

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2012
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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Attendees: Robert Cook, Cheri Brodeur, Mary Ann Ferguson, Sue Alvers, Marc Heft, Judy Russell, Isabel Silver, Alexandra Spratt, Scott Nygren, Mike Katovich, Ken Gerhardt, Mark Tillman, Joe Glover, Deanna Pelfrey, Bernard Mair, Cynthia Morton.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

The January 2012 minutes were approved with corrections.

Chair's Report

Scott Nygren, Faculty Senate Chair

- Dr. Nygren pointed out that President Machen stayed through the self-insurance discussion at the last Faculty Senate meeting. He emphasized that President Machen is interested in all comments and suggestions.
- David Bloomquist offered to reschedule his presentation from January's Faculty Senate meeting to February's Faculty Senate meeting due to the interest in the self-insurance subject.
- Jeremy Foley is scheduled to speak at February's Faculty Senate meeting.
- Call for nominations for Chair-Elect went out today. Dr. Nygren suggested that any of the council chairs would do a fantastic job in the chair position and encouraged them to put their name forward.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- College of Journalism and Communication is launching a search for Dean John Wright's successor. A search firm was hired. Dean Mike Perri is chair of the search committee.

**Proposal to Transition the Department of Surgery's
Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at COM-J to
An Independent Department**

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost,
Undergraduate Affairs

- Reorganization will not impact the College of Medicine or College Dentistry in Gainesville. Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Gainesville will not reorganize into the College of Medicine in Gainesville. This is only for Jacksonville.
- All top ranking programs in the country for the past seven years are independent departments in COM except for Jacksonville.
- Departmental status will enhance the national recognition.
- Faculty in OMS-Jax approved reorganization unanimously.
- Chair of Department of Surgery- Jax approved the reorganization
- Administration in Jax approve the reorganization.

**Master of Science in Environmental and
Global Health Science – New Degree Program**

Ken Gerhardt, Associate Dean,
Graduate School

- Degree will be offered by PHHP with a minimum of 40 credit hours.
- All major department involved in the degree have approved: Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Environmental Health
- Proposal for this degree came from the faculty.

Open Access

Judy Russell, Dean, University Libraries
Isabel Silver, Director, Academic & Scholarly Outreach

Dr. Nygren noted that he joined Judy Russell at a conference on Open Access in Washington DC last November. His suggestion is that the Faculty Senate should pass two resolutions:

1. Should the University sign the Berlin-9 Declaration?
2. Should we ask the Library Committee to craft a policy that advances Open Access but protects authors?

Dean Russell explained Open Access was started in Europe to increase access to academic journals on the web. The Berlin 9 Declaration will be presented at the February 2012 Faculty Senate meeting for its recommendation. Many U.S. universities are now going through the same process of deciding if they wish to sign the declaration. The University Library Committee has been working on this for a long time.

Dance Marathon

Alexandra Spratt, Overall Director, Dance Marathon 2012

Dance Marathon is a student organization that has an annual fundraising event with over 800 students standing for 22.5 hours. This fund raiser has raised \$4.5 million for Shands Hospital. The organization is asking for faculty involvement and hope they will take into consideration that students will be tired in class the Monday morning afterwards. Dance Marathon event is March 31 – April 1, 2012. Students appreciate any assistance the faculty can give toward this important cause.

Research and Scholarship Council

Robert Cook, Co-Chair

- Certified policies on how to certify
- Looked into IDCs and MOUs.

Welfare Council

Deanna Pelfrey, Chair

- Council is meeting tomorrow. Will have a report at the next Steering Committee meeting.
- Meeting with Scott Fox in Parking Department.

Academic Policy Council

Cynthia Morton, Co-Chair

- Discussed online student evaluations and posthumous degree policies.
- Next meeting is January 23

Budget Council

Marc Heft, Chair

- Will meet tomorrow.
- Met with Matt Fajack and discussed RCM.
- Reminder: According to the Budget Council RCM report from last year, the Provost is the responsible agent to give an annual RCM report to the Senate.
- Noted: RCM was never intended to be implemented during funding cuts.

Infrastructure Council

Mark Tillman, Co-Chair

- Worked on strategies for quantifying faculty effort.
- Mark Tillman showed how HHP reports faculty effort by using a point system.

Announcements

- Mike Katovich reminded the steering committee that more council nominations are needed for the spring election.

Agenda for February Faculty Senate Meeting

Agenda for February 16, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting was approved with revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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