

Senate Steering Committee Minutes

February 6, 2020

3:00 p.m.

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Present: Ray G. Thomas, Sylvain Doré, Laurie Bialosky, Katie Vogel Anderson, Taylor Rose, Ana Spiguel, Richard Scholtz, Hans van Oostrom, Angela Lindner, Paul Duncan, Rick Stepp, and Keith Diem.

Call to Order

Ray G. Thomas, Chair

-The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate Chair Ray G. Thomas at 3:00 p.m.

Approve [January 16, 2020 Minutes](#)

Ray G. Thomas, Chair

-The minutes were approved.

Reports

• **Chair's Report**

Ray G. Thomas, Chair

-The Distinguished Professor Lecture by Dr. Patricia Snyder, UF Distinguished Professor and David Lawrence Jr. Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Studies, and Director of the Anita Zucker Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Studies in the College of Education takes place this month. The presentation is entitled "The "New" 3Rs: How the Science of Early Childhood Development and Learning Informs Research, Policy, and Recommended Practices for the Benefit of Young Children and their Families." The lecture will take place on February 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., in the Reitz Union Chamber, following the Senate meeting.

-Please keep former Faculty Senate Chair Marc Heft (2013-2014), who is ill, in your thoughts. Dr. Heft is an active member of the Faculty Senate and his research interests are in gerontology, sensory aging, geriatric dentistry, and pain, more specifically, assessment of pain in humans.

-The Chair attended the February meeting of the College of Medicine (COM) Faculty Council and toured the new COM Faculty Center. Dr. Chris Batic, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, presented information about clinical preceptorships for students studying biomedical engineering and collaborations with faculty in the COM. Dr. Albert Robinson, Department of Anesthesiology, deserves special recognition for his tireless (about three years) effort to make this possible. The space has an interaction area, a kitchen, a video conferencing room, and smaller work areas.

-Kognito and Green Dot are being discussed in CLAS. Dr. Andrea Caloiaro, Chair of the CLAS Faculty Council, shared that the Council has been discussing the state of graduate and undergraduate student health and welfare here at UF. There is continued faculty interest in becoming more proactive and educated in supporting the health and wellbeing of students, faculty, and staff. At their last meeting, they discussed a new program to be implemented this spring, called Green Dot Gators. Some faculty noted that UF has in-place resources like Kognito training and workshops, which is beneficial given our increase in new faculty.

-The Chair attended the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS) meeting in Tallahassee last month, where a legislative update was provided. Because it is early in the legislative session, legislative budget estimates and priorities are in flux, but information shared included such higher education funding concerns as: the House focus on the universities' carryforward budgets, currently slated for a \$9.9M reduction; \$600M - 900M for K-12 teacher salary increases; and public education capital outlay (PECO) funding for charter school maintenance,

repair, and renovation which was originally intended to fund higher education. Additionally, in K-12, the standard diploma rate of college-ready students is going down. The Board of Governors (BOG) is emphasizing alignment of workforce and academics. Professional development for faculty teaching online courses was discussed as well as a reward program for courses that have been through the quality review program. Three awards would be available: Presidential, SUS, and Chancellors.

-There is no President or Provost report, as they are both traveling today.

VP for Student Affairs Introduction

D'Andra Mull, VP for Student Affairs

-Dr. Mull is traveling and forwarded these [points of information](#) which will be included in her February Senate presentation.

BOT Regulations (Lights)

Ana Spiguel, Senior Counsel

-Lights will be completed by the University Constitution and Regulations Committee (UCRC) on February 19th and presented at the February 20th Senate meeting, allowing time for any faculty or public comments to be considered at the Spring (March 26th) Board of Trustees meeting where proposed regulations are reviewed and voted on.

-The UCRC has adopted a color-coded key for easily informing the senators of proposed regulation changes that may affect the senators or their colleagues:

- **Red** – proposed changes affect the faculty; please review and comment as appropriate.
- **Yellow** – proposed changes may affect or be of interest to faculty; senators may want to review and comment as appropriate.
- **Green** – proposed changes likely have minimal effect on faculty and do not necessarily warrant further review by the senators.

-There are about a half dozen regulations being considered and include, but are not limited to: student and faculty parking rates and fees; addressing micromobility devices like scooters, e-skateboards, e-bikes etc.; and parking enforcement and regulations related to the use of automated license plate readers (ALPR's).

Graduate Council

Paul Duncan, Sr. Associate Dean
Graduate School

- [Master of Science in Entrepreneurship \(M.S.E.\)](#)
-This item was approved and is a request to reduce the amount of credit required for the M.S.E. degree from 36 to 32 credits.
- [Master of Science with a Major in Management](#)
-This item was approved and is a request to reduce the amount of credit required for the M.S. Degree with a major in Management from 32 to 30 credits for incoming students.
- [Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning](#)
-This item was approved and is a request to close the Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning degree which was renamed to Master in Urban and Regional Planning in 2014 to more accurately reflect the curriculum and course content of the degree. Students studying under the former AL degree title have now graduated so it is proposed it now be closed.
- [Ph.D. in German](#)
-This item was approved and is a proposal to terminate the Ph.D. in German program which currently has no students.

University Curriculum Committee

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost

- [B.S. in Applied Physiology & Kinesiology](#)
-This item was approved and is a proposal to eliminate the two tracks currently offered in the

major (Exercise Physiology and Fitness Wellness) and instead offer a single curriculum (without tracks).

Council Reports

Infrastructure Council

Richard Scholtz, Chair

- Council did not meet in January and on Monday, will host UFPD Chief Linda Stump-Kurnick to speak about the campus security master plan.

Welfare Council

Suzan Alteri, Chair

-Council chair is on sabbatical. Topics discussed at the January council meeting include: Kognito, parental leave updates, and a climate survey review.

Budget Council

Ashley Ghiaseddin, Chair

-Dr. Win Philips, Executive Chief of Staff, has addressed divestment inquiries in Infrastructure Council last spring and will visit Budget Council in March. Council currently has no divestment proposal but is interested in hearing more about the topic. Council would also like to hear updates on the budgetary components of: the progress of any expansions of childcare facilities; and the pre-eminence hiring initiative, including if hiring of pre-eminent professors is ongoing, and any related top five initiative updates which is part of this recurring funding.

Academic Policy Council

Hans Van Oostrom, Chair

-Council did not meet in January and next week will address faculty titles, and protector policies, including needs for additional technology and space. While the Disability Resource Center (DRC) proctors around 15,000 exams, possible needs for a professionally staffed testing center will be discussed.

Approve [February 20, 2020 Faculty Senate Agenda](#)

Ray G. Thomas, Chair

-The agenda was approved as amended to remove the Provost's Report as Dr. Glover will be traveling.

Adjournment

Ray G. Thomas, Chair

-The meeting was adjourned at: 3:49 p.m.