

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2015 (For May Senate meeting) 3 – 5 p.m.
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Attendees: Jeanne Brady, Marc Heft, Barbara Wingo, Sue Alvers, Paul Davenport, Bradley Walters, Ana Spiguel, Mike Sagas, Trevor Bopp, Renee Goodrich, Winn Phillips, Melissa Orth, Kent Fuchs, Joe Glover, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Nicole Stedman, Jorg Peters, Karen Whalen, Fred Southwick, Juan Gilbert, Rhonda Moraca and Wesley Bolch.

- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Paul Davenport. The April 9 minutes were approved.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- The University is negotiating with a candidate for the College of Law Dean.

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- President Fuchs noted that a letter of apology was posted earlier due to a group of students that misbehaved in Panama Beach.
- Commencement will be in the Swamp this year and most likely next due to the O'Connell Center renovations.

Chair's Report

Paul Davenport, Chair

- Paul Davenport reminded the committee about the Faculty Senate reception on Tuesday, April 28 at 5:30 in the Former President's House on University Avenue.
- Congratulations to Nicole Stedman who was elected Chair-Elect at the April Faculty Senate meeting.
- Council Chairs – please remember to submit your written end of year report so it can be posted on the website.
- There will be no June Steering Committee meeting. Next time the Committee will meet is August 13, 2015.

Graduate Council

Rhonda Moraca, Assistant Dean

- [ISE Engineer Degree Termination](#)
- [Human Centered Computing New Degree](#)
 - Jorg Peters noted that this item wasn't properly vetted at the college level.

Graduate School

UF Goals

Winn Phillips, Executive Chief of Staff

- Dr. Phillips explained the goal setting process from the appointment of a task force to the final plan endorsed by stakeholders.
- Goal setting timeline starts in May and finishes in September 2015.

Intercollegiate Athletics Report

Mike Sagas, IAC Representative

- Mike Sagas gave a short report on what he plans to present to the Senate in May. Most of the information is the same as last year. He will also add Trevor Popp, COIA Representative, to the presentation. Trevor will give information about the COIA.

Office of Academic Affairs Awards Report

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost
Academic and Faculty Affairs

- Originally this was an annual report on the FEO awards, but Dr. Kwolek-Folland decided to expand the information to all of the awards given by the Office of Academic Affairs.

Council Reports

- **Research and Scholarship Council** – Jorg Peters, Chair
 - David Norton, Vice President for Research, was the council's guest and discuss the realities of the research environment.
- **Infrastructure Council** – Bradley Walters, Chair
 - Infrastructure Council has another meeting next week
 - Parking and Transportation Committee is working on finding additional space for students at the SW Rec Center
 - Renovations are starting on McCarty and Newell Halls
 - Approved a motion to support making Faculty IT Subcommittee a Faculty Senate Committee
 - Infrastructure Council presented the final parking privatization/monetization report that they were charged with by Pradeep Kumar, past faculty senate chair.
 - Bradley Walters was re-elected as Chair of Infrastructure with Patrick Reakes as chair-elect for 2015-2016.
- **Academic Policy Council** – Renee Goodrich, Chair
 - Beverly Sanders was elected chair for 2015-2016
 - Projects for next year are:
 - Review student surveys on T/TH class periods
 - Continue internationalization
 - Form a formal adhoc committee with Welfare and APC to look at peer evaluation.
- **Welfare Council** – Karen Whalen, Chair-Elect
 - Welfare Council discussed evaluation of teaching and a mentoring symposium.
 - Human Resources plans to review the bereavement leave policy. Currently staff and faculty have different policies.
- **Budget Council** – Florin Curta, Chair
 - Dr. Curta had a conflict but sent a report.

Agenda for the May 7 Faculty Senate meeting was approved

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.