

**Senate Steering Committee Minutes**

**October 11, 2018**

**3 – 5 p.m.**

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**Present:** Bernard Hauser, Patrick Reakes, Paul Duncan, Kent Fuchs, Rick Stepp, Ray G. Thomas, Frederick S. Southwick, Katie Vogel Anderson, Joe Glover, Patricia Sohn, Laurie Bialosky, and Sylvain Doré.

**Call to Order**

**Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Approve [September 6, 2018 Minutes](#)**

**Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair**

The minutes were approved.

**Reports**

• **Chair's Report**

**Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair**

-‘UF Experience’ New Faculty Orientation was held last night at the University Galleries. The Chair will share dates of any future events and thanked Steering Committee attendees Ray Thomas, Rick Stepp, and Meera Sitharam for attending.

-The Chair met with Associate Provost Andy McCollough regarding the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) to obtain further information about the organization and UF’s past involvement. UF participated in COIA the past, but because of competing interests, such as advocating for paying and/or unionizing student athletes, participation stopped.

Andy invited the Faculty Senate Chair to resume participation in the UF Intercollegiate Athletics Committee meetings. It was agreed that while the Faculty Senate Chair could keep up with COIA news, s/he will not attend its conferences or pay dues, particularly since UF is already doing other things to be compliant with NCAA, etc.

-The Chair and Chair-Elect attended The Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS) meeting in Sarasota and heard reports from other Senate chairs, one of whom authored [the resolution which was passed at USF last week](#). The resolution the University of South Florida delegation approved was forwarded to ACFS members by Shawn Felton, EdD, LAT, ATC, Chair of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates, and Department Chair of Athletic Training at Florida International University.

-No negative feedback was received regarding UFPD and Boomer being present at the Senate meeting. Their participation in Senate meetings will continue.

-Some administrative changes to Senate councils and committees have been made, as per Article V (7)(C) of the [University Constitution](#):

- a. Chief Diversity Officer Antonio Farias will serve as a liaison to the Faculty Senate.
- b. Dean of Libraries, Judith Russell, will serve as liaison to [Infrastructure Council](#) and [SCORS](#).
- c. Assistant Provost and Director of Institutional Planning and Research, Cathy Lebo, will serve as a liaison to [SCORS](#).
- d. Steph McBride, Director of Commencements, will replace Donna Stricker, Director of Executive Events, on the [Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee](#).
- e. Hannah Norton is the [Faculty Enhancement Opportunity \(FEO\) Committee](#) Senate representative.

-A request for nominations to serve on university committees and councils will be circulated in November and will be open through January 31, 2019.

-National First Generation Day is on November 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a nationwide celebration of the unique and special experiences of first-generation college students, faculty, and staff. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

-Two parking issues were discussed:

a. A Senator requested reserved parking for Senators at the Reitz Union for Senate meetings. Reserving twenty spots at the Reitz would cost \$160.00 per Senate meeting, totaling \$1280.00 annually. It was agreed that this is not a Faculty Senate budget priority and Senators could review transportation alternatives such as the [RTS routes](#) or [Campus Cab](#), or obtain a temporary pass at UFPD. Due to budgetary constraints, the Steering Committee decided not to offer reserved Reitz Union parking on Senate meeting dates.

b. Infrastructure Council has met twice since the last Steering Committee meeting. At their first meeting, the council unanimously passed [a draft resolution](#) to delay the construction of the Data Science Building. However, at their second meeting, the council unanimously agreed to table this resolution until more information is received from Craig Hill, Associate VP for Business Affairs, who will be a guest at the November 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting. The Faculty Senate Chair met today with Craig Hill, Associate Vice President for Business Affairs; Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; Carlos Dougnac, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Planning and Construction; and President Fuchs, to discuss parking and possible solutions. Initiatives are underway regarding new parking areas on campus, to compensate for the loss of the commuter lot and the lot across from the Reitz, as well as plans to modify transit from these parking lots to the core of campus and HSC. Craig will present these items to Infrastructure Council on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The Faculty Senate Chair will mention the 11/8 Infrastructure Council meeting in her Senate Chair’s Report to encourage attendance.

The Steering Committee agreed with tabling the resolution, favoring instead to keep this in Infrastructure Council, pending more information, and inviting Craig Hill to eventually present to Senate.

- **President’s Report**

**Kent Fuchs**, President

- Hurricane Michael is still being watched. It was a Category 4 hurricane with 150 mph winds when it made landfall. UF lost one tree on campus and peak winds were at 20-25 mph. Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS) service was uninterrupted. UF has organized three groups to deal with emergency events: a department of emergency management team, an emergency operations team, and a policy group.

The UF homepage posted information on Saturday to begin pushing out messages. Starting on Monday, emergency operations team members met in person and the policy group participated in conference calls to make decisions. Local, national, and state agencies coordinated with UF and by Tuesday, RTS and local schools remained open. Santa Fe College closed for part of the afternoon yesterday. Several of UF’s nature coast facilities and panhandle locations were affected by flooding and power outages, including a research education center, greenhouses, and a 4H camp, although the extension offices fared well. The University of West Florida, Florida State University, and Florida A&M have suffered heavy damages and it is currently unknown how long they will be closed.

-The Board of Trustees held a bi-annual retreat on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and attendees included President Fuchs, Provost Glover, and the Faculty Senate Chair. The retreat began with a visit to UF Health Jacksonville and with the mayor of Jacksonville. Some topics discussed included: how to strengthen all components of UF; clarifying DSO boards; student experience and services; UF Health; university athletics; plans and aspirations for the College of Design &

Planning and for the College of Journalism & Communications; UF's fundraising campaign; UF's rankings; and the BOT's new re-organization of committees.

- **Provost's Report**

**Joe Glover**, Provost

-Details of eight moon shot proposals have been released to The Alligator, The Gainesville Sun, and various other media outlets. Public Affairs will begin coordinating and releasing more in-depth follow up's of these proposals.

**University Curriculum Committee**

**Angela Lindner**, Associate Provost  
for Undergraduate Affairs

- [Criminology BA](#)

- Chair Vogel Anderson read a [summary/rationale of this Criminology BA](#) prepared by Dr. Lindner's office as she is unexpectedly unable to attend today's meeting. The Provost requested that item #2 be incorporated in the written background/rationale to provide further clarity.

-This item was approved.

**University Libraries Initiatives & Update**

**Patrick Reakes**, Sr. Associate Dean  
Scholarly Resources & Services

Patrick Reakes distributed a [draft of the slide presentation](#) which University Libraries Dean, Judith Russell, would like to present to Senate. It will explain library resources and tools. Please contact him or Dean Russell with suggestions.

**Graduate Council**

**Paul Duncan**, Sr. Associate Dean

- [New PhD w. Major in Anatomical Sciences Education](#) Graduate School

- [Master of Science in Anatomical Sciences Education](#)

- The Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology in the College of Medicine and the Schools of Teaching and Learning and Human Development and Organizational Studies in the College of Education are jointly sponsoring the proposed Anatomical Sciences Education Graduate MS and PhD Programs. The proposals address the increasing need for Masters and PHD's in anatomy who can teach anatomy and science.

-These items were both approved.

## Council Reports

**Welfare Council**

**Suzan Alteri**, Chair

-The Senate Chair read a prepared summary statement on behalf of the Welfare Council Chair who is unexpectedly unable to attend today's meeting. Welfare Council has held their first meeting and will be working on mentoring/diversity, parental leave, and child care issues this year. Chief Diversity Officer Antonio Farias will present on the topics of diversity and faculty retention at the next council meeting. Council is also looking at new onboarding materials for faculty and giving feedback on the Team Science proposal from SCORS.

**Infrastructure Council**

**Bernard Hauser**, Chair

-The council is discussing parking in the upcoming meeting and items discussed at the last meeting included: parking mitigation plans; the possibilities of a parking app which could match parking availability with individuals searching for a parking space; the breaking ground/construction dates of current and upcoming parking projects; legislative funding and BOT project priorities; shuttle buses and routes; bicycle boxes; the overselling percentages of parking passes on campus; and the need to review city/county agreements which have remained static while UF has expanded.

-Council is also inviting administration to discuss the backlog of deferred maintenance in an

upcoming council meeting.

### **Research and Scholarship Council**

**Sylvain Doré, Chair**

-SCORS is gathering team science/scholarship proposal feedback from the Welfare Council and all College Council and Assembly Chairs which will then be forwarded to Dr. Marian Limacher, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, College of Medicine. Comments from the deans are incorporated into SCORS' revision of this proposal.

-Physics researcher and recent UF Graduate Meagan Newsome presented at SCORS and wants faculty to encourage students, particularly those in the STEM areas, who have lower voting rates, to vote. Megan's research shows that faculty members have a positive effect on voter participation. It was agreed that this item will be placed in the faculty newsletter and the Faculty Senate Chair report.

-Open access funds were discussed. The fund is depleted and SCORS is hearing concerns that faculty are holding their publications to have access to the renewed funding which is expected in January. The Provost has funded the amount requested. University libraries or SCORS is welcome to provide a more detailed funding update or request to the Provost.

-An Effort reporting presentation was given to SCORS by Stephanie Gray, Office of Research Asst. VP and Director, Division of Sponsored Programs. Some examples were given and the FAR and tolerance rates were reviewed. It was agreed to invite Stephanie Gray to present to Senate.

-Sobha Jaishankar will present to SCORS next month on the topic of increasing competitive grant applications.

-Discovery Suites was brought up online during the SCORS meeting. During the demonstration and review, concerns were raised regarding which faculty are included in the database. Some entries were not updated for such items as job titles, although publications were up to date for the samples reviewed. SCORS discussed the usage of VIVO. The Provost clarified that this tool was not supported campus-wide and was largely restricted to the Health Science Center. Dr. Lebo will present at the next SCORS meeting.

-SCORS discussed the beta testing of annual evaluations in Pharmacy and Nursing in relation to the online P&T system and noted that Dentistry, Vet Med, and two College of Medicine departments have also launched an effort to join this systems integration. SCORS feels this will also be helpful in assisting Academics Analytics to gather more exact information.

-SCORS discussed the burden of training requirements for faculty from multiple constituents. One (not new) faculty member did a one year survey of the time she spent training in various systems, such as IRB, IACUC, sexual harassment, teaching modules, etc. and it totaled 60 hours. SCORS requests assistance from administration in finding a way to help consolidate training. This issue was also previously discussed in Welfare Council. VP of Human Resources Jodi Gentry discussed last year that some testing is a result of HR & IRB legal obligations and federal requirements. The Steering Committee agreed this should be reviewed and Dr. Fuchs will contact VP Gentry regarding a way forward.

-Lastly, a SCORS member suggested it would be beneficial to do a survey of the efficacy of teaching and teaching methods.

### **Academic Policy Council**

**Patricia Sohn, Chair**

-At September's meeting, Associate Provost for Academic & Faculty Affairs, Chris Hass, presented information on the new student evaluation program and Disability Resource Center (DRC) Dean, Gerry Altamirano, introduced his facility and its resources. Points of contacts were clarified regarding faculty input in designs and constructs of new classrooms, including Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs, who oversee such projects. Renovations are handled in-house through Facilities Services and is overseen by VP Reynolds' office. Mark McCallister, Director of Academic Technology, is dedicated to in-house projects and Carlos Dougnac, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Planning and

Construction, to campus architecture.

**Approve [October 18, 2018 Faculty Senate Agenda](#)**

**Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair**

The agenda was approved as amended to include the [Florida Constitution Declaration by USF](#) as an Information Item which will be presented by the Senate Chair.

**Adjournment**

**Katie Vogel Anderson, Chair**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.