

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2014 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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Attendees: Stratford May, Christine Fruin, Marc Heft, Mike Kane, Renee Goodrich, Sue Alvers, Bernard Mair, Bernie Machen, Barbara Wingo, Laura Sjoberg, Mike Katovich, Paul Duncan, Sharda Udassi (via phone), Florin Curta, Cheri Brodeur and Pradeep Kumar.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Marc Heft.

Chair's Report

Marc Heft, Chair

- Responses and feedback on the draft mission statement that was presented at the last Faculty Senate meeting are being compiled and Marc will refer them to the Board of Trustees Strategic Initiatives Committee and then the Board of Trustees.
- Research and Scholarship Council and Welfare Council support the APB reorganization. This will go before the Senate in March.
- Next Town Hall meeting is Monday, February 10 at 4 p.m. in 250 Norman Hall. Andy McCollough will talk about "Online Education". This will be live streamed and recorded.
- A Town Hall meeting on "Open Access" was added for April 14 at Smathers Library.
- Department of Economics will move from the Business College to CLAS.
 - The majority of Economics departments are in colleges of liberal arts and sciences.
 - The faculty seem to be in favor of the move.
 - No faculty members in the current department is financially disadvantaged by the move.
 - Angela Kwolek-Folland will present at the March meeting.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

- The university has had good responses to the Preeminence hiring
- Freshman admission goes live on Friday at 6 p.m. The university plans to admit 6400 to 6500 freshman.
- No cuts are foreseen on funding from the state. Undergraduate tuition will continue to be frozen.
- The search for the COO is almost finished.
- UF is allowing guns in cars on campus.

The minutes from January 2014 were approved.

Honorary Degrees
Committee

Stratford May, Chair, Honorary Degree

- Stratford May presented four honorary degree candidates that on the Senate agenda for February.

Branding – 160 over 90

Cheri Brodeur, Past Chair, Faculty Senate

- 160 over 90 is the name of the branding consulting company. Jane Adams will give an overview of the new branding initiative at the February senate meeting.

Curriculum Committee**Bernard Mair, Chair**

- [New Degree: BS in Nutritional Science](#)
- [New Degree: BS in Dietetics](#)
- [Degree Name Change: Food Science and Human Nutrition to Food Science](#)

Graduate Council**Paul Duncan, Associate Dean, Graduate School**

- [New Degree: MA in Arts in Medicine](#)

Campus Climate Survey**Laura Sjoberg, Associate Professor, Political Science**

- LGBT Concerns Committee is requesting a campus climate survey. The last survey is 10 years old.
- Steering Committee suggested that LGBT Concerns Committee share their survey questions with the Welfare Council at its March meeting.

Budget Council**Florin Curta, Chair**

- Discussion was cost of graduate school education with guest Dean Henry Frierson from the Graduate School.
- Tuition at UF is pretty much in line with other graduate schools.
- There has been an increase in hiring of post docs instead of graduate students due to tuition increases.
- Matt Fajack noted that the university has been raising graduate tuition about 15% per year since 2007 and fees about 5% a year.
- UF has about 12,500 graduate students and 3000 professional students.

IFAS APB Reorganization**Mike Kane, Chair, IFAS Faculty**

Assembly

- In November, President Machen discussed his APB Reorganization proposal with the IFAS Faculty Assembly. Faculty from Extension gave their opinions and feedback.
- In January, the College's Welfare Committee met and proposed to the IFAS Assembly that the university keep the current model for APB. The Welfare Committee's proposal was voted down.
- The issue is how to effectively evaluate packets of Extension Faculty.
- During Steering Committee discussion, it was asked how the new reorganization will be implemented.

Copyright Agreement with Elsevier**Christine Fruin, Scholarly Communications Librarian**

- Some universities have received take down notices of academic media from Elsevier. So far, UF has not received a notice. The Library is in a dialogue with Elsevier to develop an automatic system.
- Christine has scheduled workshops for Spring 2014 on Scholarly Communications.
 - Copyright for Online Teaching
 - Copyright Essentials for the Graduate Researcher
 - Influence and Impact: How to Measure and How to Achieve Maximum Reach for your Research
 - Protect Your Rights as Author: Understanding Copyright and Open Access

Academic Policy Council**Renee Goodrich, Chair**

- At the January meeting, the APC discussed online student evaluations declining instead of increasing.
- The February meeting is next week. Bernard Mair will talk about the need for Senate approval of new majors within an existing program.

Welfare Council**Galia Hatav, Chair**

- At the meeting a couple hours ago, Welfare discussed administrator evaluations with guest Steve Benton from IDEA Education. The IDEA instruments are for feedback more than evaluation. Their purpose is to help the in the Department Chair's development.
- Two people on the council researched what other colleges/universities do for a faculty lounge. The council plans on distributing a questionnaire to ask faculty what they would like for a faculty gathering area.
- The council was very happy about the creation of the ombuds position.

Research and Scholarship Council**Mirka Koro-Llungberg, Chair**

- SCORS has not met. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

Steering Committee approved the February 20, 2014 Faculty Senate agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.