

**Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes**  
**February 4, 2016 3 – 5 p.m.**  
**Tigert 226**

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Attendees: Ana Spiguel, Karen Whalen, Paul Davenport, Sue Alvers, James Seale, Paul Duncan, Robert Ostrow,Carolynn Komanski, Sylvan Dore, Margaret Temple-Smith, Patrick Reakes, Valrie Minson, Beverly Sanders, Joe Glover, and David Groisser.

Paul Davenport called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and the January minutes were approved.

**Chair's Report**

**Paul Davenport, Chair**

- A recent call for Chair-Elect nominations for 2016-2017 was recently sent.
- Thank you to faculty who attended and participated in the Provost's symposium.
- Reminder: Please visit the Reitz Union as the renovations are complete.
- The Faculty Club will not be in the University House as originally planned. Plans are to find another area and maybe build a new building. It will be important to have a faculty advisory group to oversee the Faculty Club when completed.

**Provost's Report**

**Joe Glover, Provost**

- The RCM Task Force is completing its recommendation for the RCM revisions. A suggestion is that when the recommendation process is complete to invite the CFO to a Senate meeting to explain the new system.
- Legislature will be ending soon and it looks like a good budget year for the university.
- The Vice President for Student Affairs search committee decided on three candidates. A schedule of their visit to the university will be sent out next week.

**Budget Council – James Seale, Chair**

- At the last Budget Council meeting, the members discussed the RCM challenge and IDCs
- Council completed work on the Budget Template and Greg Dubois presented at the last Faculty Senate meeting.
- Representative from IFAS will be invited to the next Council meeting.

**Constitution and Bylaw (pg 32) Revisions**

**David Groisser, Constitution Committee**

- David Groisser presented the recommended revisions from the Constitution Committee for the Constitution and Bylaw revision. [page 32 – Bylaw 20 (A)(4)(e)]
- Dr. Davenport recommended that it is important that the words "successive terms" should continue in the Bylaw revision. Members of the Steering Committee agreed and asked that the Constitution Committee re-examine the wording.

**New Major: Construction Productivity**

**Paul Duncan, Associate Dean, Graduate School**

- Paul Duncan presented a new major in Construction Productivity, College of Design, Construction and Planning

**Infrastructure Council****Patrick Reakes, Chair**

- Patrick Reakes presented the [draft resolution on the Music Building](#) that passed through Infrastructure Council and also approved by Welfare Council.
- Steering Committee agreed that the Music Building needed renovations, however, concern was raised about other buildings on campus that need revision. What makes the Music Building more valuable than Norman or any other old building?
- The Committee agreed with Dr. Davenport suggestion to present and discuss the resolution with the President and Sr. Vice President Lane instead of taking before the Senate.

**Summer Camps and Housing Requests****Robert W. Ostrow, Director**  
Housing for Conference Services  
**Carolynn Komanski, Director**  
Youth Conference Services

- Robert Ostrow gave a short presentation about Housing Conference Services and apartment rentals. He and Carolynn Komanski will inform the senate of Housing's services at the next meeting.

**Academic Policy Council****Beverly Sanders, Chair**

- Steve Pritz, Registrar reported on the query responses from other AAU universities that he sent out about T/TH classes. UF seems to be doing better with classroom utilization than other universities.
- Concern was raised about the interpretation of the Disabilities Act and reasonable student accommodations.
- Dr. Davenport asked that the council to review shared governance in UF Online and make recommendations.

**Welfare Council****Karen Whalen, Chair**

- Discussed the Faculty Club
- Approved the Music Building Resolution
- Continued work on a white paper that the 2014-2015 council started about Best practice for Peer Assessment.

**Research and Scholarship Council****Valrie Minson, Chair**

- Council hasn't met since the last steering meeting.
- Chris Hass met with Research Deans last week and should have report at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

*Due to the February 4, 2016 meeting ending prior to the approval of the February 18 Senate agenda, Paul Davenport, Faculty Senate Chair called a meeting via phone or attendance in Tigert 134.*

**February 8, 2016 – Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting  
Via Phone or Tigert 134  
5 p.m.**

Attendees: Paul Davenport, Sue Alvers, Jeannine Brady, Ana Spiguel, Karen Whalen and Sylvan Dore

Paul Davenport opened the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Agenda for the February 18, 2016 Faculty Senate meeting was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.