Committee on Committees (COC) Minutes

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

4:00 p.m.

via Zoom: https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96409001708?pwd=dvIiCXIjUEdvNF32Yi4gJ5WJXhwZAp.1
Meeting ID: 964 0900 1708 Password: 882282 Dial in: +1 305 224 1968

Present: Alison Reynolds, Rana Alissa, Ray Issa, Amelia Dempere, Laurie Bialosky, Jennifer Hofer, Joseph Riley, Sudeep Sidhu, and Kelly Jacoby.

1. **Call to Order – Alison Reynolds, Committee on Committees Chair**
   - The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. **Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations, & Standard (AFTPRS) Committee – Ray Issa, Chair**
   Dr. Issa relayed that the AFTPRS is a grievance committee, so it doesn't function in the same way the other Faculty Senate committees and councils do; if the faculty are happy and there are no cases, there are no meetings except for an annual committee member orientation meeting. The AFTPRS just received its first case in at least ten years. The Faculty Senate Bylaws indicate that the committee membership should include those with 'knowledge of due process' so a relevant issue is when there are limited (all elected by the Faculty Senate) AFTPRS faculty committee members who do not have legal expertise.
   Answer by Dr. Issa regarding communication: Sometimes the faculty bring issues to the committee, and while the committee welcomes questions, many do not rise to the level of faculty filing a specific grievance for the AFTPRS to review.
   Sr. General Counsel and AFTPRS administrative liaison Taylor Rose consistently attends as a liaison. The liaison function for individuals in the committees could be improved as well as the internal communications in the academic units and the colleges. The AFTPRS has approached the University Constitution and Regulations Committee (UCRC) to help amend some bylaw and constitutional language to increase the efficiency of the AFTPRS and its processes. Otherwise, there are no issues.

3. **University Information Technology Committee – Ray Issa, Chair**
   This committee is relatively new and is the last Faculty Senate Committee to be established. It was encouraged by (at the time) the new CIO Elias Eldayrie who wanted to receive faculty input, questions, and concerns on UF technology and platforms, etc.
   A recent committee emphasis has been in the area AI.
   Chair Issa does not think an SOP would be helpful. The committee largely listens to guest speakers and administrative/IT presentations and discusses those and the topics of the day.
   Q: Since UF Health and some other IT groups service some of the units represented in the committee, what are the proper communication channels used for reviewing faculty issues?
   Answer: Best way is to look for more channels on how to increase communications to the committee in a faster and more efficient manner, such as communicating with committee member Charley Widmer who takes the committee's notes and minutes. Then specific topics and questions can be brought to the committee for placement on the agenda and committee discussion. It was noted that each of the colleges have a representative on this committee, so it is Faculty Senate's largest. It also includes two units outside of UF's 16 colleges – University Libraries and the Florida Museum of

Natural History, which both also have representative seats on the UF Faculty Senate – so they have representation on this committee as well and this helps make discussion robust and diverse.

4. **Approve September 25, 2024, Minutes**
   The minutes were approved by Rana Alissa and seconded by Amelia Dempere.

5. **Update on the 2023 – 2024 Committee on Committees Report to the Senate Steering Committee**

   This item was tabled until the invited committees and their corresponding presentation dates are known.

   - View: http://senate.ufl.edu/committees--councils/ for a committee/council overview; CoC reviews only the committees highlighted below:

Name	Faculty membership consists of:	Seat filled by:	Reports to:
Faculty Senate Committees	UF Faculty	Nominated by UF Faculty & elected by UF Faculty Senators	UF Faculty Senate
Joint Committees	UF Faculty	Nominated by UF Faculty; Typically 50% elected by UF Faculty Senators and 50% Appointed by UF President/President's Designee	UF President & UF Faculty Senate
Presidential Committees	UF Faculty	Nominated by UF Faculty & appointed by UF President	UF President
(5) Senate Policy Councils	*Current (at the time of the election) Faculty Senators	Nominated by UF Faculty & elected by UF Faculty Senators	UF Faculty Senate

6. **Committee/Council 2024-2025 Invitations Schedule**

The CoC invitations have been distributed to all committee/council chairs who are up for review this academic year. We are still waiting for responses to establish the next committee guest(s) for the November meeting. We should have an idea by next month on the future presenting committees. Dr. Alissa volunteered to take the minutes for the November meeting.

- Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations, & Standards (AFTPRS) Committee – Oct 23, 2024
- University Information Technology Committee – Oct, 23 2024
- Professional Curriculum Committee (PCC) – TBD (last reported Oct 2021)
- Parking & Transportation Committee (PATC) – TBD (last reported Nov 2021)
- Research & Scholarship Council – TBD (last reported Nov 2021)
- Senate Nominating Committee – TBD (last reported Dec 2021)

- Academic Policy Council (APC) – TBD (last reported Dec 2021)
- General Education Committee (GEC) – TBD (last reported Jan 2022)
- Academic Assessment Committee – TBD (last reported Jan 2022)

➢ **Committee on Committees (Annual) – To report every April {Steering Comm meets Thurs Apr 24, 2025; Materials due to Faculty Senate Secretary by Weds Apr 16, 2025}**

Committees reviewed in 2023-2024 by CoC and CoC members assigned for Annual CoC Report:

- Senate Steering Committee—Reported Oct 2023
- Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards—Reported Nov 2023
- University Curriculum Committee—Reported Nov 2023
- Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee—Reported Jan 2024
- Infrastructure Council—Reported Jan 2024
- Lakes, Vegetation, & Landscaping Committee – Reported February 28
- Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee – Reported February 28
- Graduate Council – Reported March 2024

➢ Committee on Committees (Annual) – April 25, 2024

Committees reviewed in 2022-2023 by CoC:

- University Constitution & Regulations Committee (UCRC) – Oct 2022
- Academic Personnel Board – Nov 2022
- Welfare Council – Nov 2022
- Compensation & Equity Committee – Dec 2022
- University Libraries Committee (ULC) – Jan 2023
- Research Policy Committee – Mar 2023
- Student Petitions Committee – Dec 2022
- Sustainability Committee – Jan 2023
- Budget Council – Feb 2023

➢ Committee on Committees (Annual)

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 4:22p.m.

Minutes Submitted by CoC member Rana Alissa and Faculty Senate Secretary Laurie Bialosky.

Resources:

- *Committee on Committees SOP*
- *Constitution of the University of Florida* & *Bylaws of the Faculty Senate*