

Senate Steering Committee Minutes

May 4, 2017

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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Attendees: Nicole Stedman, Jane Adams, Paul Davenport, Valrie Minson, Sylvio Dore, Paul Duncan, David Quillen, Angela Lindner, Katie Vogel Anderson, Ray Thomas, Ann Wehmeyer, Greg Dubois, Ana Spiguel, Jeannine Brady, Sue Alvers, Kent Fuchs, Joe Glover and Susan Schaffer.

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

Chair's Report

Nicole Stedman, Chair

- Budget Council and Welfare Council were highlighted at the April Senate meeting. Plans are to present summaries on Academic Policy Council, Infrastructure Council and Research and Scholarship Council at the May 11 meeting.
- Dr. Stedman attending an Emergency Response Training program that featured representatives from The Ohio State University
 - One of the main concerns is how faculty perceive an emergency. What can a university do to get faculty to respond during campus emergencies?
 - Faculty Senate Chair serves on the Emergency Operations Committee.
- Valrie Minson noted that Marston Library had 1.5 million students this during 2016-2017.

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- UF had 10 commencements with 9000 degrees conferred.
- Jane Adams gave the legislative update report. It looks like the legislative budget has some of what it requested. However, it still needs to go through the governor before we know for sure what the university will receive from the state. Guns on Campus did not pass.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Carryforward policy: Deans must provide justification to keep carryforward funds.
- The CIO's office has formulated a policy that all new instructional materials posted on the web must be ADA compliant. Legacy items that are already online will have more time to become compliant.

Graduate Council

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

- [New Degree – Doctor of Musical Arts](#)
 - School of Music is requesting approval of a new degree program – Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA). This is a non-dissertation degree with course work and experiential learning in the Performing Arts

UF Quest

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Studies

- Dr. Lindner reminded the committee that she will give the last presentation on UF Quest at the May 11 Faculty Senate meeting. She decided not to ask the Senate for approval on the program because UF Quest is still in the planning stages. However, she plans to send out a survey to all the Senators for feedback before formalizing in the fall.

Two New Regulations

Ana Spiguel, Parliamentarian
Faculty Senate

- Ana Spiguel notified the committee that the Constitution Committee called a special meeting for tomorrow to review and light two new regulations that might be before the BOT in June. These regulations will be lighted and presented to the Senate on May 11.
 - Directory Information
 - Tuition Fees

Council Reports

Infrastructure Council

Ann Wehmeyer, Chair

- New issues were reported to the Infrastructure council such as renovation of University House and taking three more trees at the Nexus Building.
- Parking garage that was planned to sit on the Aerospace lot will move to another area. Currently looking at the commuter lot on Gale Lemerand for the garage.
- UF belongs to a consortium in T-4. He noted that even though T-4 has some problems, Wordpress has security issues.
- Suggestion was made to invite Charles Lane and Curtis Reynolds to a Senate meeting.
- Dr. Wehmeyer was elected chair for 2017-2018.

Academic Policy Council

Susan Schaffer, Chair

- Dr. Schaffer was elected chair for 2017-2018.
- APC items for next year:
 - Plans are to invite Jen Day Shaw to the first APC meeting in the fall to discuss student incivility.
 - APC will continue researching exam scheduling.
 - Course evaluation and assist finding a third party software that will work with CANVAS.

Welfare Council

Ray Thomas, Chair

- Dr. Thomas to continue as “acting” chair until fall when the council will elect a new chair.
- Had a lengthy discussion on disclosing disabilities and possible abuses that cause a burden on faculty and provide unfair advantage.
- Continued discussion on academic dishonesty and technology.

Budget Council

Greg Dubois, Liaison

- Explained the new transparency portal along with other budget tools for faculty that are on the Budget Council webpage.

Research and Scholarship Council

Valrie Minson, Chair

- Nicole Yucht gave a presentation on Social Media Trends.
- Inventory of Project Equipment with Mike Mahoney is postponed until next year.
- Angel Kwolek-Folland attended to give update on the online promotion and tenure software.
- Randall Staples and Brett Wallen explained about the new travel agency pilot with World Travel Services.
- Valrie Minson agreed to act as chair until the fall meeting.

The Steering Committee approved the May 11, 2017 Faculty Senate agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.