

**Senate Steering Committee Minutes**  
**November 30, 2016**  
**3 p.m. – 5 p.m.**  
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**Attendees:** Paul Davenport, Valrie Minson, Susan Schaffer, James Seale, Ray Thomas, Ann Wehmeyer, Jeannine Brady, Sylvain Dore, Melissa Johnson, Ana Spiguel and Nicole Stedman. Guests: James Lloyd, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine and Thomas Vickroy, Associate Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine.

Nicole Stedman called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and the November 10<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

**Chair's Report**

**Nicole Stedman, Chair**

- Distinguished Professor Lectures:
  - Dr. Jeffery Jones, Plant Pathology – January 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Dr. Mark Law, Electrical and Community Engineering – February 6<sup>th</sup>
- Doodle poll has been sent out for Academic Freedom Symposium – Spring semester
- Survey – looking to make sure survey is addressing all needs of faculty/senators
- Two issues that came up on last Faculty Senate Meeting
  - Safety on campus
    - Need to look at ways to improve safety
  - Inclusivity
    - Will send message from Faculty Senate at beginning of Spring semester
- Committee on Committee reviewing to make sure Senate Steering Committee is following its mission
- Metrics that Matter – Provost Glover will address how these metrics came to be

**President's Report**

**Kent Fuchs, President**

- Statements recently sent out were sent as individual – not as President of the University or on behalf of the University
  - Racially charged flyer
  - Fraternity vandalizing
  - Alligator column
    - Included the word “prayer”
    - Some faculty expressed concern
      - Will meet with faculty who expressed concerns
    - Did not want the use of the word “prayer” to be construed as religious
  - DACA program
    - Publicly pledged support for in-state tuition to minors brought illegally to the U.S. as children.

## **Provost's Report**

**Joe Glover, Provost**

- Metrics that Matter
  - US News and World Report – only looks at undergraduate, relies on reputational assessment of what other universities that about UF
  - Conceived another set of rankings
    - Undergraduate
    - Graduate
    - Research
    - Technology Transfer
- 3 sets of rankings
  - Metrics that Matter
  - Performance Funding Metrics
  - Preeminence Funding Metrics
- FLSA Minimum
  - Federal judge put stay on order
  - UF decided to go ahead and increase post-doc salaries to be competitive with other universities
  - Grants don't cover the increases
    - Division of Sponsored Programs will offer temporary money to help alleviate
- UF is top 25 in the Nation for research
  - Faculty hired under preeminence have brought in \$122M

## **Resolution-Increased Library Funding**

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

- Resolution for the Faculty Senate to adopt
  - The libraries are important to educational and research mission of the university
  - Cost of big journal packages have increased from \$3.9M to \$5M while the overall materials budget has dropped from \$10.2M to \$10.1M.

## **Creation of Dept. of Comparative**

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

### **Diagnostic and Population Medicine, CVM**

- Associate Dean Vickroy stated it had been a lengthy process to get to this point
  - Realignment and reorganization of faculty
  - Growth of college
  - Faculty driven process – supported by faculty – faculty chose name
- Cost implications
  - Minimal
    - New chair
    - Administrative staff
    - Realignment of existing faculty

## **East Asian Languages and Literatures**

**Angela Lindner, Associate Provost  
Undergraduate Affairs**

### **Program Realignment**

- Housekeeping matter as this language track slipped through the cracks and should have been included with the other language tracks that were being sunset due to the new degree that will replace the foreign language majors.

## **Council Reports**

### **Budget Council**

**James Seale, Chair**

- Provost Glover attended last meeting and spoke on the following topics:
  - Preeminence
  - Retirement
  - Graduate student stipends
- Commitments ledger
  - Will allow the university and departments know much money they have based on how the fund have been committed
  - Covers auxiliary
- Working on budget glossary
- Serving on budget task force
  - Static budget tool
    - Snapshot of what departments generate on tuition

### **Research and Scholarship Council**

**Valrie Minson, Chair**

- Research Information Management tool
  - Dr. David Norton and Dr. David Nelson will attend January meeting to discuss
- Collaboration tool for Academic Analytics
  - Webinar scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> to get a better understanding of how the system works
- IRB2 Training
  - Attach survey to training module
  - Working on contact information

### **Infrastructure Council**

**Ann Wehmeyer, Chair**

- Required Online Training Programs recommendations
  - Will be submitted as a joint recommendation of SCORS and Welfare Council
- EMS – Events Management System
  - David Gruber gave presentation
  - Current access to the system
    - College of Business
    - Health Science Center
    - College of Law
    - Reitz Union
- 2017 COMPASS System
  - Classroom assignment through Registrar's Office
    - Registrar's Office does not want to be gate keeper for non-classroom
    - Will go live in 2018
  - Other colleges can purchase desktop license
  - Classroom scholarly main tools – other things as time permits
- Provost Glover will need to make a recommendation on the governance of room ownership and lending

## Academic Policy Council

Susan Schaffer, Chair

- Faculty evaluation process
  - Change 10 questions
  - Other SUS have changed
  - Looking at questions from Michigan (30 questions) and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (4 questions)
  - Current 10 questions do not address the needs

## Welfare Council

Ray Thomas, Chair

- Training on Infrastructure
  - Beginning of calendar year –send out list of training needed to complete during the year
    - Direct link to training
      - Faculty are reluctant to click on link
      - Looking at ways to make this happen
- Music Building Resolution
  - Need new building
    - Arts and music do not have donors
    - Representative Keith Perry – big advocate
  - President Fuchs indicated new building is in list of top 5 projects that was sent to the BOG
    - Unclear what will happen
- Faculty Club
  - Important part of strategic plan
  - Could be called University Club
    - To be used by faculty, staff and alumni
    - Nothing can be done until space is committed
      - Paul Davenport recommended that the President's Box or one of those areas be used
    - President Fuchs, Provost Glover and Chief Operating Officer Lane need to meet and come up with space
- UF Quest
  - Faculty concerned due to their time being diverted
  - Angela Lindner will look into the concerns

The Steering Committee approved the December 8, 2016 Faculty Senate agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.