

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
March 28, 2013, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

The Cheri Brodeur called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. February 2013 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair

- President and Provost are at the Board of Governors meeting
- It is still early in the process, so the budget isn't final. Dr. Brodeur will contact Senators closer to the end of the legislative session.
- A Faculty IT Subcommittee was formed . At its first meeting, the committee came up with the idea that faculty need to hear more about the policies and laws related to IT. Information Technology had a session on *Navigating Teaching Technologies: Policy and Law* on March 27. We have 30 active cases related to faculty that have to do with not being in compliance.
- Voting for Chair-Elect is April 25. Senators cannot send a proxy. Senators must be in the room to vote.
- Council and Committee member elections start Monday, April 1.
- There are quite a few things going on in Tallahassee. It looks like the legislature is doing something with the pension for new faculty with the 401. We are not sure how it will impact those on FRS retiring in the future without more money coming into that.
- Mission statement that the Faculty Senate passed, made it to the Board of Trustees. The Board has asked for extra time to look at it. They will have a meeting soon to discuss the draft statement.
- The sunshine law means that things have to be transparent. Mixed in with that is the issue with Presidential searches being public. After participating with the presidential search this year, Dr. Brodeur has noted problems with the law. When looking to recruit a new university president, usually the university is looking for someone extremely successful and liked by everyone at his/her university and board of trustees. Because their names go public, many of the candidates' Board of Trustees consider firing that candidate or might give them a raise to stay at their current university. One of the state representatives has submitted a bill that will only change the part of the sunshine law about university presidential hiring and keeping it confidential until the search committee announces their nominees. Dr. Brodeur would like to see it changed. It will be a long shot because it is in the state constitution. Not only will it have to pass the legislature, but 2/3 of the voters in the state will have to approve. Most of the newspapers love the sunshine law, so they will most likely fight the change. Dr. Brodeur wants to visit the legislature for Gator Day to talk to the legislators about exempting university presidential hiring from the sunshine law. She will only do this if the senate agrees and asked the senators for an "advisory" vote. The majority raised their handles in support.

Action Items

**Rename PhD in Food Science and Human Nutrition
to Food Science**

Ken Gerhardt, Associate Dean
Graduate School

This item was approved.

Information Items

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

John Leavey, Chair
Constitution Committee

- John Leavey presented the proposed constitutional amendments from the Constitution Committee.

Impact of Sequestration on Federal Research

David Norton, Vice President
Research

Funding at UF

- David Norton gave a short presentation on the impact of sequestration on Federal Research Funding.
- We are expecting a 5.17% decrease. In non-defense and 7.3% decrease in defense (not including military)
- Most likely the federal government will grant fewer awards in the future
- We estimate that sequestration will result in a \$14 million reduction in funding for FY13
- Colleges have been given this information.

Impact of Sequestration on Students and Pell Grants

Zina Evans, Vice President
Enrollment

- The Federal Government has decided not to take any action against the Federal Work Study Program, Pell Grant and Supplemental Education Opportunity grant program in the sequestration cuts for FY13.
- In FY14 as of today, the only program that is anticipating cuts at UF is in the Federal Work Study Program. We anticipate about a 4% cut in that program.

Online Tenure and Promotion

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost
Academic Affairs

- The pilots are now finished. Quite a few participants and received feedback to improve the system.
- The OPT system will go online for everyone in early April. Staff starts training next week.
- The system is linked so that some information will be populated for the faculty member.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Senators Attending

Sophia Acord
 Charles Adams
 Mary Adkins
 Scott Banks
 Alexander Berkovich
 Donald Bolser
 Babette Brumback
 Deb Cupples
 Julie Dodd
 Charles Guy
 Jacob Hammer
 Edward Hart
 Christopher Hass
 Galia Hatav
 Cindy Higgins

Richard Hill
 Daniel Hoh
 Margeaux Johnson
 Mike Katovich
 Joseph Katz
 Phil Kaufman
 James Keesling
 Mary Agnes Keith
 Dmitry Kopelevich
 Mirka Koro-Ljungberg
 John Leavey
 Rob MacKay
 Bill Mahan
 James Mclesky
 Renwei Mei

David Miller
 Kimberly Moore
 Paul Mueller
 Debra Murie
 Scott Myers
 Nawari Nawari
 Michael Nusbaum
 John Palmer
 Deanna Pelfrey
 Jorg Peters
 Anna Peterson
 Caryn Plummer
 Rose Pringle
 Neta Pulvermacher
 Patrick Reakes

Beverly Roberts
Andrew Rosalsky
Beverly Sanders
Peter Sayeski
Christopher Scuderi
James Seale
Brent Sellers
Christiana Shaw
SA Sherif
Steve Shugan
Dietmar Siemann
Maya Stanfield-Mazzi
Keith Stanfill
Nicole Stedman
John Stevely
Margaret Temple-Smith
Joseph Tepas
Steven Thomas
Mark Tillman
Amy Tobler
Neill Wallis
Ann Wehmeyer
Karen Whalen
Suzanne Wilson
Andrew Wolpert
Janet Yamamoto
Mary Ellen Young
Roberto Zori

Liaisons

Cheri Brodeur
Zina Evans
Marc Heft
Henry Frierson
Bernard Mair
David Norton
Scott Nygren
Michael Perri
Maria Rogal
Barbara Wingo

Guests

Ken Gerhardt
Angel Kwolek-Folland
Iskande Larkin
Heidi Reid