

Senate Steering Committee Minutes
November 29, 2018
3 p.m.
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Present: Joe Glover, Katie Vogel Anderson, Heather White, Pam Malyk, Gerardo Altamirano, Leslie Pendleton, Ray G. Thomas, Ana Spiguel, Laurie Bialosky, Patricia Sohn, Sylvain Doré, Fred Southwick, Richard Stepp, Suzan Alteri, and Melissa Johnson.

Call to Order **Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair**
The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Vogel Anderson.

Approve [November 1, 2018 Minutes](#) **Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair**
The minutes were approved.

Reports

Chair's Report **Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair**

- Dr. Florin Curta, a professor from the Department of History in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has agreed to complete Dr. William Calin's term on the Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations and Standards (AFTPRS).
- Steering members concurred with AFTPRS' suggestion to invite [UF Ombudsman Kenneth Gerhardt](#) and [College of Medicine Ombudsman Keith Stone](#) to a future Senate meeting as an information item.
- A request for nominations to serve on committees and councils was distributed via the faculty listserv and Provost's newsletter. Please encourage nominations, which are open through January 31, 2019.
- The BOT/BOG summit was held at FIU in Boca Raton on 11/7. The Faculty Senate Chair attended sessions on retention and graduation (led by Provost Glover), US News and World Report rankings, fundraising, and crisis management. This year, the Faculty Senate Chair is assigned to: the Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs and Experience Board of Trustees sub-committee (which has not yet met); the Advancement committee (in which VP for Development and Alumni Affairs, Tom Mitchell and trustee Anita Zucker will present a campaign update at the BOT next week), and the Audit and Compliance committee (which met on 11/9). BOT meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. The agenda will be posted at trustees.ufl.edu. Please let the Faculty Senate Chair know if you have any questions.
- Prior to the 3 p.m. December 13th Senate/'Student Affairs extravaganza', the Faculty Senate Chair will meet with College Council Chairs at 2 p.m. in the Reitz Chamber. These chairs have been invited to stay for the Senate meeting and reception.
- Craig Hill, Associate Vice President for Business Affairs; Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; and Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs are being invited to a future Senate meeting to discuss parking initiatives.
- The first two Distinguished Professor lectures will take place immediately following the January and February Senate meetings. To assist the video technicians with preparations for the live stream and recording of the Distinguished Professor lecture (which immediately follows the Senate meeting), the Senate is ended at 4:30 rather than 5:00. Steering members agreed that if recording rather than live-streaming will allow the Senate meeting to continue the full two hours, it is best to record only.

- **President's Report** **Kent Fuchs, President**
No report as Dr. Fuchs is currently traveling.

- **Provost's Report**

Joe Glover, Provost

- Provost Glover distributed a ['save the date' flyer](#) for the annual Provost's Symposium which will take place February 7th - 8th, will focus on active learning, and will feature several speakers, including Robert Talbert from Grand Valley State University.
- The Board of Trustees is actively engaged in measuring and determining what the UF customer experience is - primarily for students. They will explore the quality and satisfaction of UF as a whole and as individual units through surveys and other re-conceptualizations which will be discussed at the next BOT meeting. Most customer feedback has been positive thus far but engaging new technologies could enhance and expedite the feedback process. The Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs & Experience Committee is currently reviewing this issue and will present ideas next week to help identify a baseline for improvement.

Student Conduct Code

Heather White, Assoc. VP & Dean of Students
Pam Malyk, Assistant Dean & Director
Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution

Faculty Senate is partnering with Student Affairs to have a student-affairs-focused Senate meeting on December 13th and will include an overview of the student honor code portion of the student conduct code passed by the Board of Trustees June 7, 2018. UF Regulation 4.040 will be discussed and FAQ's entertained. The ['Orange Book'](#) will be distributed and why changes were made to the code, what they are, and feedback from faculty will be addressed.

Disability Resource Center

Gerardo Altamirano, Asst. Dean & Director
Disability Resource Center (DRC)

Gerardo Altamirano oversees the Disability Resource Center (DRC) and will present information about resources available to faculty. Accommodations, practices, and changes to the learning environment which create an equitable and inclusive learning opportunity will be discussed, including the [Universal Design standards](#) for learning.

Student Affairs

Leslie Pendleton, Senior Director of
Retention & Success Initiatives

Leslie Pendleton will lead the first-time 'Student Affairs extravaganza' by providing a brief overview of the Student Affairs office and services. Information will include: a brief video providing an overview of Student Affairs; First Machen scholar opportunity program; First Generation Day (which was last held on November 8, 2018); and will conclude with the introduction of Student Affairs staff members and a reception immediately following the Senate meeting.

Student Affairs contact information was also shared for: [Leslie Pendleton](#), [Heather White](#), [Pam Malyk](#), and [Gerardo Altamirano](#).

Council Reports

Budget Council

Meera Sitharam, Interim Chair

Welfare Council

Suzan Alteri, Chair

- Council is reviewing the team science/scholarship proposal put forward by SCORS and will be discussing mentoring in upcoming meetings. Council is continuing to work with Associate Provost for Academic & Faculty Affairs, Chris Hass, and the working group discussing onboarding for new faculty.

Research and Scholarship Council

Sylvain Doré, Chair

- Council discussed the need for a reduction in the number of mandatory faculty training hours and seeks an update.
- The Welfare Council and numerous College Council Chairs provided faculty feedback for the team science/scholarship proposal discussed in SCORS. The feedback was compiled into a revised proposal

which the SCORS Chair will discuss in a forthcoming meeting with Associate Provost for Academic & Faculty Affairs, Chris Hass.

- SCORS heard a presentation from UF Junior Adam Kozloski, co-founder of [Assembly For Action](#), which is a new, student-run organization in search of faculty willing to serve as lecturers, research mentors, and partners for community outreach projects. The Steering Committee agreed with SCORS' suggestion to invite Adam to Faculty Senate to share information and assist in fostering faculty cooperation with this organization.
- Vice President for Research David Norton presented to SCORS the Office of Research's efforts to increase UF's rankings. Dr. Norton is preparing an administrative memo to address financials and revenue sources which adversely affect units and colleges and also to assist with faculty inquiries relating to foreign research.
- SCORS is requesting an Open Access Fund update from its library members and may consider requesting increased funding. SCORS will also discuss VIVO and ORCID with its library constituents.
- Cathy Lebo provided a demonstration of Discovery Suites to SCORS and answered inquiries regarding which researchers are included in the product. Dr. Lebo will attend the 12/13 College Council Chairs meeting to answer inquiries and to request that colleges review their faculty profiles.

Approve [December 13, 2018 Faculty Senate Agenda](#)

Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair

The agenda was approved as amended to begin the agenda with a Student Affairs overview, followed by the Student Honor Code (as opposed to the Student Conduct Code) presentation, and concluding with the Disability Resource Center.

Adjournment

Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.