

Senate Steering Committee Minutes

November 29, 2022

3 p.m.

Tigert 226 (President's Conference Room), or if needed, via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 969 1342 9266 **Passcode:** 991992 **Dial in:** +1 646 558 8656

Present: Amanda Phalin, Crystal Marull, Sarah Lynne, Marta Wayne, Charlene Luke, Angela Bacsik, Tom Kelleher, Keith Rambo, Richard Scholtz, David C. Bloom, Laurie Bialosky, Joe Little, Danaya Wright, Joe Glover, Rick Stepp, Juan Nino, Catherine Striley, and Taylor Rose.

Call to Order

Amanda Phalin, Chair

- Faculty Senate Chair Amanda Phalin called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Approve [November 3, 2022 Minutes](#)

Amanda Phalin, Chair

- The minutes were approved.

Reports

• **Chair's Report**

Amanda Phalin, Chair

- Chair Phalin will present the resolution to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting in December.

• **Provost's Report**

Joe Glover, Provost

- The Provost's Office has been assisting with efforts to prepare the West Palm Beach proposal in conjunction with UF Health and other campus stakeholders.

**Introduction of Dean and Associate Provost
for UF International Center**

**Marta Wayne, Dean and Associate
Provost for UF International Center**

- Dean Wayne introduced herself and shared resources which are available from the UF International Center. She answered inquiries on best practices in working with international students and the international environment. Chair Phalin suggested Dean Wayne consider publishing a tree to shepherd faculty through key processes related to commonly used international university processes.

[FAU Draft Resolution on Post Tenure Review](#)

Amanda Phalin, Chair

- The Board of Governors (BOG) have extended the comment period to December 9.

- The Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS) have gathered resolutions from each of the Faculty Senates of the [State University System \(SUS\)](#).

- The resolution recommends that the Board of Governors (BOG) make four specific changes before adopting its 10.003, Post-Tenure Faculty Review regulation. The BOG regulations have been written as a result of SB-7044, which the Florida legislature passed last spring. The law reduces the current seven-year post-tenure review cycle to five years, among other changes. Modifications to preserve and support tenure, academic freedom, and due process are proposed in this resolution.

- The Steering Committee discussed the [Academic Policy Council's draft resolution](#) and a motion to accept the [resolution as amended](#) carried unanimously.

**University Constitution & Regulations Committee
(UCRC) Report ([ACFS Changes Proposal](#))**

Charlene Luke, UCRC Chair

- This proposal to the Faculty Senate Bylaws amends the duties of the Faculty Senate Chair-elect and Past Chair by moving the voting membership for the ACFS from the Chair-elect to the Past Chair. The

proposal to amend the (one word) verbiage in Article V, Section 2 of the University of Florida Constitution is suggested to align the document more closely with current practice.

Graduate Council

Tom Kelleher, Graduate School

- [MS with a Major in Urban Analytics New Degree](#)

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

- The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to create a new interdisciplinary MS with a major in Urban Analytics degree program in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning that is supported by the Department of Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) and the Department of Electric and Computer Engineering (ECE). The proposed 36-credit, two-year degree program strongly aligns with UF's strategic investment in AI.

Honorary Namings Committee Update

Amanda Phalin, Chair

- Chair Phalin requested that this be moved to January agenda due to the

Council Reports

Academic Policy Council (APC)

Richard Scholtz

- APC met this morning and composed a [draft resolution](#) to serve as a springboard to today's Steering Committee resolution work.

- Professor Scholtz, Welfare Council Chair Dr. Sarah Lynne, and Associate Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs, Dr. Chris Hass met to discuss the Hamilton Center. Many of the inquiries pertaining to the center which faculty leadership has been receiving from CLAS, ARTS, and other faculty have been guided by misinformation and there is a need to increase communication. The center is operating in the same manner as other UF centers. Center faculty hiring and funding were discussed, as well as the center's curriculum approval process, which will utilize the same UF processes currently used for any new courses (i.e. via the University Curriculum Committee, Professional Curriculum Committee, etc.); any existing course number being used by the center will go through the department, as is the current standard practice.

- Chair Phalin will follow up with recommendations on how to best move forward to increase communication, such as moderating a joint special meeting of the Welfare Council and the Academic Policy Council, other interested faculty, and Director Stinneford.

Welfare Council

Sarah Lynne

- The last council meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Nicole. Council meets next Thursday.

Research and Scholarship Council

Angela Bacsik

- Peter Iafrate, IRB 01 Chair presented [Open Access Databases](#) information to council. Open access databases which do not contain any Protected Health Information (PHI) and which are submitted to the IRB as a databank protocol are eligible for 'expedited' approval. He also shared fiscal year 2022 IRB-01 metrics and protocol approval categories.

- Tanja Magoc, Integrated Data Repository (IDR) Assistant Director, and Gigi Lipori, Sr. VP and UF Health CIO, discussed online processes improvements for research and the Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership (OMOP), an internationally used Common Data Model (CDM) [[Electronic Health Record \(EHR\)](#)]. The easily accessible, de-identified Electronic Health Record (EHR) dataset for research contains data for more than 2.2 million individuals and includes more than 2.5 billion facts. There is global interconnection and agreement of use on these research tools and the UF OMOP group would like to increase awareness of the availability of this tool and service. The Steering Committee would like to invite this group to present at Faculty Senate next semester.

Infrastructure Council

Keith Rambo

- Assistant VP for Facilities Services Division and Sustainability, Mark Helms, discussed the renaming

of Central Energy Plant to the [Thermal Production Facility](#). UF received three proposals and are now reviewing two bidders.

- University Information Technology Committee Chair, Dr. Ray Issa, discussed the committee's agenda items, including electronic lab notebooks; tools to incorporate the pronunciation of names in Canvas; and UFIT's work towards removing unprofessional Gatorlink names.
- Council is receiving requests about increasing UF library accessibility to 24/7.

Approve [December 6, 2022 Faculty Senate Agenda](#)

Amanda Phalin, Chair

- The agenda was approved as amended by updating the confirmed time and location of the Dec 6 Senate meeting (3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Reitz Union Auditorium); the removal of the President's Report (due to Dr. Fuchs' Dec 6 meeting conflict); the removal of the Honorary Namings Committee Update and the removal of the Resolution for Development of a Strategic Plan for Animal and Human Subject Research Resources Update (which are being placed on the January Steering and Senate agendas).

Adjournment

Amanda Phalin, Chair

- The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.