

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2013

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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Attendees: Cheri Brodeur, Brian Harfe, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Zina Evans, Nina Caputo, Deanna Pelfrey, Sue Alvers, David Norton, Jay Watkins, John Leavey, Mark Tillman, David Quillen, Azra Bihorac, Bernie Machen, Bernard Mair, Marc Heft and Rick Wilder

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m.

Minutes for February 2013 were approved.

Chair's Report

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair

- The [Constitution Committee's proposed constitutional](#) amendments will be added to the Faculty Senate agenda as an information item.
- As a reminder to the committee, the Faculty Senate meeting on May 9 will be at the Law School – Holland 180.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

- The university should come out alright with state funding this year.
- Discussion in Tallahassee about state pay raises do not include UF. However if we receive enough funding, pay raises will be Dr. Machen's first priority.
- The university plans to try to get legislative approval for Gatorcare again this year.

[Impact on Sequestration on Federal Research](#)

David Norton, Vice President

Funding at UF

Research

- We are expecting a 5.17% decrease. The biggest impact will be on research since two thirds of our research funding is from the federal government.
- Most likely the federal government will grant fewer awards in the future.
- We are in pretty good position comparing to other schools.

Impact on Sequestration on Students and Pell Grants

Zina Evans, Vice President

Enrollment

- As of yesterday, it looks like nothing will happen this year. Students will not have to pay back their loans and grants
- Work Study will be reduced but not Pell Grants. Several military grants will not be funded next year.
- Origination fees for student loans will most likely increase.

Online Tenure and Promotion

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost

Academic Affairs

- Online Promotion and Tenure program will go live during the 2013-2014 promotion and tenure cycle.
- Several units have already been involved in pilots.
- There will be regular training, online training and road shows to assist faculty.

Council/Committee Reports

- *Budget Council – (Marc Heft)*
 - Matt Fajack gave an update on the university's budget issues.
 - Brian and Marc Heft met with Human Resources about finding a way to pay foreign visitors quickly. There will be a committee formed to try to arrive at a solution. Neta Pulvermacher found a template that Princeton uses as an example.
- *Infrastructure Council – (Jay Watkins)*
 - The council had a brief discussion about the Open Access policy. The library is doing a survey and would like to get Open Access through Infrastructure this year.
 - Elias Eldayrie gave an information technology update and noted that there is a new Faculty Subcommittee

***Cheri noted that an Open Access Task Force was formed to help solve some of the issues about Open Access. Meetings are scheduled for April 17 and April 22. It might not be until fall before any more happens with Open Access.

- *Research and Scholarship Council (Azra Bihorac)*
 - Stephanie Gray asked SCORS to review the revised draft effort reporting policy and give feedback to Sponsored Research within the next couple weeks.
 - SCORS noted that there are not policies for tracking T32 training grants and will send a letter to Dr. Norton about this.
- *Welfare Council – (Deanna Pelfrey)*
 - Welfare meets tomorrow. The council approved the faculty ombudsman and is in the process of writing a job description.
 - Dean Glen Good attended last meeting and discussed peer faculty evaluations.
 - Kathy Long will be a guest tomorrow to discuss the status of the FEO program.
 - In April we are having a joint meeting with SCORS to discuss minority and women research.
- *Academic Policy Council (Nina Caputo)*
 - Discussed the "In Memoriam" posthumous degree. The council decided to send to the Provost as a recommendation and not a policy.
 - The council was concerned about researching into faculty review of administrators. Should this be in APC or should it be in another council – maybe welfare?
 - APC will try and meet with Barbara Wingo about faculty evaluation of administrators.

Agenda for March Faculty Senate Meeting

- Agenda for March 28, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting was approved with revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.