

Senate Steering Committee Minutes

August 17, 2017

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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Attendees: Ray Thomas, David Quillen, Sue Alvers, Hazel Levy, Melissa Johnson, Jane Adams, Nicole Stedman, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Angela Lindner, Ann Wehmeyer, Kent Fuchs, Katie Vogel Anderson, Amy Hass, Ana Spiguel, Sylvain Dore, Charlie Lane, Chief Stump-Kurnick and Dave Parrott.

David Quillen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. After introductions, the May 2017 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

David Quillen, Chair

- We have one new distinguished professor this year – Dr. Mingzhou Ding from Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering.
 - Plans are to have Dr. Ding give his presentation immediately after a Faculty Senate meeting.
 - Academic Technology asked that we archive old webcasts that are on the Faculty Senate website. The Senate has webcasts available since 2002-2003. The Committee agreed to keep five years available on the web with the rest to be archived. Archived webcasts will be made available by contacting the Senate office.
- Dr. Quillen invited College Faculty Council Chairs to attend a short meeting after the Senate meets except for August 24th.
- Faculty Senate will have a Public Records seminar sometime during this academic year.
- One of Dr. Quillen's themes is to compare retirement benefits with other peer institutions.
- BOG will meet at UF August 30 and 31st. BOG will have a breakfast with the College Faculty Council Chairs and the Faculty Senate Officers on August 31st.
- Advisory Councils of Faculty Senates will meet at UF on September 1st in the Reitz Union.

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- President Fuchs and VP David Parrott are helping students move into their dorms this week. He distributed a copy of his Alligator column and asked for members' feedback.
- Several weeks ago, Richard Spencer contacted UF about speaking on campus. Dr. Fuchs reported the timeline from when UF was first contacted to when UF denied Mr. Spencer's request.
- President Fuchs explained to the committee that he is inclined to implement hiring a Chief Diversity Officer. He asked the committee to send feedback.

Department Name Change Request

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost
Academic and Faculty Affairs

College of Veterinary Medicine

- Department in VETMED requests a name change.

Committee on Committees Report

David M. Quillen, Chair
Undergraduate Studies

- Steering Committee did a quick review of the Committee on Committees Report. Ray Thomas made a motion and Nicole Stedman seconded to send the committee's action items to the Constitution Committee. All approved.

The Steering Committee approved the April 24, 2017 Faculty Senate agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.