

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2013, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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Attendees: Marc Heft, Bernie Machen, Cheri Brodeur, Margaret Temple-Smith, Galia Hataav, Sue Alvers, Renee Goodrich, Nicole Stedman, Pradeep Kumar, Florin Curta, Joe Glover, Mirka Koro-Llungberg, and Barbara Wingo

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

September minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Marc Heft, Chair

- Faculty Senate had its first town hall meeting with 50 attending and 22 watching online.
- October 21 is the second town hall meeting with Elias Eldayrie as guest speaker. Due to the lack of webcasting equipment in FAB105, we are in the process of looking for another venue.
- All three distinguished professors accepted Marc's invitation to give a one hour general audience presentation. David Norton, VP for Research, has agreed to provide refreshments. Pugh Hall was also suggested as a possible venue. Most likely the first one will be in November.
- Three Senior Vice Presidents have agreed to do a round table on "What is Scholarship"
- A memo from Provost Glover and Marc Heft was distributed to the deans asking their opinion of the draft open access policy. The deans were also asked to please ask their faculty for feedback on the policy and respond to Provost Glover and Marc by the third week of October.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

- The university was able to distribute financial aid checks before the federal government shutdown. Research and other university operations should be able to continue.
- Some students and Paul Ortiz are scheduled for a meeting with the President to discuss undocumented students and instate tuition. They will meet in about a week.
- President Machen plans to ask the Faculty Senate for support to change the make-up of the Academic Personnel Board.
 - Members of the APB complained because the work load has increased.
 - President Machen will propose doubling the size of this joint committee and splitting it into two panels
 - In order to make these changes, bylaws will have to be revised.
 - Research and Scholarship Council was asked to review the distinguished professor appointment procedures.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Dr. Glover recently returned from the SEC Provost meeting. Future SEC symposiums which highlight SEC research universities' achievements are:
 - Fall 2014: "Prevention of Obesity"
 - Fall 2015: "Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity of SEC Universities" (UF will lead this symposium)
 - Fall 2016: "Water"
- Dr. Glover and President Machen have been out of town, so there's been no activity on the ombuds proposal.

SACS Update

Joe Glover, Provost

- Site visit is scheduled for mid-February
- SACs Report was delivered on time
- QEP is not submitted but it will be presented to the SACs team when they arrive
- SACs team will work and stay at the Hilton.

HHP Major Name Change

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- Bernard presented a request from the College of Health and Human Performance to change the name of the BS in Recreation Parks and Tourism to the BS in Tourism, Events and Recreation Management. This was approved by the University Curriculum Committee.

Council Reports

- **Research and Scholarship Council** **Mirka Koro-Ljungberg**, Chair
 - Nothing to report because the council has not met since the last meeting. Their meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.
- **Academic Policy Council** **Renee Goodrich**, Chair
 - Marc Heft was a guest at the APCs last meeting. He provided the council with his initiatives for the coming year along with discussing the Town Hall Meeting
 - Main item on the APCs agenda is the Faculty Review of Administrators. The council wishes to know what the top 10 universities do with review of Administrators. Renee plans to attend the Welfare Council's next meeting to discuss this issue.
- **Welfare Council** **Galia Hatav**, Chair
 - Welfare met September 5
 - The council is continuing discussions on peer evaluations. One problem with peer evaluations is that no one wants to write a bad evaluation on their colleague. However, faculty would rather not use only student evaluations for tenure and promotion.
- **Budget Council** **Florin Curta**, Chair
 - Budget met on September 21 with Marc Heft noting the initiatives he is planning as chair.
 - The council discussed topics for the coming year.
 - October meeting - Matt Fajack was invited to explain the inflow side of RCM, specifically in terms of taxes levied on enterprises on campus.
 - November – Guidelines and templates for grant management
 - December – Cost of graduate education – what does it really cost to train graduate students at UF compared to peer institutions.
 - January – grant management especially issues of rule transparency and budgetary issues
 - February – Budgetary issues involved in Open Access policies
 - The council noted that there is great concern about a the disconnect with communication of policies from top administration to the regular faculty member. It also seems to take a long time for information from the Senate to get to the department chairs.
 - A suggestion was made to get the College Councils involved
 - Florin invited Mirka Koro-Llungberg to the next Budget Council meeting

Steering Committee approved the October 24, 2013 Faculty Senate agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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