

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2015 3 – 5 p.m.
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Attendees: Larry Fortune, Silvio Dore, Karen Whalen, Steve Pritz, Sue Alvers, Paul Davenport, Nicole Stedman, Joe Glover, Angela Lindner, Paul Duncan, Beverly Sanders, Ana Spiguel, Valrie Minson and Evangeline Cummings.

Paul Davenport called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. and the November minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Paul Davenport, Chair

- Thank you to Julie Dodd who has served as a liaison for the Senate on the Presidential Inauguration Committee. The Inauguration will be Friday, December 4.
- Paul attended the dedication of Hypergator 2 and reported that the tour was great.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Provost Glover encouraged members to College Day located on the Reitz Union North Lawn where colleges have exhibition booths set up.
- An advisory committee has developed University policies and recommendations for PhD programs. A [draft is posted](#) on the Office of the Provost website for faculty to evaluate and make comments. Faculty comments will then be reviewed by representatives of the Faculty Senate, Graduate council and the Office of the Provost. Nicole Stedman suggested that the deadline be January 15, 2016.

New Degree

Paul Duncan, Associate Dean, Graduate School

- [PhD Youth Development and Family Science](#)
 - Paul Duncan explained the new PhD degree in Youth Development and Family Science.

[2019-2020 Academic Calendar](#)

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Programs
Steve Pritz, Registrar

- Steve Pritz presented the draft 2019-2020 Academic Calendar. He explained that the University is constrained by state statute when deciding the calendar. Also, the Gator Homecoming that is listed in October is a tentative date.
- Faculty Senate in the past voted to make spring break the eighth week of the term.

UF Online

Evangeline Cummings, Director, UF Online

- Beverly Sanders, Chair of APC, invited Evangeline Cummings, Director of UF Online, to present at a Faculty Senate meeting. Ms. Cummings asked the Steering members what the Senate would have an interest.
 - UF Online's Strategic Roles
 - Faculty Governance
 - Overview of where UF Online is and where it is going
 - Finish with a vision where the program can go.

Council Reports

- **Research and Scholarship Council** – Valrie Minson
 - Representatives from DSP will finish their presentation at the December meeting.
 - SCORS will continue its conversation on Academic Analytics. It has invited Provost Glover to give an update.
 - Many issues do not seem to be trickling down to the council, so members will invite the Deans to interview and ask about any research issues in their college.

- **Academic Policy Council** – Beverly Sanders, Chair
 - APC didn't have a November meeting. At the December meeting, Steve Pritz is to report on the T/TH class schedule.
 - The council will continue discussion on streamlining the course approval process.
- Provost Glover suggested that members of the council engage with the goal setting process. He invited members to the January 28th and 29th symposium.

- **Welfare Council** – Karen Whalen
 - At the last Welfare Council meeting, Ken Gerhardt explained the Faculty Ombuds office and the services it provides.
 - Members considered the Music Building resolution.
 - Discussed the Faculty Club – the general overview is:
 - Restaurant and Dining
 - Small breakout areas
 - Good use of technology with many outlets
 - Spousal privileges
 - Emeritus privileges

Agenda for the December 10, 2015 Faculty Senate meeting was approved

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.