

## Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2013

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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Attendees: Victoria Rovine, Sharda Udassi, Margaret Temple-Smith, Pradeep Kumar, Renee Goodrich, Galia Hataav, Paul Duncan, Mike Katovich, Joe Glover, Barbara Wingo, Nicole Stedman, Sue Alvers and Bernard Mair

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

After introductions, the June minutes were approved.

### Chair's Report

**Marc Heft**, Chair

- In order to save paper, the Faculty Senate office will only provide copies of the agenda at future meetings. Committee members are to print documents prior to meetings
- At the June meeting, the committee decided to host Town Hall meetings every six weeks or so. The first one is scheduled for Monday, September 23 at 4 p.m. at the Law School in Holland 180. Barbara Wingo will present a talk on Intellectual Property. These presentations will run between 5 – 7 minutes will facilitated discussion afterwards.
  - Tentative dates for future Town Hall Meetings are Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 6, 2014, Feb 10, Mar 10 and April 14. Plans are to rotate meetings around campus.
- Another initiative is to host receptions for Distinguished Professors. Hopefully these can be hosted in their college. This year we have three new Distinguished Professors from Ranganathan Narayanan (Engineering), Leslie Thiele (CLAS) and Leonid Moroz (Medicine).
- Marc met with Paula Fussell about payment to international visitors in a timely fashion. Neta Pulvermacher brought this to the attention of the Infrastructure Council. International visitors from lower tier economies have a hard time with funding while they visit the university. Paula formed a committee and created a template to guide people on how and when to submit items to arrange timely payment.
- Nine-month faculty are having a challenge with parking. Curtis Reynolds will get back to Marc in the next week or so with a solution.

### Provost's Report

**Joe Glover**, Provost

- House Bill 7129 was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor at the last session. It includes the following:
  - UF was designated the Preeminent Institution for the state of Florida.
    - Provides UF \$15M recurring money per year for five years from the state to hire faculty. The President pledged an additional \$15M to invest in research support for these faculty.
  - The university was authorized as the state's online institute.
    - Last year UF earned \$70M in revenue providing online education with limited undergraduate engagement.
    - Plans are for a four year online program where students start as freshmen.
    - State support for this initiative is \$10M nonrecurring funds and \$5M for five years.
    - The business plan is due January 1, 2014.
  - The university was authorized to require all students to take 12 credits in certain core courses such as the "Good Life Course"

- The Provost's Office will host a series of luncheons with faculty to discuss online education and its future finishing the series with a conference at the Graham Center.
- Provost's office is partnering with Physical Plant to hire a "Space Coordinator" to identify the university's space and assist in consolidating that space.
- Robert Jerry, Dean of the Law School has announced that he is retiring. A search will be started soon. David Sammons, Dean of the International Center is retiring in December. Plans are to start a search for the Dean of Dentistry this year.

#### **Honorary Degree**

**Pradeep Kumar**, Member  
Honorary Degree Committee

- Pradeep Kumar presented the latest Honorary Degree candidate.

#### **University Curriculum Committee**

**Bernard Mair**, Associate Provost

- The University Curriculum Committee approved the following items and forwarded to the Faculty Senate for approval.
  - [School Name Change](#)
  - [Academic Calendar](#)
  - [Termination of BA in Asian Studies](#)
  - [Eliminate 1 credit Chemistry Lab from BS Digital Arts & Sciences](#)

#### **Graduate School**

**Paul Duncan**, Associate Dean  
Graduate School

- The Graduate Council approved the following items and forwarded to the Faculty Senate for approval. These items are on the "Information" agenda today and will move to the "Action" agenda for the October meeting.
  - [New Degree: Master of Environmental Analysis and Design](#)
  - [Close MAT in Latin American Studies](#)
  - [Sunset MA in Mathematics](#)
  - [Sunset Master in Teaching in Geography  
Geography Termination Form](#)

Steering Committee approved the August 22, 2013 agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.