

Senate Steering Committee Minutes

November 1, 2018

3 p.m.

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Present: Meera Sitharam, Joe Glover, Katie Vogel Anderson, Kent Fuchs, Rick Yost, Ray G. Thomas, Ana Spiguel, Stephanie Gray, Patricia Sohn, Laurie Bialosky, Bernard Hauser, and Melissa Johnson.

Call to Order

Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

Approve [October 11, 2018 Minutes](#)

Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair

The minutes were approved.

Reports

Chair's Report

Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair

- Faculty colleague and Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations and Standards (AFTPRS) committee member, Dr. William Calin passed away May, 2018. According to Senate Bylaw 20, the Senate Chair, in consultation with the AFTPRS Chair and Steering Committee, names replacements for vacancies when no other elected alternate is available. This is a more challenging position to fill because only tenured professors are eligible to serve on this committee. Following consultation with AFTPRS chair Ray Issa, Dr. Florin Curta, a professor from the Department of History in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is recommended. Dr. Curta is a past AFTPRS member and can easily step into this role until an election is held in the Spring.
- A request for nominations to serve on committees and councils is coming soon and will be open through January 31, 2019. Laurie, Becky Holt, and Chris Hass are finalizing the nomination form.
- The chair thanked Provost Glover for funding the October 19th live stream of the carillon recital of Lift Every Voice and Sing.
- The Chair will attend the BOT/BOG summit next week, on 11/7/18 at Florida Atlantic University.
- National First Generation Day is on November 8th so all faculty and staff who are first-generation, or who support first-generation students, are encouraged to wear green and use the hashtag “#FirstGenUF” to show support.
- Faculty Senate is partnering with Student Affairs to have a student-affairs-focused Senate meeting on December 13th which will conclude with a reception immediately following the Senate meeting. Dean Heather White will present the new code of conduct, Gerry Altamarino will present information about the Disability Resource Center (DRC) resources available to faculty, and Leslie Pendleton will provide a brief overview of the Student Affairs office and services.
- A 2:00 p.m. College Assembly/Council Chairs meeting will immediately precede this Senate meeting. Attendees will be encouraged to attend the Senate meeting and reception as well.

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- President Fuchs spoke to the community at a vigil honoring the Pittsburgh Tree of Life Synagogue shooting victims. The vigil was hosted by Lubavitch Chabad Jewish Center, the UF Jewish Student Union and UF Hillel, and was supported by the VP of Student Affairs Office and the University of Florida Police Department.
- To date, the estimated tally of participants engaging in early voting at Reitz Union is 6,000. UF was able to provide logistical accommodations, including complimentary parking, for early voters.

- President Fuchs shared a [College Sports Gambling Op-ed](#) written by himself and Cornell colleague Professor Glenn Altschuler. They are submitting this piece for national publication due to its relevance to collegiate NCAA sports and concerns about public gambling's potential negative impact on athletes and sports in public institutions.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Provost Glover will moderate a BOG panel discussing graduation rates.
- Additional moon shot projects may be funded in the future. Discussion with University Relations regarding the best way to publicize and share this information continues.
- An aggregate performance payment pool of 4 percent is being distributed as a one-time payment on December 21st, with 1 percent being distributed for merit, based on criteria established by colleges and units.

University Galleries

Amy Vigilante, Director & Chief Curator
Director, UF Art in State Buildings

In Dr. Vigilante's absence, Chair Vogel Anderson distributed a University Galleries exhibit brochure and shared a prepared statement: "The University Gallery, located right next to us, just south of Tigert Hall, is presenting an exciting exhibition of a private guitar collection which opens on Nov. 13th, with a big public reception on Friday, November 16th, 7-9 pm. Some of you may remember the collector, Henry Lowenstein's father, Ralph, who was Dean of the UF College of Journalism for many years. The collection includes very rare custom made guitars which are artworks in themselves, as well as musical instruments producing truly wonderful sound. Curated by School of Music Professor, Welson Tremura, with University Gallery Graduate Assistant Mara Reynolds, the exhibition will showcase about 60 guitars, in a range of styles and spanning decades in the guitar making history, plus amplifiers and mandolins. Tremura will perform with a large student group at the reception, Lowenstein will give a lecture in the gallery on Friday January 11th at noon, and we will have Brown bag lunches with live music on January 18th and 25th, and February 1st and 8th, all at noon."

Effort Reporting

Stephanie Gray, Office of Research Asst. VP
Director, Division of Sponsored Programs

SCORS asked Stephanie Gray for clarifications on updates in system effort reporting, specifically in relation to sponsored programs and in relation to teaching and variations of FAR's (Faculty Assignment Reports). Federal regulations mandate effort reporting for sponsored funds. Effort reporting also helps document effort even when there is a negative research outcome on a project. Assistant VP Gray will show Senate slides of the online effort certification form and discuss the certification columns, including permissible variations and effort statement tolerance.

Honorary Degree Candidates

Rick Yost, Chair
Honorary Degrees & Distinguished Awards Comm.

Rick Yost presented the Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards candidates. Committee member Andrew Lotto will present at Senate in his absence (due to travel).

Council Reports

Budget Council

Meera Sitharam, Chair

- Lisa Deal from UF Purchasing is scheduled to visit council to talk about budget allocations and explain p-card spending limits.
- The Interim Council Chair is currently on sabbatical but council has elected a Chair who will begin serving in the Spring.
- The [UF \(Central Support Units\) Financial Transparency Portal](#) is completed.
- Council will host UF Procurement director Lisa Deal in December to discuss changes in PCard program purchase and cycle limits.
- Future council agendas include resource allocation discussions from UF: Office of Student Affairs, UF Online, Travel Office, the Provost's Office, Office of Human Resource Services, and the Compliance Office.

Infrastructure Council

Bernard Hauser, Chair

- Council discussed remediation for multiple construction projects, including the planting of trees of a similar size to replace the Oak trees removed during the refurbishment of the softball stadium.
- Carbon neutrality is being examined by the university and the Steering Committee would like to invite Matt Williams, Director of UF's Office of Sustainability and Energy Integration, to speak to Senate about this topic in January or February.

Academic Policy Council

Patricia Sohn, Chair

- Billy Huff, Director of UF Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Affairs, shared a [proposed faculty letter](#) his office formulated to make faculty aware of students appearing on class rosters who chose to be identified by a name which is different from the student's legal name. The letter would be forwarded to faculty, at a student's request, to alert faculty of the student's chosen or preferred name and pronoun. The goal of the letter is to assist a student in this situation to notify a faculty member of the student's needs and concerns and to help guide faculty unaware of, unfamiliar with, or unsure of how to approach to the issue. The letter could also provide an opportunity for the student to reach out to Dr. Huff's office and connect with it's resources.
- Council did not reach a consensus about the proposed letter but agreed a more seamless approach might be to forward suggestions to the University Information Technology Committee and Steering. Council recommends that IT investigate amending Canvas and class rosters by adding a field in which a student could indicate the student's chosen or preferred name. Steering Committee members discussed that a chosen or preferred pronoun field could also be considered to increase clarity.
- The Provost suggests that the VP of Student Affairs, David Parrott, consider conducting a survey to determine the best approach to the issue and the next steps to take. The Office of Student Affairs, General Counsel, the Privacy Office, and the Registrar all need to be involved in this discussion to consider any ramifications such as technology accommodations, adherence to Sunshine Laws, etc.
- Council also held discussion at their last meeting about proposed policy changes to repeating courses requirements and discussed the [repeat course petition](#).

Approve [November 15, 2018 Faculty Senate Agenda](#)

Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair

The agenda was approved as amended to replace Rick Yost with Andrew Lotto as the Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards presenter.

Adjournment

Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.