

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2013
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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Attendees: Cheri Brodeur, Sue Alvers, Ken Gerhardt, Marc Heft, Jarrod Cruz-Stipsits, Pradeep Kumar, Maria Rogal, Mark Tillman, Scott Nygren, Bernie Machen, Barbara Wingo, Stratford May, Azra Bihorac, Joe Glover, David Quillen, Bernard Mair, Deanna Pelfrey

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

January 15, 2013 minutes were approved with corrections.

Chair's Report

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair

- IFAS is requesting approval to extend its tenure probation from six to seven years. They have presented to Steering before and asked that it be added to the February Faculty Senate agenda.
- There will be a Board of Governor Strategic Planning Committee meeting at Emerson Hall from 9 – 12 (noon) on February 13. The committee will most likely discuss online learning.
- The members of the new IT subcommittee are finalized and their names have been forwarded to Frank Bova (chair) and Elias Eldayrie (liaison). There are representatives from all colleges on the subcommittee.
- Cheri and Marc met with the Board of Governor staff, Frank Brogan and the President of the Council of 100 at the ACFS (Advisory Council of Faculty Senates) meeting. Plans are for ACFS members to write editorials explaining the duties of a faculty member.
- Marc Heft, Chair-Elect, has started shadowing Cheri before he starts his term as Faculty Senate Chair on June 1.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

- President Machen mentioned that he is willing to continue in his position for a couple years, although the Board of Trustees has to approve to extend his contract.
- President Machen agreed to not raise undergraduate tuition this year if the university receives funding from the state.
- PECO funds are gone and most likely will not return.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- The Admission's office is admitting the 2013 freshman class starting Friday around 6 p.m.
- Dr. Glover and Andy McCollough are scheduled to explain the process and what's involved with online education at the BOG Strategic Planning Committee February 13.

Honorary Degrees

Stratford May, Chair,
Honorary Degree Committee

- Dr. May presented the honorary degree candidates
- The Steering Committee discussed different ways to increase diversity when it comes to the nominations of honorary degree candidates.

Update on General Education Statute HB7135

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost

- Bernard presented survey results that are included in the [UF Feedback to the State General Education Steering and Faculty Committee Initial Recommendations \(Feb 4, 2013\)](#)

**Rename PhD in Food Science and Human Nutrition
to Food Science**

Ken Gerhardt, Associate Dean
Graduate School

- This is a straight forward request to rename a Ph.D. program in CALS

Minority Mentor Program

Jarrold Cruz-Stipsits, Director
University Minority Mentor Program

- Jarrold would like to go before the senate to recruit more faculty for the Minority Mentor Program.
- This is an important program that started in 1986 in CLAS and has expanded. The program is looking for ways to increase faculty mentors.

Council/Committee Reports

- *Budget Council – (Marc Heft)*
 - Neta Pulvermacher was a guest at the last Budget council meeting. Her concern is that international guests and students are having problems receiving resources in a timely fashion.
 - Matt Fajack gave an accounting of the state budget.
 - The council was surprised by how diverse each college is with graduate student support.
- *Infrastructure Council – (Mark Tillman)*
 - The council had a brief discussion about the Open Access policy.
 - Fedro Zazueta mentioned about Microsoft's eAcademy where faculty can download copies of Microsoft Office for \$15. However, many faculty have problems with downloading. The council suggested that the cost of Microsoft Office should increase to \$20-\$30 to cover technical support.
 - There was more discussion about charging for game day parking.
 - Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee were surprised by the new plans for the Reitz Union. Members of the committee were concerned about lawn space and trees.
- *Research and Scholarship Council (Azra Bihorac)*
 - Sobha Jaishankar gave an overview of centers and institutes.
- *Welfare Council – (Deanna Pelfrey)*
 - Welfare meets tomorrow. Dean Glen Good will attend to explain best practices for faculty evaluations.
 - The council will look into gender equity and faculty retention and recruitment
 - Next month we will discuss the Living Well program
- *Academic Policy Council (Maria Rogal)*
 - APC met two weeks ago and will soon have another meeting
 - Council looked at block exams and plan to have Steve Pritz as a guest at the next meeting.
 - Maria has heard from six colleges about faculty evaluations of administrators
 - APC will discuss the posthumous degree with the registrar

Agenda for February Faculty Senate Meeting

- Agenda for February 21, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting was approved with revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.