

Senate Steering Committee Minutes
September 14, 2017
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
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Attendees: Nicole Stedman, Steve Orlando, Ann Wehmeyer, Ray Thomas, Melissa Johnson, David Quillen, Katie Vogel-Anderson, Sue Alvers, Ana Spiguel, Valri Minson, Joe Glover, and Kent Fuchs

David Quillen called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. After introductions, the August 2017 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

David Quillen, Chair

- Everyone on the University Operations Committee did an amazing job planning for Hurricane Irma.
- UF's 4th Campaign Kickoff will begin Friday, October 13. Campaign kickoff reception begins around 5:30 in the O'Connell Center. UF Foundations expects around 3500 people at the reception.
- Richard Spencer event is tentatively scheduled for Oct 19.

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- Plans are to invite Charlie Lane, COO, to the Senate meeting to give a report on the hurricane planning.
- President Fuchs will soon have his article printed in the Alligator about the hurricane.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- To BOG will have a conference call tomorrow to discuss the academic calendar and whether it should be extended due to the hurricane.

Positioning UF Faculty on the National Stage

Steve Orlando, University Relations

- Steve Orlando, University Relations, plans to introduce the Office of University Relations to the faculty at the Faculty Senate meeting. The office provides media training and services to faculty.

Council Reports

Welfare Council

Ray Thomas, Member

- Alice Rhoton-Vlasik was elected as chair for 2017-2018
- Council plans to work on the following this year.
 - Retirement benefits compared to our peers
 - Quality of online training – maybe have a pretest available for faculty to test out.
 - Sunshine Law and Public Records

- Social Media impacts on faculty
- Long Term Care insurance
- Faculty Club

Infrastructure Council

Ann Wehmeyer, Chair

- Council plans to work on the following:
 - Faculty Club
 - Free space availability for faculty who are hosting events.
 - Online training – there doesn't seem to be a central authority assigned to training.

The Steering Committee approved the September 21, 2017 Faculty Senate agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.