

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2014 3 – 5 p.m.
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Attendees: Barbara Wingo, Pradeep Kumar, Jorg Peters, Paul Davenport, Joe Glover, Florin Curta, Marc Heft, Jeannine Brady, Sue Alvers, Nicole Stedman (via phone), Margaret Temple-Smith, and Bradley Walters.

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Pradeep Kumar. Introductions were made and the August minutes were approved. Pradeep noted that the President sends his regrets.

Chair's Report

Pradeep Kumar, Chair

- Board of Trustees met Sept 4-5. At the end of the meeting, there was a joint meeting of the BOT and Presidential Search Committee.
 - The Board decided to take parking privatization off the discussion table for now. The staff report came to the conclusion that the benefits are not attractive enough to continue researching. The project is suspended for the near future.
 - Presidential search is progressing. BOT chair Steve Scott is going nationally seeking applications. Several groups including the Faculty Senate reviewed criteria during the summer. Two or three criteria were added since 2012. Please check the website for this information.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Provost Glover announced that there will be a two day conference in December on the future of graduate education and hopes that the faculty will attend. A couple of the speakers are Hunter Rawlings President of the AAU and Rod Erickson, Emeritus President from Penn State.
- Search is continuing for a new dean for CLAS. Provost Glover is forming a search committee and the university will search nationally.
- Search College of Law Dean will restart sometime this year.
- In response to a question about the upcoming conference, Dr. Glover noted that graduate programs at the university are not broken. There is the impression that some programs are not performing as they should. The conference is to build awareness of the issues in graduate education.
- Parker Executive Search firm is currently handling the Director of UFOnline search.

SERU Report

**Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Assistant VP
Student Affairs**

- Dr. Mastrodicasa gave a short explanation as to what she plans to present at the next senate meeting. According to the 2013 SERU data, compared to our AAU peers, UF students participate more in student organizations, exercising and partying. They spend less time on attending class, studying and other academic activities outside of class and working. She noted that all this information is on line.

Council Reports

- Budget Council – Florin Curta, Chair
 - Budget Council meets at the end of the month. The council is continuing its work from last year creating a guideline document and template for colleges.

- Infrastructure Council – Bradley Walters, Chair
 - Infrastructure meets in a couple weeks and plans are to start work on parking privatization. Is this a positive or negative step for the university to do in the future?
- Welfare Council – Margaret Temple-Smith, Member
 - Welfare Council had a long discussion with guests from the President’s Council on Diversity who are planning to distribute a climate survey.
 - Discussed the need and support for a Faculty House.
- Research and Scholarship Council – Jorg Peters, Chair
 - SCORS meet yesterday. Dr. Peters was elected chair of the council.
 - Discussion was about distinguished professors. Should there be a revision of the current process of nominations and selections?

Agenda for the September 18 Faculty Senate meeting was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.