

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
April 25, 2013, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

The Cheri Brodeur called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. March 2013 minutes were approved.

Provost's Report and RCM Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- **RCM**

- This has been a year of intensive discussion of RCM with the deans. There has been some dissatisfaction with the RCM system. We have not had the opportunity in the last five years to disaggregate any dissatisfaction with the system itself from the dissatisfaction with the budget situation at the university. Next year with the influx of new resources to the university we will get some sense of whether or not we are really dissatisfied with the system or dissatisfied with the lack of money.
- We met once a month with the Deans this year to discuss RCM. Last month we had a visit from John Curry who works at Euron Corporation. He actually wrote the principles in which RCM is based. He met with everyone from the CFO to the Dean's staffs. At the end of his visit he mentioned three criticisms and gave some suggestions:
 - Our implementation was too complex. – He encouraged the university to simplify the system.
 - The weighting scheme is too complex. – He said that this this led to playing games with the weighting system.
 - He wasn't fond of exempting research from basic RCM tax. He thought that it would lead to gaming the system.
- Decided to continue using our system through the summer. We are going to study over the summer. In the fall we will reconvene with deans to decide if we want to continue.

Chair's Report

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair

- The last meeting of the academic year is May 9 in Holland 180. Please make note of it.
- **Chair-Elect Election**
 - After each candidate gave a 5 minute presentation about his/her qualifications for Chair-Elect, the senate elected Pradeep Kumar on the second written ballot. (First Ballot: [Florin Curta](#) – 13, [Mirka Koro-Ljungberg](#) – 12, [Charles Guy](#) – 20, [Pradeep Kumar](#) – 33; Second Ballot: Charles Guy – 27, Pradeep Kumar – 49).

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

- The legislature is still working on the budget. The legislature will end in a couple weeks.
- Pre-eminence Bill
 - Pre-eminence designation bill designates 12 measurable characteristics of pre-eminent universities. Any university that is able to pass all 12 of these characteristics can be considered a pre-eminent university. This bill was passed and signed into law. The university who is designated "pre-eminent" will receive \$15M recurrent funding for the purpose of pursuing advancement to the prestigious status. This is new money and will be distributed with a plan that the administrators will put together.

- We are designated the online university for the state system. This comes with \$15M for the first year with \$5M each year afterwards. This is a great opportunity for the university to step forward. We were chosen because of our reputation.
- Regardless of what courses students have had when they are admitted, the university can still require that all undergrads take certain core courses such as the Good Life Course. We will most likely have a group of courses that the students can choose to take. This will mean the average number of credit hours will most likely go up.

Action Items

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

John Leavey, Chair
Constitution Committee

This item was approved.

Information Items

FEO Update

Kathy Long, Associate Provost
Academic Affairs

- Faculty Enhancement Opportunity was started as a pilot three years ago with a goal to advance academic and professional scholarly abilities of faculty members and to advance individuals, departments and colleges of UF.
- Faculty members who are not part of the bargaining unit are eligible to apply.
- Totals to date (April 2013)
 - 439 proposals submitted
 - 317 proposals approved and funded
 - \$5,401,860 in FEO funds disbursed
 - All Academic Units at UF received FEOs

Infrastructure Council Report

Jay Watkins, Chair
Infrastructure Council

- Responsibilities of the Infrastructure Council is to encompass the University's infrastructure supporting the University's infrastructure supporting the University's academic mission, including the provision of physical facilities and other physical resources; libraries; information technology; the campus master plan; and the availability of adequate computer, classroom, laboratory and other resources.
- Issues for 2012/2013
 - Review effect of budget cuts on infrastructure
 - IT Security and IT updates
 - Open Access
 - Online Tenure and Promotion process
 - Cross-Campus Greenway Design
 - Intellectual property and privacy issues regarding recording of classroom lectures
 - Construction of Heavener Hall location and new campus gateway
 - Renovation of Reitz Union and impact on the front lawn and campus
 - Football game parking
 - Changes in distribution and use of mitigation funds

- Harrell Medical Building impact
- New datacenter is completed

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Senators Attending

Scott Banks	Caryn Plummer
Sherry Benton	Mario Poceski
Alexander Berkovich	Neta Pulvermacher
Jim Bice	Patrick Reakes
Donald Bolser	Beverly Roberts
Kendal Broad	Andrew Rosalsky
Martha Brown	George Samraj
Babette Brumback	Beverly Sanders
Paul Chadik	Peter Sayeski
Edward Chan	SA Sherif
Donald Cohen	Steve Shugan
Florin Curta	Meera Sitharam
Tammy Davidson	Maya Stanfield-Mazzi
Kate Fogarty	Margaret Temple-Smith
Robyn Gleason	Steven Thomas
Charlie Guy	Mark Tillman
Shannon Hamlett	Amy Tobler
Jacob Hammer	Scott Tomar
Christopher Hass	Sonal Tuli
Galia Hatav	Sharda Udassi
Richard Hill	Neill Wallis
Daniel Hoh	Lori Waxenberg
Shannon Holliday	Ann Wehmeyer
Alice Holmes	Karen Whalen
Margeaux Johnson	Joe Wilson
Mike Katovich	Janet Yamamoto
Joseph Katz	Mary Ellen Young
Dmitry Kopelevich	Lei Zhou
Pradeep Kumar	Roberto Zori
John Leavey	
Lora Levett	Liaisons
James Mclesky	Cheri Brodeur
Renwei Mei	Paula Fussell
David Miller	Joe Glover
Scott Myers	Marc Heft
Vasudha Narayanan	Kathleen Long
Nawari Nawari	Bernie Machen
David Ostrov	Scott Nygren
John Palmer	Jay Watkins
Deanna Pelfrey	Barbara Wingo
Jorg Peters	