

**Faculty Senate Steering Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**October 6, 2011**  
**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**  
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Attendees: Bernie Machen, Mary Ann Ferguson, Marc Heft, Deanna Pelrey, Cheri Brodeur, Mark Tillman, Mike Katovich, Paula Fussell, Bernard Mair, Dyan Gershman, Joe Glover, Barbara Wingo, Debra Muir, Kathy Long, David Kratzer, Carol Murphy, David Quillen, Garrick Harding, Scott Nygren, Marvin Dewar, Ken Gerhardt, Bonnie Effros, Rick Yost, Judy Russell and Isabel Silver

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. and introductions were made. Minutes from September were approved.

**Chair's Report**

**Scott Nygren**, Faculty Senate Chair

Scott Nygren suggested that we ask Marvin Dewar to present Gator Advantage at the October Faculty Senate meeting. Gator Advantage is a Health Center service where employees of the university and Shands are seen by a physician within 48 hours. Currently Gator Advantage seems to have low recognition and presenting at the Senate is one way to market to a broader audience. Scott will invite Dr. Dewar to speak.

Neta Pulvermacher noticed that there is a lack of women candidates for honorary degrees and distinguished alumni awards. Scott researched and found that 16 women received awards in the past 100 years. This might be a good time to have a discussion about increasing women and minority nominees for these awards.

**President's Report**

**Bernie Machen**, President

Dr. Machen noted that now is the time for a full dialogue about the benefits restructuring options. It is important for the administration to get a sense of what faculty want. Drs. Machen and Glover have been watching closely what is going on in Tallahassee and the Texas plan. Looks like we are going to meet our goal of 1.5 billion for the Florida Tomorrow Campaign

**Provost's Report**

**Joe Glover**, Provost

Joe Glover reminded the committee of the Graduate Program Renewal. Resource distribution and strategies have not been discussed

**Topical Discussion**

**Scott Nygren**, Chair

Topical Discussion for October will be the Graduate Program Renewal. Dr. Nygren suggested that he'd like to concentrate on the Dr. Machen's key issues. University of Florida has distinguished graduate programs. We should focus on how to strengthen what we have. How can we compete effectively with dwindling resources?

## **Information Items**

### **Open Access**

**Isabel Silver**, University Libraries

Isabel Silver gave a brief explanation on what she plans to announce at the Faculty Senate meeting about Open Access. The library will have an Open Access workshop on Wednesday, Oct 26 from 1 – 3:30 pm in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom.

### **Faculty Awards and Education Celebration**

**Garrick Harding**, General Chairman,  
Homecoming 2011

Garrick Harding gave a short announcement about one of the homecoming activities. Faculty Awards and Education Celebration will be held right after Faculty Senate meeting (5-6pm) in the Rion Ballroom.

### **Teaching and Learning Center**

**Kathy Long**, Assoc. Provost,  
Office of Academic Affairs

Kathy Long explained that she will give a Teaching and Learning Center update at the November Faculty Senate meeting. The Academy of Distinguished Scholars set up a support website as a one-stop resource place for new faculty.

### **Decrease in the COM credit hours**

**Bernard Mair**, Chair, Curriculum Committee

College of Medicine is revising its curriculum to bring it in line with other medical schools. This proposal has approval of the Curriculum Committee.

### **U Matter We Care**

**David Kratzer**, VP of Student Affairs

U Matter We Care was introduced at Preview and is a program where anyone can reach out to those in distress by helping them know how to access resources.

### **Rehumanizing the University**

**Bonnie Effros**, Ctr for the Humanities and the  
Public Sphere

Bonnie Effros gave a short explanation on what she plans to present at the Faculty Senate meeting. Rehumanizing the University is a speaker series on universities and the challenges they face. Events are free and open to the public.

### **Program Terminations**

**Ken Gerhardt**, Assoc. Dean, Graduate School

- Master of Family, Youth and Community Services
- Master of Health Sciences Program

## **Council Reports**

### **Research and Scholarship Council**

**Debra Murie**, Co-Chair

SCORS last meeting delved into the need to reduce the use of shadow book systems. Lee Catledge attended from Enterprise Reporting. We also had several financial people who gave reasons why they use the shadow book system.

**Welfare Council****Deanna Pelfrey, Chair**

Welfare Council met prior to Steering Committee today. Dr. Marvin Dewar gave an update on the self-insurance study. A decision on the implementation consultant is soon. A communication committee is working on an communication plan. Kickoff for marketing will be November 1.

**Infrastructure Council****Mark Tillman, Co-Chair**

First meeting was an informational meeting at Library East. A few people from Fine Arts attended to discuss the move of its library. The council tables the discussion due to the need of more information.

**Academic Policy Council****Carol Murphy for Nancy Poehlman,  
Co-Chair**

Drs Dunn and Glover were invited to discuss the Graduate Program Renewal. The council suggested to Dr. Dunn that it was important that a representative from the Humanities should be part of the committee that decides the funding distribution to graduate programs.

**Budget Council****Marc Heft, Chair**

Marc and Deanna are working in tandem with the benefits restructuring. Paula Fussell is sending out a memo explaining two options and asking for faculty feedback.

**Agenda for October Faculty Senate Meeting**

Agenda for October 20, 2011 Faculty Senate meeting was approved with revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.