

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
December 13, 2012, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

The Cheri Brodeur called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. November 2012 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair

- Please make sure you sign in outside to make sure that you are credited with attending the meeting. If you miss three meetings, you are no longer a senator. However, teaching is an excused absence, so contact our office to let us know you are teaching and cannot attend.
- Presidential search interviews have been changed to January 10-12.
- Nominations are open for different committees and councils.
- The next Steering Committee meeting is change to January 15 due to the Presidential Search.
- Trustee Al Warrington challenged senators to donate to the Bernie and Chris Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program. This program was started by Dr. Machen and supports student who are the first in their families to attend college.

Action Items

Homecoming Date for 2013

Bernard Mair, Assoc. Provost,
Undergraduate Affairs

- There is only one home game in October which is on the 5th. This is too early for homecoming activities. The next feasible date is November 8 which falls during the same weekend as Veteran's day. We will play Vanderbilt. This will give us a four day weekend.
 - An Issue was brought forth concerning homecoming and fund raising. This year with Homecoming holiday and Veteran day holiday the same weekend, the amount of funds and attendance at Gator Growl was lower than previous years.

This item was approved.

Information Items

[Update on General Education Statute HB7135](#)

Bernard Mair, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- Almost all of the subcommittees have completed their tasks with everyone finishing by December or January, as of last week. The work of the discipline committees have been completed and have submitted a draft of the five courses to the Steering Committee.
- Draft list of course
 - *Humanities*: Art Appreciation, Introduction to World Literature, Introduction to Music Literature or Music Appreciation, Introduction to Philosophy.
 - Two courses have been proposed and the Steering Committee has to decide which will take the fifth position. Those two courses are: Introduction to Humanities and Topics of Humanities
 - *Mathematics*: College Algebra, any higher level of MAC course (Calculus), Statistical Methods, two liberal arts mathematics courses.

- *Natural Science*: Basic Biology, Basic Chemistry, Basic Physics, Earth Science, Environmental Science Course
- *Social Sciences*: Introduction to Psychology, Principles of Sociology, Twentieth Century World History, Comparative Politics, Introduction to Anthropology
- *Communication*: ENC Level 1
- After the Steering Committee reviews, it will make a final list. Faculty are asked to please pay attention to the process and provide input around February or March.

University Constitution Language Revision

John Leavey, Chair, Constitution Committee

- Steering Committee asked the Constitution Committee to clean up the last sentence of Article VI, Section 3(d) of the Constitution. The Committee recommends the following changes:

Old language:

In those instances where the nominee of the dean(s) of the college(s) is not concurred in by the departmental committee, that committee's dissenting report should be forwarded to the President along with the nomination made by the dean(s).

New language:

In those instances where the departmental committee does not concur in the nominee of the dean(s) of the college(s), the committee's report should be forwarded to the President along with the nomination made by the dean(s).

Name Change for Doctoral Program

Laurence Alexander, Associate Dean
Graduate School

*** Note: Revision of Master of Epidemiology was pulled from the agenda as it is not a section the Faculty Senate covers.*

Mission Statement Consensus Draft

Linda Cottler, Chair
Mission Statement Task Force

- Dr. Cottler presented the consensus draft from the Mission Statement Task Force.
- Five meetings were held. The group reviewed over 50 AAU Mission Statements and expressed their feelings, beliefs, and preferences.
- The task force answered key questions about what the university is passionate about, at what we are really good, who are our most important stakeholders and what are they hiring us to do?
- A drafting subcommittee was formed to work on a preliminary document. The task force then did a group think twice with in-between homework.
- Mission Statement Consensus Draft

The University of Florida is a uniquely comprehensive learning institution, built on a land, sea and grant foundation. We are a diverse community dedicated to making the world a better place, united in our commitment to diverse approaches as a means to engage the world's greatest challenge. Our mission is to promote open inquiry; to inspire scholarship and excellence; to generate, preserve, and disseminate knowledge; to learn, create, lead and serve for the benefit of the people of Florida, the nation, and the world.

Harrell Medical Building Site Plan

Michael Good, Dean, College of Medicine

- The medical school is in its fourth revision of the curriculum for the 56 year old program.
- The new curriculum is designed around the patient.
- Currently the medical school is located in the basement of the Communicore which was built in 1970.
- College of Medicine has raised enough funds for the design and planning stage of the new Harrell Medical Building.
 - New building will have learning studios; small group and collaborative learning space; independent learning spaces; simulation, clinical skills and assessment; community student space; student and curriculum support services; and the Physician Assistants Program.
- Plans are to preserve two century oak trees. Some trees will be cut down but not the century oaks. All the appropriate university committees have reviewed the plan.

Mental Health Presentation

Sherry Benton, Director, Counseling Center

- Student Health Center and the Wellness Center merged two and a half years ago.
- We are seeing more students at our new location than the previous locations.
- Counseling Center had 41,000 appointments

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

Senator first. Three minute limit per speaker

- Jorg Peters, senator from Engineering, summarized the recent College of Engineering survey.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Senators Attending

Ramon Bautista
Sherry Benton
Alexander Berkovich
Donald Bolser
Marcus Boston
Kendal Broad
Babette Brumback
Paul Chadik
Edward Chan
Jean Cibula
Deb Cupples
Florin Curta
Tammy Davidson
Julie Dodd
Michael Dukes
Kate Fogarty
Robyn Gleason
Renee Goodrich

Jacob Hammer
Christopher Hass
Galia Hatav
Cynthia Higgins
Richard Hill
Daniel Hoh
Alice Holmes
Aida Hozic
Margeaux Johnson
Joseph Katz
Phil Kaufman
Mary Agnes Keith
Mirka Koro-Ljungberg
John Leavey
Lora Levett
Scott Livengood
Bill Mahan
James Mcleskey

Renwei Mei
Kimberly Moore
Paul Mueller
Scott Myers
Vasudha Narayanan
John Palmer
Jorg Peters
William Properzio
Patrick Reakes
Jamie Reilly
Robert Ries
Beverly Roberts
Andrew Rosalsky
Beverly Sanders
Peter Sayeski
Christopher Scuderi
Christiana Shaw
Meera Sitharam

Laura Sjoberg
Maya Stanfield-Mazzi
Keith Stanfill
Nicole Stedman
John Stevely
Carol Stewart
Margaret Temple-Smith
Joseph Tepas
Steven Thomas
Mark Tillman
Amy Tobler
Scott Tomar
Sonal Tuli
Sharda Udassi
Hans van Oostrom
Bradley Walters
Lori Waxenberg
Ann Wehmeyer
Karen Whalen
Joe Wilson
Janet Yamamoto
Mary Ellen Young
Lei Zhou
Henry Zmuda
Roberto Zori

Liaisons

Cheri Brodeur
Michael Good
Marc Heft
Bernard Mair
Maria Rogal
Barbara Wingo

Guests

Laurence Alexander
Linda Cottler