

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2012
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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Attendees: Jay Watkins, Brian Harfe, David Quillen, Marc Heft, Cheri Brodeur, Sue Alvers, Deanna Pelfrey, Mark Tillman, Bernard Mair, Mike Katovich, Maria Rogal, Joe Glover, Barbara Wingo, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scott Nygren, Azra Bihorac, Meera Sitharam, Pradeep Kumar, Paul Fussell

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

September minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair

It's quiet at the moment. There are some dean searches in progress. The Presidential Search firm is still taking names.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

UF has an MOU with the Polytech Board of Trustees to provide backroom services such as Human Resources, Banking, etc. We are not involved with construction or academics, only the business side. The university is getting paid for these services.

This weekend is the celebration of the closing of the \$1.5 Billion Capital Campaign. The President and Provost are serving students breakfast in the morning (Friday) with a Gala Celebration Friday evening. The Foundation has a board meeting Saturday morning with the football game against LSU in the afternoon. Several VIPs will be attending the football game.

New Statute Gen Ed. HB7135 Update

Bernard Mair, Assoc. Provost,
Undergraduate Affairs

Bernard distributed the names on the different state discipline committees. Committees consist of seven representatives from the State University System, seven from the state college system and one alternate from each for a total of 16 members. Co-chairs are from the university system and state college system. Representatives from University of Florida are: John Krigbaum, Bernard Mair, Brenda Smith, Fional Barnes and David Julian as an alternate. According to the current timeline, core courses are to be ready for approval by the steering committee by December 2012. Final approval will be July 2013.

Data About UF Students

Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Asst. Vice President
Student Affairs

Jeanna plans to give student data at the Faculty Senate meeting. Information will be from graduation and undergraduate survey results. She will provide links to some of the information prior to the meeting.

**Benefits Open Enrollment
UF Select, and Gatorcare**

Paula Fussell, Vice President
Human Resources

Several communications have gone out to campus about the New Benefits and Open Enrollment. Open enrollment begins Oct 8 and ends November 2. A Benefits Fair is October 23 in the Touchdown Terrace with free flu shots available for employees. Plans are for Gatorcare to continue with UF and Shands participating (doesn't impact the SUS faculty and staff) with clinical faculty, residence, graduate students on appointment, domestic partners, etc. One of the results of self-insurance are voluntary benefits that everyone can choose, even if the employee is covered through the state. UF Select has quite a few options including pre-paid legal and pet insurance. If an employee signs up for a UF Select dental plan, he/she must cancel the State Dental plan.

Transcript Change

Meera Sitharam, Engineering

Due to accreditation standards, College of Engineering transcripts were revised by taking off the track that was originally listed. Meera pointed out that companies like to see the track on the transcript when they are making hiring decisions. The college is asking if the registrar can add another line to the transcript and list the track for all students.

- Has COE contacted the accreditation body to ask if they will accept a transcript with the track listed? If not, then that should be the first step.
- Will accreditors of all programs accept this transcript revision?
- Will SACS approve the track listed on the transcript?
- Dr. Glover suggested that the APC should invite Zina Evans and Steve Pritz to attend one of its meetings to have a conversation about this issue.

Council Reports

• **Infrastructure Council**

Jay Watkins, Chair

- University Libraries Committee's subcommittee met over the summer to work on the Open Access policy. Plans are to have a draft ready to present
- The council suggested that Parking and Transportation improve notifications to employees about upcoming Football Games and which parking lots will be affected. Because of the council's recommendation, employees are receiving notification emails before home game.
- Progress Energy has donated e-charging stations. Currently the charging stations are open four hours a day. Plans are to extend the hours.
- The council had a long discussion on bicycles and safety issues on campus.

• **Research and Scholarship Council**

Azra Bihorac, Chair

- SCORS met Monday with Dr. David Norton giving a presentation of the grant training module. SCORS will review the module and give feedback to Azra. Arrangements will be made to forward the module to those interested on the Steering Committee.
- The university does not expect to find out the results of sequestration until after the election.
- We have two new tools: PI reporting tool which allows the PI to go online and see their funding in real time; and CAYUSE which is currently in a pilot project. Cayuse is great for streamlining grant submissions.

- **Welfare Council** **Deanna Pelfrey, Chair**
 - Paula gave an update on Open Enrollment, Gatorcare and UF Select.
 - The council decided that salary improvement is more important than tuition waivers so the council is pulling the waivers off it's "to do" list
 - Council is working on impact of recruitment and retention because of budget cuts.
 - Ron Anderson, Student Ombudsman, is scheduled to attend the next Welfare Council meeting. The council is researching whether the university should have a faculty ombudsman.

- **Academic Policy Council** **Maria Rogal, Chair**
 - APC has a student on the council this year.
 - The council is reviewing the posthumous degree draft policy
 - Andy McCollough and Donna Johnson are scheduled to attend the next meeting
 - The council is adding the evaluation of administrators topic to its next agenda.
 - DPIP feedback from various colleges is being reviewed.

- **Budget Council** **Brian Harfe, Chair**
 - Did not meet last month. Brian is in the process of trying to make a connection with Neta Pulvermacher

Agenda for September Faculty Senate Meeting

Agenda for October 18, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting was approved with revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.