

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2013, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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Attendees: Sharda Udassi, Marc Heft, Sue Alvers, Margaret Temple-Smith, Cheri Brodeur, Renee Goodrich, Thomas Hawkins, Mike Katovich, Nicole Stedman, Mirka Koro-Ljungberg, Galia Hatav, Bernard Mair, Joe Glover, and Pradeep Kumar

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

After introductions, August minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Marc Heft, Chair

- Marc asked that the October 2015 homecoming date approval is added to the September Faculty Senate agenda. The Committee agreed.
- Town Hall meeting dates and presenters are close to finalization. So far, the following are confirmed – all at 4 p.m.:
 - September 23 – Holland 180 – presenter: Barbara Wingo (General Counsel) – Intellectual Property
 - October 21 – Elias Eldayrie (CIO) – Information Technology
 - November 18 – Bernard Mair (Assistant Provost) – UF Core
 - January 6 – Jane Adams (VP, University Relations) – Advocacy
 - February 10 – Joe Glover (Provost) – Online University
 - March 10 – Andy McCollough (Associate Provost) – Online Education
 - April 14 - TBD
- The ombuds task force met and Dr. Glover will develop a model. All parties seem to agree in spirit with the ombuds position. AT the moment, we are not sure how the position will look or the FTE.
- Open Access task force wishes to see how open access impacts the different colleges on campus. Plans are to send the deans a memo for approval and impact on the colleges.
- Paula Fussell worked with a committee to create an International Visitor template to assist in paying international visitors quickly. To review, please go to the HR [website](#).
- Marc communicated with the three new distinguished professors about giving a presentation. At the SCORS meeting, Marc received an excellent suggestion to have the location for these presentations in the community instead of on campus.
- Cheri gave an update on the social groups she is organizing.
 - The Singles group is now up to 200 people and going strong. The group's organization is running on its own.
 - Tuesday on the Town is a social group for all faculty. The first get together for this group is Tuesday, Sept 17
 - Faculty with Children's group is growing. A luncheon is planned for Monday Sept 9.

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.
 - Senior Vice Presidents solicited proposals for new faculty from the deans.
 - Received 53 proposals, most of them interdisciplinary

- Senior Vice Presidents picked 26 proposals that were sent to a faculty committee consisting of members from the Dunn Committee.
- 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.
 - Newly hired faculty will have a different career trajectory than what we have seen in the past.
 - The start date is January 2014.
 - There will be a two day conference in early October on online education.
- The university was authorized to require all students to take 12 credits in certain core courses such as the "Good Life Course"
 - Good Life Course seems to be doing well

In Memoriam Recognition

Renee Goodrich, APC Chair

Policy on Posthumous Recognition of UF Students

- College of Engineering would like to give a Memoriam recognition to families of a few students that passed away while attending the university. The college is requesting that the wording is changed to add the major.
- Academic Policy Council spent a great deal of time on this last year and gave its recommendation to the Provost.
- Steering Committee agreed with the Provost that there is an extra cost in reprinting the recognition. One of the APCs recommendations is for colleges to write a letter to give the family along with the recognition. The major can be added to the letter.

Gainesville and University of Florida

Thomas Hawkins, Esq

Transportation Issues

Gainesville City Commissioner

- Thomas Hawkins gave a short presentation on transportation issues in Gainesville. This will be added to the Faculty Senate agenda.

General Education

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost

- Bernard Mair gave a short presentation on the State's Final Recommendations of the General Education Steering and Faculty Committee. This item will be on the agenda for next Faculty Senate meeting as an information item. No action is needed.

COIA (Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics)

Mike Katovich, Member, IAC

- Mike Katovich reminded the committee that the Senate gave approval to join the COIA. However, no decision was made to appoint a representative to the organization.
- Mike was designated as the representative for UF to the COIA.

Research and Scholarship Council

Mirka Koro-Ljungberg, Chair

- SCORS met yesterday. Faculty Senate Chair Marc Heft provided vision for the 2013-2014 year. The rest of the agenda was reviewing the SCORS report from last year and deciding the topics for 2013-2014.

Steering Committee approved the [September 26, 2013](#) agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.