

Senate Steering Committee Minutes
January 12, 2017, 2016
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
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Attendees: David Quillen, Sylvain Dore, Valrie Minson, Susan Schaffer, Ray Thomas, Ana Spiguel, Jeannine Brady, Paul Davenport, Joe Glover, Melissa Johnson, James Seale, Kent Fuchs, Joan Foss, Angela Lindner and Jane Adams.

Nicole Stedman called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and the November 30 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Nicole Stedman, Chair

- Distinguished Professor Lectures:
 - Dr. Jeffery Jones, Plant Pathology – January 23rd
 - Dr. Mark Law, Electrical and Community Engineering – February 6th
 - Dr. Kevin Jones, Material Science and Engineering - February 13th
 - Dr. Robert Ferl, College of Agriculture – February 20th
 - Dr. Michael Perfit, Geology – March 27th
 - Dr. Sivaramakrishnan Blaachander, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering – April 10th
- Academic Freedom Symposium – March 28th
- Please ask colleagues to nominate for Senate committees
- [Resolution to retain flexibility in salaries for post-docs](#) was presented at the December 2016 Senate meeting by Dr. Bruce Welt. The Senate voted to add this to the December 2016 agenda as an Information Item then move to Action Item at the January 2017 meeting.
- Meredith Babb, Director, University of Florida Press, will give a presentation at the Senate meeting on the University of Florida Press

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- President Fuchs broadcast on Facebook Live from Turlington Plaza today where he talked with students, community members and Vice President of Student Affairs David Parrott.
- Jane Adams gave an update on the new lobbying statutes and house rules.
 - Any UF employee who requests funding or advocates for or against legislation involving the university must register as a lobbyist and file disclosure forms when meeting with House members or staff.
 - To avoid unintentional violations, faculty and staff must contact University Relations or IFAS Government Relations before they communicate with legislators or staff.
 - Some items on the UF Legislative Request are:
 - Faculty Investment - \$20M (recruit new faculty)
 - Faculty Retention - \$30M (bridge salary gap between UF and peers)
 - Graduate Students - \$10M (increase stipends)
 - Reduce Student Faculty Ratio - \$15M (by hiring 125 faculty members)

- Infrastructure and Improvements - \$30M
 - Nuclear Science Building - \$8.5M
 - Norman Hall - \$10.3M
 - Data Science and Cyber Technology Building - \$25M
 - Music Building Replacement - \$12.5
 - Florida Engineering Experiment Station
 - Institute for Comparative Veterinary Diagnostic
 - Medical Marijuana
 - Zika Research
 - St. Augustine Historic Building Roofs
 - IFAS Requests
- Guns on Campus Legislation bills are back this year.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Interviews have started for the search for a new College of Business dean
- Research and Scholarship Council members were discussing different Faculty Research Collaboration Tools. Academic Analytics has this type of tool and the University is investigating to purchase. Dr. Glover gave two examples – one from [University of Kansas](#) and the other from [MIT](#). A [Handout](#) was also distributed.

Curriculum Committee

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- [Doctor of Occupational Therapy](#)
 - New degree from the College of Public Health and Health Professions.

Council Reports

Welfare Council

Ray Thomas, Chair

- Did not meet in December

Budget Council

James Seale, Chair

- Committee met with Greg Dubois to see a demo of the status tool that Budget and Business Affairs have been creating for faculty use.
- Committee is writing a glossary of budget terms to roll out in the cube.

Research and Scholarship Council

Valrie Minson, Chair

- Discussed the Research Management Tool and is deciding if the council should recommend purchase.
- Asked Associate CIO Saira Hasnain to investigate ways to block predatory journal emails. After discussion on the technical difficulty of blocking emails, the council recommended that the Library disseminate an educational announcement annually about predatory journals.
- Discussed project management software and electronic lab notebook software. Faculty survey will be distributed sometime after the Steering Committee meeting. This will help the council decide about recommendations.

Infrastructure Council**Ann Wehmeyer, Chair**

- Did not meet in December

Academic Policy Council**Susan Schaffer, Chair**

- Chris Hass is a new member on the committee replacing Cindy Prins who resigned. Council will discuss experiential learning at the next meeting. Dr. Hass is the chair of the Experiential Learning Task Force.
- Discussed preliminary timeline for the development of a revised course evaluation process.

The Steering Committee approved the January 19, 2017 Faculty Senate agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.