

Senate Steering Committee Minutes

March 2, 2017

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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Attendees: Nicole Stedman, Ana Spiguel, Rachel Purcell, Melissa Johnson, Sylvain Dore, Ann Wehmeyer, Ray Thomas, Jeannine Brady, Joe Glover, Sue Alvers, Patrick Rizk, Anne Donnelly, Jim Seale, David Quillen, Kent Fuchs, and Angela Bacsik.

Nicole Stedman called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and the February 2017 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Nicole Stedman, Chair

- Academic Freedom and Responsibility Symposium is 3:30 p.m on March 28th in the Reitz Union Chamber.
- Distinguished Professor Lectures:
 - Dr. Michael Perfit, Geology – March 27th
 - Dr. Sivaramakrishnan Blaachander, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering – April 10th
- University Relations wants to have a faculty senate advisory board on communication.
 - Dr. Stedman suggested an adhoc communication faculty senate advisory group. After about six months make the adhoc a regular faculty senate committee.
 - Plans are to launch a communications survey soon.
- Advisory Committee on Faculty Senates is concerned about a [new legislative bill \(SB104\)](#) that is going through the senate.
 - High school students will be able to substitute computer coding classes for foreign language classes. College systems and state universities will be required to accept these credits as foreign language credits.
 - Should the Senate have a resolution? Please contact Dr. Stedman with concerns.
 - Most members of the ACFS have replied by using each university's office of communications.
 - Dr. Stedman plans to discuss with Jane Adams, Vice President, University of Relations.

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- Will be absent for March 23rd Faculty Senate Meeting. Plans to give a video report.
- Discussed the BOG Governance Enhancement Initiative
- Reported on the "Go Greater" fund raising campaign. President Fuchs suggested that Tom Mitchell, Vice President of Advancement, give a report at the Faculty Senate April meeting.
- UF Basketball player Canyon Barry won national Academic All-America of the year.
- Sylvan Dore asked for more "family" bathrooms on campus and providing more support for DACA and immigrants.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- The search for the Dean of the College of Business was terminated. Plans are to reopen the

- search next year. Dean Kraft agreed to continue.
- Director for Institutional Research and Planning search closes March 10. At the moment there is 19 applicants.
- David Reed, Florida Museum of Natural History, will work out of the Provost's Office to improve nominations and approvals of awards.

Recommended Constitutional Language

For Faculty IT Committee

Rachel Purcell, Member
Constitution Committee

- Rachel Purcell presented the constitutional language for the Faculty IT Committee. After discussion, the Steering Committee asked to add a representative of the Florida Museum of Natural History. Constitution Committee will review at next meeting and if approved, this item will go directly to a Senate information item in April.

CURBS - Center for Undergraduate Research Board of Students

Patrick Rizk, President
CURBS

- Center for Undergraduate Research Board of Students (CURBS) was created to help undergraduates become more involved in the research process and to improve the student research experience in existing undergraduate programs.
- CURBS provides workshops, lectures and peer advising.

Council Reports

Infrastructure Council

Ann Wehmeyer, Chair

- Continued discussion on the lack of centralized reservation of rooms on campus.
- Non-registration space is costly and policies and ownership are not uniform
- Suggestion:
 - Ask the Provost for seed money or sponsorship to help with funding room rentals for symposiums and conferences.
 - Waive room rental fees.

Academic Policy Council

Susan Schaffer, Chair

- Waiting for more information from the Registrar about extending the grading period by one day.
- Early planning continues on revising the student course evaluations.
- Reviewing boundaries that faculty have to handle student incivility in class

Welfare Council

Ray Thomas, Chair

- Jodi Gentry reported that Human Resources will soon ask for competitive proposals from consulting companies.
- UF's January pay raises of 1.5% costs \$12M and university wants to have a strategy for future pay raises. Can the money be used a different way than across the board pay raises?

Budget Council**James Seale, Chair**

- Continues to work on the glossary of budget terms. Task force plans to meet Monday with Greg Dubois.

Research and Scholarship Council**Sylvain Dore, Member****Valrie Minson, Chair (via email)**

- Sylvain Dore will represent SCORS on the Academic Analytics collaboration tool implementation team.
- Survey on Project Management and/or Electronic Lab Notebook software was distributed. We have received 176 responses.

The Steering Committee approved the March 23, 2017 Faculty Senate agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.