

**Senate Steering Committee Minutes**

**April 27, 2023**

**3 p.m.**

**135 Tigert Hall (Student Affairs Conference Room 142),** or if needed, via Zoom:

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**Present:** Amanda J. Phalin, Taylor Rose, Catherine Striley, Paramita Chakrabarty, Esther Mullens, Stephen Mullens, Brittany Hollister, Jose Ruiz-Resto, Kevin Orr, Laurie Bialosky, Danaya Wright, Angela Bacsik, Sarah Lynne, Joe Glover, Chris Hass, Tom Kelleher, Juan Nino, Keith Rambo, Joe Little, Peter Swaan, Angela Lindner, Walter O’Dell, and Richard Scholtz.

**Call to Order**

**Amanda Phalin, Chair**

- Faculty Senate Chair Amanda Phalin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Approve [April 6, 2023 Minutes](#)**

**Amanda Phalin, Chair**

- The minutes were approved.

**Reports**

• **Chair’s Report**

**Amanda Phalin, Chair**

- Welcome to the faculty here to support the UCC and Graduate Council curriculum items being considered today. Thank you for coming and bringing your expertise if there are questions.
- Professors Ghiaseddin and Huet are traveling. Their Budget Council Annual Report and Welfare Council Annual Report are posted and attached to today’s agenda.
- The BOG adopted [regulation 10.003 “Post-Tenure Faculty Review”](#) on 03.29.23. Accordingly, UF regulation 7.010 needs to be amended to be compliant with the BOG regulation, ideally at the June BOT meeting, which requires posting by May 9. The University Constitution & Regulations Committee (UCRC) met yesterday to light the [Proposed changes to Reg 7.010](#) which are viewable on the last page para. 8, as **Red**. For context, here’s the [Draft Post-Tenure Faculty Review Policy](#).
- New College’s BOT did not approve the five professors who were up for tenure yesterday. The Faculty Senate Chair and Trustee Matthew Lepinski resigned his position as Chair of the New College Faculty Senate and BOT membership during the board meeting. The Steering Committee discussed how to show support to state university colleagues, including possibly drafting a resolution or statement of support. Given that this board meeting took place yesterday, and information such as New College’s specific tenure requirements and process is scant, this committee opted against a late-breaking resolution and would instead like to explore other ways to show ongoing support to State University System (SUS) faculty. It was agreed that the process of tenure in the SUS and companion schools will remain and issue and included in upcoming Faculty Senate agendas and discussions.
- Chair Phalin shared comments from her Senate hybrid voting planning meeting with UF Academic Technology (AT) and Chair-elect Wright, who would like to secure a room with multiple screens. AT clarified that: the live stream will be a minute or more behind the Zoom so streams will not be in sync; the video quality of a Zoom meeting will be poor in comparison to live stream; people in the physical building (Reitz Chamber) should not have the Zoom meeting on because it will cause feedback issues, just like when you are in a room with someone else on a Zoom; although all video and sound must be turned off, almost always people forget, so expect interruptions in an already tight schedule; UFIT does not

provide Zoom meeting events because of the security risks, so it would need to be a webinar, which only allows 50 panelists (i.e. Senators) but there are work-arounds which the Faculty Senate Secretary can make; the cost of the event will go up substantially to accommodate a hybrid meeting. The Steering Committee discussed video streaming/Zoom quality concerns and agreed that the anticipated one-ish minute delay between the two streams is not a major issue. Following discussion, it was agreed that, at this time, no further additions or edits are needed to the [Faculty Senate Bylaws Voting Amendments](#) or the [Senate Electronic Voting SOP](#) being re-presented at the next Senate meeting by UCRC Chair Charlene Luke.

- Chair Phalin and College of Medicine Faculty Council Chair Martin Rosenthal shared ideas about how to best address research and UF employment concerns in the college. Research misconduct allegations are to be forwarded to the UF Research Integrity, Security & Compliance (RISC) Office, which provides support to UF's research community to ensure regulatory and institutional compliance and adherence to ethical standards in research. Chair Phalin further clarified that other avenues, such as submitting specific claims of misconduct or violations to the AMA and/or the Florida Dept. of Health, etc. could also be effective if faculty have concerns.

- Chair Phalin will keep the Steering Committee and Faculty Senate apprised of the outcome of the June 20 vote for the SUS Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS)' Chair, who is also an ex officio member of the Board of Governors (BOG). The term is one year, and Chair Phalin has been encouraged by SUS colleagues to run for this seat.

- A resolution was introduced by (AG) Faculty Senator Sarah Lynne. Following discussion, the Steering Committee unanimously passed this [amended resolution](#).

- If you are still a current Senator, please complete your ballot to elect the nominees for university-wide and Senate committees, boards, and councils. All voting Senators received an email which included the nominee list and [voting.aa.ufl.edu](http://voting.aa.ufl.edu) instructions. The nominees are also posted on the ['agenda/minutes' page](#) of [senate.ufl.edu](http://senate.ufl.edu). The ballot closes on Thursday, May 12 at 5:00 p.m.

- VP of Student Life Heather White has forwarded a message with a Whole Gator app update and additional information that may be of assistance during this high stress time on campus: [https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs//38///2022-2023//HeatherWhiteMessage.2023 Spring Faculty Senate.pdf](https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs//38///2022-2023//HeatherWhiteMessage.2023%20Spring%20Faculty%20Senate.pdf).

- **Provost's Report**

**Joe Glover**, Provost

-The Interim College of Law Dean is Merritt McCallister. The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering Dean search continues, as well as a search to fill the UF Director of Commencements' position. Provost Glover answered inquiries and spoke about the process of and the feedback from faculty and administrators on faculty administrative nominations and appointments.

**Introduction to College of Pharmacy Dean**

**Peter Swaan**, Dean, College of Pharmacy

- Dean Swaan began Sept 1 as the College of Pharmacy Dean and discussed curriculum initiatives. He discussed his educational and professional background and why he was interested in working at UF. The AI initiative matched well with his research and goals in growing the College of Pharmacy. Team-based care within UF Health where students, residents, and fellows help deliver better transitional care and good overall care are also critical pieces in fulfilling the college's mission.

**Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) Awards**

**Chris Hass**, Associate Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs

- Associate Provost Hass will announce the OAA recipients within each category, provide a brief overview, and answer any questions at the May Faculty Senate meeting.

## Committee on Committees (CoC) Annual Report

**Paramita Chakrabarty**, Chair, CoC

- The six member CoC meets monthly and is charged with reviewing Faculty Senate committees and councils, as well as joint committees, and ensuring that they are functioning well, and are able to meet any organizational challenges. One third of the committees are reviewed annually to address concerns in a timely manner.
- Chair Phalin requested that the committees needing follow-ups to resolve issues be highlighted so that they can be circled back to in the fall. Dr. Chakrabarty provided this:
  - Academic Personnel Board (APB) - aims to increase and diversify membership.
  - Welfare Council - address challenges pertaining to the loss of institutional knowledge; Chair Phalin noted that UF IT has worked with the Faculty Senate Office to create a new search bar from 2019 forward. IT will implement this for all the committees/councils.
- Compensation & Equity Committee - aims to increase administrative and committee communication and increase committee membership diversity and membership engagement.
- Sustainability Committee - This committee is functioning well but needs to consider ways to increase engagement and enthusiasm for their topics of focus at the state level.
- Budget Council - is encouraged to create an SOP.
- This is Dr. Chakrabarty's last year as CoC Chair but she is happy to assist with any inquiries or feedback.

## **University Curriculum Committee**

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

### New Bachelor of Science Program in Meteorology in CLAS (17551)

- Dr. Stephen Muellers and Dr. Esther Mullens were present to answer inquires about these three specializations within the atmospheric science program. The academic team worked with the College of Journalism and Communications to complement their programs and increase employability and skills to increase career mobility.

### New Bachelor of Science in Music Business and Entrepreneurship in College of Arts (18081)

- This is a specialized music business program expanding the entrepreneurship side of music.

- [Proposed Common Prerequisites Modification for the BS in Music Business and Entrepreneurship Degree in the College of Arts \(18080\)](#)
- [Request Specialized Admission for the BS in Music Business and Entrepreneurship in the College of Arts \(18082\)](#)

## **Graduate Council**

**Tom Kelleher**, Graduate School

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

- [Modify the Title of the Major for the MS degree from a major in "Soil and Water Sciences" to a major in "Soil, Water, and Ecosystem Sciences" \(18074\)](#)
- [Modify the Title of the Major for the PhD Degree from a Major in "Soil and Water Sciences" to to a major in "Soil, Water, and Ecosystem Sciences" \(18075\)](#)
  - This is the graduate version of what Faculty Senate considered for the undergraduate program. These modified titles more accurately reflect the major's content.
- [Create a MS degree with a Major in Genetics and Genomics \(18061\)](#)
  - Dr. Brittany Hollister noted that the program compliments the existing PhD program and will increase UF students' competitiveness in employment and graduate school admissions. Students are interested in enrolling in the fall so it is expected that supportive Senators will move these from Information to Action Items from the Senate floor at next week's meeting.

## **Council Reports**

**Academic Policy Council (APC)**

**Richard Scholtz**

- The APC met earlier this week and will continue working on syllabus modification. Earlier this month, Associate Provost Lindner presented the BOG regulation 3.005.
- Dr. Scholtz has asked members to forward post-tenure review policy and regulations comments to him, Dr. Lindner, and the Faculty Senate Secretary to share, review and approve in a May 3 special APC meeting. The policy timeline was discussed and Dr. Scholtz will send an APC statement for Chair Phalin to include in her Chair's Report.
- Associate Provost Hass answered Steering Committee inquiries and clarified applications of the BOG regulation in the SUS.

### **Research and Scholarship Council**

**Angela Bacsik**

- Council updated the tabled resolution with input from VP of Research David Norton and Past Faculty Senate Chair David Bloom. Council will discuss this topic, including the research approval processes updates, again in the fall. Dr. Norton anticipates an October or November timeline to re-connect with council/Faculty Senate to discuss changes implemented as a result of the resolution discussion. Chair Phalin will add this information to her Senate Chair's Report.
- Gigi Lipori, Senior VP & Chief Information Officer & UF Health and Peter Iafrate, IRB-01 Chair, expressed interest in presenting the OMOP Database to Senate next AY.

### **Infrastructure Council**

**Keith Rambo**

- Mark Helms, Assistant VP for UF's Facilities Services Division and Sustainability, attended the April council meeting and provided a thermal plant update and discussed adding solar panels to parking Garage 14.
- The Ronald McDonald House is moving to a new building.
  - UF Grounds reported that damage to trees around the new ball field has occurred due to parking in arboretum and under trees at baseball games. UFPD will look into the problem, as parkers are ignoring the current signage.
  - The Sustainability Committee has discussed future collaborations for parking across campus and will meet on May 9 to review [CAP2](#), which (depending on which step it is in the review process), may be added as an August Senate Information Item.
  - The University Information Technology Committee discussed UF website templates.
  - University Libraries Sr. Associate Dean Patrick Reakes shared that the library air handlers are being replaced and things are up and running in the recovery from the December flood.

### **Welfare Council**

**Hélène Huet**

### **Budget Council**

**Ashley Ghiaseddin**

Approve [May 4, 2023 Faculty Senate Agenda](#)

-The agenda was approved as amended to add the below Information Items:

- 1) [Proclamation Commending the Service of Provost Joe Glover](#)
- 2) [BOT Regulation 7.010](#)  
[[Draft Post-Tenure Faculty Review Policy](#)]

**Amanda Phalin**, Chair

**Sarah Lynne**, (AG) Faculty Senator

**Charlene Luke**, UCRC Chair

### **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

**Amanda Phalin**, Chair