Senator Gene Witmer (CLAS) encouraged Senators and faculty to provide comments to the Board of Governors (BOG) on the DEI bill and bathroom bill to highlight core contradictions.

2) University of Florida Faculty

- Faculty member Chenglong Li (PHARM) inquired about and expressed the pressing need to receive clarification on the BOG regulation pertaining to the review of the hiring of post-docs from China, a [‘country of concern’](#). Chair Wright responded that UF has not asked the BOG for further clarification while the BOG continues to draft its regulation(s), so the best resource at this time is for Department Chairs or Deans to contact the General Counsel’s Office for further clarification.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Attending

Senators

Holly Abeels

Jose F. Abisambra

Michael Aherne

Luis Alvarez-Castro

Christopher James Anthony

Haldun Aytug

Angela Bacsik

Katie Basinger

Marguerite Beckford

Mario Binelli

Sarah Brunnig

Brett Bultemeier

Megan Butala

Andrea Caloiaro

Michael A. Carrillo

Teresa Cavanaugh

Nico Cellinese

Jinghua Chen

Konstantina

Christodouloupoulou

Mayra L Cordero

Cynda Crawford

Tamara Lee Cushing

Michael K. Davis

Luisa (Amelia) Dempere

Scott Denton

David Deremer

William P. Dishong

Randell Doty

James Essegbey

Gayle Nelson Evans

Jeanne Ewert

Sara Moscovita Falzarano

Breann Garbas

Jamie Garner

Ifigeneia Giannadaki

Frank Gibson

Vivian E. Gonsalves

Liwei Gu

Robert L. Hatch

Carolyn Holland

Hélène Huet

Robert W. Huigens, III

Jill Ingram

Sarah Rajkumari Jayasekaran

Frederick 'Rick' Kates

Samantha Kennedy

Valeria Kleiman

John Kraft

Jaclyn Kropp

McKenzie Landrum

Yu Hao Lee

Zhigang Li

Keya Locke
Charlene Luke
Diba Mani
Alexandra L. Mannix
Willm Martens-Habbena
Crystal Marull
John Alexander Mendoza-
Garcia
Charles Mitchell
Judi Shade Monk
Naim Montazeri
Christine T. Myers
John K. Neubert
Juan Nino
Monika Oli
Silvana Paula-Moraes
Jorg Peters
Czerne Reid
David Gaddis Ross
Peter Sayeski

Sudeep S. Sidhu
Hugh A. Smith
Matthew C. Smith
Ruth Steiner
Svetlana Stepchenkova
Adam Wayne Stern
Ian D. Storch
Catherine Striley
Saundra TenBroeck
Cyntrice Thomas
R. James Toussaint
Hannah Vander Zanden
Nian Wang
Gene Witmer
Sarah Wolking

Liaisons
Scott Angle
Chris Hass
Tom Kelleher

David Kratzer
Angela Lindner
Joseph W. Little
Walter O'Dell
Amanda Phalin
Ben Sasse
Richard Scholtz

Student Senators
Max Geller
Krystal B. Glasford
Jasleen Kaur
Kevin G. Senior

Guests
Chenglong Li
Ronin Lupien
Teje Ostebo
Dave Bloom