

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
May 9, 2013, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Holland 180 (Law School)**

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

Chair's Report

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair

- The proposed regulations that were originally on the agenda will not be brought forth today.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

- President Machen noted that the legislature finished their session last Friday and will present the preliminary data on what it contains for UF. As a reminder, he mentioned that the Governor has significant line item veto capabilities. He has 15 days from the time he receives the budget to make cuts, to sign the budget or let it go into effect without signing. As of today, the Governor has not received the budget.
- This is the first time since 2006 that we have not experienced a budget cut. There is a definite net plus for the institution
- Preeminence Bill
 - Provides UF \$15 million recurring money per year with the idea that we focus on specific hires at the faculty level to try to enhance our academic and research reputation.
 - Deans will make proposals to Senior Vice Presidents who will then make the decisions about how those funds are allocated.
 - Part of the commitment is that the university will try to raise an equal amount of money for startup renovations and hiring faculty. This would not be recurring money.
 - UF has been authorized to have a special cohort of general education classes for its students. This is based around a concept of signature core of courses up to 12 credit hours that all undergraduates would take.
- Distance Learning
 - This is a separate bill that establishes an online institute for distance learning that UF will conduct. It contains separate funding for the purposes of developing and operating these courses.
 - There is a \$10M startup fund and \$5M recurrent funding per year.
 - Faculty members will not be required to teach online. Revenues will go back to the departments.
 - UF is under restrictions on how much we can charge for tuition for in-state students. The university currently has 7000 online students.
- Facilities
 - Received a promise of \$15M towards the construction of the new chemistry building. The University hopes to raise a matching amount of money and then go back to the legislature for more funding next year.
 - Original price of the Reitz Union renovation was \$75M, most of which UF has on hand through fee allocations and bonding that has already been approved. However, the university is about \$22M short. The legislature funded \$11.6M and the administration is working with the students

- o to see if there is a way it can make a commitment and start the project this year. This is funded by student fee revenues.
- o UF received \$16.7M deferred maintenance funding from the legislature. This is a one- time allocation.
- Tuition and Raises
 - o Legislature approved 3% tuition increase for undergraduate and residential tuition. Graduate, professional and out-of-state tuition is not regulated.
 - o First time in about five years the state is giving raises for its employees.
 - Employees making \$40,000 or less will receive a \$1400 base increase.
 - Employees making more than \$40,000 will receive a \$1000 base increase.
 - Raises will not start until October 1, 2013 but they are permanent recurring increases.
 - The hope is that UF can provide additional raises on top of that especially for faculty and graduate students.
- Performance Funding
 - o UF received \$3.75M this past fiscal year for IT education funds – most will go to Engineering and couple other disciplines
 - o There is \$20M that the legislature made available to distribute. This extra funding is tied to graduates’ employment and salaries. This is one- time money that the Board of Governors will make the decision on how to distribute.
 - o Another \$15M will be made available to match degrees with employment.
 - o A little over half of our graduates go on to continue their education.
- Unit Increases
 - o IFAS will receive \$1.85M for its extension and research programs.
 - o College of Medicine will get \$3.6M for primary care residencies and replace funding that was taken away from them last year.
 - o College of Education will receive around \$2.5M to the Lastinger Center to fund a pilot program for high school students learning algebra online.
- Other Funding
 - o \$3.3 M for Shands Cancer Hospital
 - o \$7.05M for cancer research
 - o \$1.25M for Alzheimer’s research
 - o \$2M for Florida High Tech Corridor
 - o \$2.2M for St. Augustine historic properties
 - o \$500,000 for McKnight Brain Institute

Information Items

[Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Report](#)

Mike Sagas, Faculty Athletics Rep
Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

- Roles and Responsibilities of the IAC are on its [website](#).
- Committee consists of 8 Faculty, 2 UF Administrators, 2 Students and 4 Liaisons
- Highlights
 - o Interviewed two head coaches regarding their philosophies about student-athlete well-being and academic success
 - o Exit interviews with fall and spring graduating student athletes
 - o Reviewed and discussed latest APR and GSR data trends
 - o Annual review of academic major clustering of student-athletes

- Reviewed Fall 2012 student-athlete course enrollments for clustering and anomalies
- Completed annual Tutor Survey (N=249 student-athletes)
- Continued to develop an enhanced website
- Students do not appear to be clustered in a particular major.
- Graduation Success Rate for Men's Sports is 68.86% and Women's Sports is 92.5%
- Graduation Success Rate for Florida is 82% which is fourth in the SEC Rankings and ninth in top public universities

UPD: 2012 Annual Use of Force Report

Linda Stump, Chief
University Police Department

- Chief Stump gave a brief overview of the Police Department operations and use of force training.
- An overview of use of force incidents for 2012 was also given
- A comparison of use of force statistics with local law enforcement agencies was shown.
- Every use of force incident is thoroughly reviewed to determine if it was in compliance with state law and UFPD directives.

Research and Scholarship Council

Azra Bihorac, Chair
Research and Scholarship Council

- SCORS purview
 - Policy matters concerning research and scholarship conducted at UF.
 - Recommends policies
 - New research and scholarship initiatives, interdisciplinary research, undergraduate research, research grants and contracts, graduate student research
 - Council has 6 Senate members, 2 Contributing Committees and 2 Related Committee Members.
 - Chair for next year is Mirka Koro-Ljungberg
 - Accomplishments for 2012-2013
 - Accountability in research
 - Usability testing and feedback
 - Interdisciplinary research
 - Open Access Journals at UF
 - Training Grants
 - Diversity in the Research Workforce (Joint meeting with Welfare)

Welfare Council

Deanna Pelfrey, Chair
Welfare Council

- Focus for 2012-2013
 - Gatorcare/Self-Insurance Effort
 - Gender Equity
 - Faculty Evaluations/Teaching
 - FEO
 - Living Well
 - Faculty Ombuds

Academic Policy Council

Maria Rogal, Chair
Academic Policy Council

- Selected Issues
 - Survey, Doctoral Program Improvement Plan
 - Review, Policy on Posthumous Degrees
 - Faculty Review of Administrators
 - Online Student Evaluations
 - Block Exam Policy

Budget Council

Brian Harfe, Chair
Budget Council

- Budget Council has six senate members and three administrative liaisons
- Main issue for Budget Council has been the issue of paying foreign visitors
 - Idea is to come up with a formula
 - Hope to have a document giving instructions on how to pay a foreign visitor

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

Parking Decals

- Beverly Sanders, Engineering, noted that when she complained to Cheri Brodeur, Scott Fox and the Parking and Transportation committee about receiving a parking ticket. Scott Fox responded explaining that starting immediately that parking enforcement will issue warning citations through final exam week instead of tickets. Further the Parking Office is establishing a policy to honor all parking decals through the last day of final exams hereafter.
- Meera Sitharam, Engineering, asked about the administrative structure of the Online Institute
 - Dr. Machen explained that there is a state advisory committee.
 - At the moment, UF will run this institute. Startup funding will go toward faculty release time
 - The University is hoping to find someone to start up the institute
 - This will not be a satellite program but will run through the colleges.
 - Revenues will not be off-book.
 - The online institute will not be open admission. UF will use the same criteria we currently use for admission.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Senators Attending

Sophia Acord
Mary Adkins
Sherry Benton
Alexander Berkovich
Marcus Boston
Kendal Broad
Mary Brownell
Babette Brumback
Paul Chadik
Edward Chan

Donald Cohen
Deb Cupples
Tammy Davidson
Julie Dodd
Kate Fogarty
Robyn Gleason
Renee Goodrich
Charlie Guy
Candace Harper
Edward Hart

John Hiemenz
Cindy Higgins
Richard Hill
Daniel Hoh
Aida Hozic
David Janicke
Margeaux Johnson
Mike Katovich
Joseph Katz
Mary Keith

Dmitry Kopelevich
Pradeep Kumar
John Leavey
Lora Levett
Kimberly Moore
Debra Murie
Michael Nussbaum
John Palmer
Deanna Pelfrey
Jorg Peters
Caryn Plummer
Rose Pringle
William Properzio
Patrick Reakes
Jamie Reilly
Andrew Rosalsky
Beverly Sanders
Christopher Scuderi
Christiana Shaw
SA Sherif
Steve Shugan
Meera Sitharam
Nicole Stedman
Jake Streit
Laurie Taylor
Margaret Temple-Smith
Joseph Tepas
Sonal Tuli
Sharda Udassi
Hans van Oostrom
Neill Wallis
Bradley Walters
Lori Waxenberg
Suzanne Wilson
Andrew Wolpert
Janet Yamamoto
Mary Ellen Young
Lei Zhou
Henry Zmuda

Liaisons

Azra Bihorac
Cheri Brodeur
Elias Eldayrie
Brian Harfe
Marc Heft
Robert Jerry
Bernie Machen

Scott Nygren
Deanna Pelfrey
Maria Rogal
Barbara Wingo

Students

Dustin Pfundheller

Guests

George Pringle
Mike Sagas
Linda Stump
Rick Yost