

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2024

3:00 p.m.

Reitz Union, Senate Chamber

<https://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/Mediasite/Channel/8456cbab10b449868436ee51ddb84dc45f/watch/1d46abaab54747b79c365f46b11df9201d>

Call to Order

Sarah Lynne, Chair

& Approval of [August 22, 2024 Minutes](#)

- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chair Sarah Lynne and the minutes were approved.

Reports:

Chair's Report

Sarah Lynne, Chair

- Chair Lynne confirmed:

-- Faculty Senate guests for this academic year:

- OCT: Bike/ped safety projects AND/OR Campus Master Plan updates (*Note: this was moved to NOV*)
- OCT: HEARTSafe Campus Designation - Eliana Jaffa, Executive Director, Gator Emergency Medical Response Unit (GEMRU)
- OCT: VP for Marketing Dan Dillon
- NOV: Dr. Stephen Motew, UF Health CEO & President
- DEC: Intercollegiate Athletics Council (IAC) Annual Report – Chris Janelle
- APR: Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) Awards - Associate Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs, Chris Hass
- MAY: UFPD Annual Report – Interim Chief Bart Knowles & Captain Greg Streukens

-- The October 1st deadline for Honorary Degrees nominations. Information and the nomination form is posted on the Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards Committee web page @:

<https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/FacultySenate/Committees/Honorary-Degrees-and-Distinguished-Awards-Committee>.

- The [five Senate policy councils](#) are reviewing the [May 5, 2022 Presidential Qualities Resolution](#) to obtain as much Faculty Senate and faculty feedback as possible before the updated resolution is reviewed by the Steering Committee. The resolution will be presented as an Information Item at the next Senate meeting and will be an Action Item at the November 21 Faculty Senate meeting.

- Last week, the Board of Trustees (BOT) retreat / informational meeting was held and focused primarily on the UF Health system.

- The Board of Governors met yesterday and next month will vote on two regulations, which are now open for public comment:

--- [Proposed Regulation 1.002, Presidential Search and Selection](#)

--- [Proposed Regulation 8.003, Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability and Transparency](#)

Chair Lynne reviewed both and answered inquiries (*Video: 11:20 - 42:05*).

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, Interim President

- Dr. Fuchs reflected on his view of the qualifications for and the role of the next UF President. The search committee is expected to be announced in the next month.

- Dr. Fuchs asked for faculty input on the proposals which were submitted during Dr. Sasse's 10 x 10 x

10 and strategic funds initiatives. Over the next two weeks, Drs. David Nelson (Sr. VP of Health Affairs), David Norton (VP for Research), and Joe Glover (Interim Provost) will meet to discuss.

- Dr. Fuchs fielded inquiries about UF aspirations for faculty salaries as compared to peer institutions; campus construction projects and plans; the dual core and UF rankings; cost of living adjustments and merit raises, including the equity of the merit raises relative to inflation; and the Title IX Presidential Committee.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Interim Provost

- This is Dr. Glover's first week back at UF as Interim Provost. A [greeting video](#) was sent to campus on his first day back, September 6, and outlined the Provost Office's short-term and long-term goals.
- Dr. Glover has named an AI Task Force of faculty, staff and students to chart what's next for UF in AI. Task force co-chairs will be named shortly, and Chair Lynne has been asked to contribute faculty names to serve on the task force.
- UF's existing supercomputer, HiPerGator is four years old and there is a planned update. By 2025, UF aims to obtain NVIDIA's most recent supercomputer.
- Angela Lindner has been named Interim Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs and will lead the areas of undergraduate curriculum and student success.
- Following review of the (aforementioned) faculty proposals submitted for Dr. Sasse's initiatives, funding recommendations will be made to Dr. Fuchs.
- Dr. Glover is engaging in work on the search for a new dean for both CLAS and the College of Arts.
- Florida passed General Education legislation and over one thousand courses have been reviewed. What is and is not appropriate as Gen Ed courses must now be evaluated and identified. There have been many iterations of these lists of Gen Ed courses and the final will be sent to the BOT for their approval in October. It will then be forwarded to Tallahassee. While some Gen Ed courses will continue to exist as electives, they will not be used to meet Gen Ed course requirements. Interim Provost Glover has sent details to each Dean and faculty can contact their department chairs for specific or more information.
- Dr. Glover answered inquiries regarding the post tenure review process, HiPerGator and the AI Task Force membership.

Action Items:

Graduate Council

Tom Kelleher, Associate Dean
for Academic Affairs

- [MS in AI in Biomedical and Health Sciences](#)

- This is a proposal approved by the Graduate Council in June for a new, 30 credit MS in AI in Biomedical and Health Sciences. It will be a Jacksonville program run by UF faculty and has three options, including a thesis and non-thesis option.
- Following discussion, this item carried unanimously.

Information Items:

Graduate Council

Tom Kelleher, Associate Dean
for Academic Affairs

- [Anatomical Sciences Education MS Credit Reduction](#)

- Approved by the Graduate Council, this is a request from the College of Medicine to reduce an existing degree from 32 to 31 credits. A required course was reduced by one credit.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor - *Three-minute limit per speaker.*

- 1) University of Florida Faculty Senators
 - SenatorCarolynn Holland (MED) expressed concern about the Title IX (Presidential) Committee and asked that clarification and additional information be provided.
 - Senator Cynthia Willming (HHP) followed up on the above inquiry and shared that her understanding is that Dr. Sasse disbanded the Title IX Committee and hired an outside consulting firm to oversee and manage such related items.
 - John Mendoza-Garcia (ENG) shared colleague feedback about the need for increased affordable access to Baby Gator and quality childcare. Chair Lynne responded that building another Baby Gator building on campus is being prioritized by BOT Chair Mori Hosseini, who has charged her and Trustee Patrick Zalupski to work with university officials, including VP of HR Melissa Curry to expedite this project. Construction and logistical planning meetings are continuing to take place. Chair Lynne will provide updates to the faculty in her upcoming Chair's Reports this academic year.
 - Senate Ashlee Ossiboff (HHP) asked that equity for employees in all areas of campus be considered as BabyGator manages its admissions priorities, particularly with respect to ensuring fair access across units to its affordable services.
 - Senator Tracy Ashby (MED-JAX) inquired if, due to the expansion of the Jacksonville campus, there will be a BabyGator available in Jacksonville. Chair Lynne replied that while another BabyGator unit is in progress on main campus in Gainesville, she will bring this inquiry to the BOT.
 - Senator McKenzie Landrum (ENG) inquired if there is assistance for departments when multiple faculty members are on family leave.
- 2) University of Florida Faculty
 - Zhengfei Guan, (UF/IFAS) discussed annual reviews vs. post-tenure reviews and adverse implications of the latter on university culture, academic freedom, and faculty rights.
 - Dr. Glover responded to the comments to clarify that there was, for at least 30 years at UF, a separate system of post tenure review (per the Collective Bargaining Agreement 'CBA'), but it was a seven-year and not a five-year review (as it is now). He also replied to Senator Hannah Vander Zanden's (CLAS) follow up question to confirm that the seven-year post tenure review process could also result in faculty termination.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Attending

Senators

Michael Aherne
Tracy Ashby
Ali Ataya
Lisa Athearn
Brian Bahder
Kelly Balmant
Eban Bean
Marguerite Beckford
Lauren Berkow
Sally Bethart
Jeremiah J. Blanchard
Rori Bloom
L. Jeannine Brady
Sarah Brunnig
Megan Butala
Rachel Carrico
Michael A. Carrillo
Nico Cellinese
Jinghua Chen
Konstantina
Christodoulopoulou
Sandra Citty
Cynda Crawford
Lina Cui
Santanu K. Datta
Paul Davenport
Michael K. Davis
Matthew Decker
Carol Demas
Luisa (Amelia) Dempere
Thomas Denagamage
Scott Denton
David Deremer
Richard B. Dickinson
William P. Dishong
Randell Doty
Eric Jing Du
Gayle Nelson Evans
Jeanne Ewert
Sara Moscovita Falzarano
Laurie M. Gauger

Ifigeneia Giannadaki
Frank Gibson
Vivian E. Gonsalves
Rachel L. Grant
Marshall Haning
Robert L. Hatch
Emily Hind
Carolyn Holland
Flora Iff-Noel
Raymond Issa
Frederick 'Rick' Kates
Hal S. Knowles
Jaclyn Kropp
McKenzie Landrum
H. Dail Laughinghouse
Chenglong Li
Mengyu Li
Charlene Luke
Ashley MacSuga-Gage
Willm Martens-Habbena
John Alexander Mendoza-
Garcia
Charles Mitchell
Don Monk
Judi Shade Monk
Christine T. Myers
Nigel Newbutt
Cuong Nguyen
Mahendrarajah Nimalendran
Ashlee Ossiboff
David Outerbridge
Silvana Paula-Moraes
Jorg Peters
Mario Poceski
Courtney M. Pyche
Heidi Radunovich
Czerne Reid
Cheryl Resch
Alison Reynolds
David Gaddis Ross
Eleonora Rossi
Daniel A. Rubin
Peter Sayeski

Marie Nancy Seraphin
Jinnie Shin
Catia Silva
Benjamin Smith
Hugh A. Smith
Edward L. Stanley
Svetlana Stepchenkova
Adam Wayne Stern
Ian D. Storch
Catherine Striley
Pilar Useche
Asoo Vakharia
Hannah Vander Zanden
Tripti Vashisth
Jason von Meding
Nian Wang
Cynthia Willming
Sarah Wolking
Stefanie Wulff
Sabrina Wyatt
Ying Xiao
Jing Zhao

Student Senators

Nick Andrews
Cole Bennett
Austin B. Edwards
Noor Golesorkhi
Sarah Hoffer (Alternate)
Ali Mahmoudi
Cassidy Naffziger
Kevin Senior

Liaisons

Kent Fuchs
Joe Glover
Christopher Hass
Tom Kelleher
Toby Shorey
Marta Wayne
Danaya Wright

Guests

Aaron Hoover