

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
November 15, 2012, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
McKnight Brain Institute Auditorium**

The Cheri Brodeur called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. October 2012 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair

- Nominations are open for different committees and councils.
- New mission statement is almost completed. Plans are for tomorrow to be the last meeting. Hope to have the statement to administration to look at shortly. It would be nice to complete and have for SACS report.
- Cheri attended a CIO breakfast with representatives from all colleges who voiced their concerns about IT issues around campus. From this, a faculty task force will be created to work with the administration on these and future concerns.
- To help break down silos on campus, new faculty were invited to two receptions. From these receptions, new faculty have started different activities such as a Gator Sports, Parents, book club, and singles group.
- Presidential search is still in outreach. There will not be any presidential search process or the picking of candidates after Dec 5. When it does happen, the process will move very fast. Faculty are working in different areas of the search. We had 130 questions submitted that the College Faculty Council Chairs reviewed and picked which will be used during the Presidential Search process. Faculty are involved and notified as to what's going on. Plans are for a faculty forum with each candidate.
- If applying for the committee and councils, as a reminder, only senators can apply for council positions. We have five councils which are very involved with shared government and creating policy.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Dr. Glover clarified recent communication that the President sent to faculty about the African American Studies Program. It is under development and at the moment is being reviewed in College of Liberal Arts and Sciences through their shared governance. The program will then go to the University Curriculum Committee followed by the Senate for review and approval.
- The Blue Ribbon Task Force on State Higher Education Report is basically out now. One of the recommendations states that the Board of Governors should have a significant role in the selection of presidents at universities. University of Florida's presidential search committee has a member of the Board of Governors on it. The University is operating in the spirit of that recommendation.
- Another recommendation from the Blue Ribbon Task Force is allowing universities to charge different tuition rates for different degrees which it is a bit controversial. Dr. Glover reminded the Senate that this is a recommendation from a citizen task force to the Governor. In order for any of these recommendations to become effective it needs to go through a long and complicated process.
- The State is examining the possibility of creating an online university. It commissioned the Board of Governors to commission a study from an outside agency, the Parthenon Group, on how the state can construct an entity that delivers online education. The group completed its study and it contained a variety of options that the state can review
 - Bring in an external entity like Western Governors University
 - Designating a university in the state as the lead provider of the state
 - Form a consortium of all the universities in the state system

- Actual creation of a new online university.

Information 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. This will give us a four day weekend. The Senate will vote on this at December's Senate meeting.
- Dr. Mair reminded faculty that this is the first year that there are no classes on Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Faculty are not allowed to cancel classes on Monday or Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

E-Learning

Andy McCollough, Assoc. Provost
Teaching and Technology

- Cheri asked Dr. McCollough to give a shortened version of the presentation on ELearning that he and Dr. Glover did before the Board of Trustees to the Faculty Senate.
- Technology is changing daily. Public and private universities along with commercial enterprises are becoming involved with online learning.
- UF is participating with MOOCs by joining a startup named Coursera. Many of the AAU universities are involved with Coursera to offer free education to millions of people. Coursera has 32 institutions with 12 public, 12 privates and the rest are international. They deliver 120 courses out of 200 possible to 1.3 – 1.4 million enrolled.
- There are some questions that need to be answered about MOOCs.
 - Business models currently are unclear
 - Evaluation and assessment
 - What happens with certification and qualifications?
- Adaptive learning is a product of data mining. As the student participates, the company mines the feedback of the student and determine what the next best path is for each individual student. We are looking at adaptive learning and talking with a software company names Newton.
- Currently UF has 70 graduate courses 10 undergraduate courses, 50 Graduate certificate programs and 10 undergraduate certificate programs, all online with about 7000 enrollment. Enrollment has been increasing at the rate of 10% annually during the last 5 years. UF is grossing \$70 million from distance learning.
- 33% of undergraduate students take at least one online class per term.
- Benefits for joining Coursera consortium:
 - There is increased accessibility to our content worldwide.
 - Our knowledge base is increased and our understanding of online learning is enhanced.
 - We have the opportunity to work with a platform that incorporates the latest developments in teaching and technology
 - UF can use the consortium's proprietary platform.
 - We will benefit by working with some of our AAU peers
- The state of Florida is also investigating creating an online university. The Board of Governors hired a consulting group who has finished with its report.

PI Reporting Tool

Brad Staats, Asst. Vice President. Contracts & Grants
Stephanie Gray, Director, Sponsored Research

- Principle Investigators have been requesting an up-to-date online tool to see how much of their grant funds are available.
- Enterprise Systems, Finance and Planning and Sponsored Research have been working to develop a web tool that looks and works like a regular bank account.
- Phase 1 is ready for roll out in December. PIs can find under “My Investigator”
- Anyone who is listed as an investigator on a project will be provided with a portfolio summary view at login.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Senators Attending

Ramon Bautista
Sherry Benton
Marcus Boston
Martha Brown
Mary Brownell
Babette Brumback
Paul Chadik
Edward Chan
Jean Cibula
Joseph Costa
Florin Curta
Tammy Davidson
Julie Dodd
Robyn Gleason
Renee Goodrich
Charles Haddad
Jacob Hammer
Galia Hataw
John Hiemenz
Cynthia Higgins
Richard Hill
Daniel Hoh
Shannon Holliday
Alice Holmes
David Janicke
Margeaux Johnson
Mike Katovich
Joseph Katz
Akito Kawahara
Mary Keith
Dragan Kujundzic
Pradeep Kumar
John Leavey

James Mcleskey
Kimberly Moore
Marjorie Moore
Julia Morrisroe
Debra Murie
Scott Myers
Nawari Nawari
Jorg Peters
Bryon Petersen
Caryn Plummer
Mario Poceski
Andrew Rosalsky
George Samraj
Beverly Sanders
Peter Sayeski
James Seale
Christiana Shaw
Steve Shugan
Meera Sitharam
Maya Stanfield-Mazzi
Keith Stanfill
Craig Stanley
Nicole Stedman
Carol Stewart
John Stevely
Joseph Tepas
Mark Tillman
Hans van Oostrom
Bradley Walters
Lori Waxenberg
Ann Wehmeyer
Karen Whalen
Sandra Wilson

Suzanne Wilson
Andrew Wolpert
Janet Yamamoto
Mary Ellen Young
Henry Zmuda

Liaisons

Cheri Brodeur
Joe Glover
Marc Heft
Bernard Mair
Scott Nygren
Barbara Wingo

Guests

Andy McCollough
Jim Ferrer
Brad Staats
Stephanie Gray