Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
April 29, 2010
3:00-5:00 P.M.
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Attendees:  Ellis Greiner
Jack Mecholsky  Jane Brockmann
Barbara Wingo  Frank Bova
Mary Ann Ferguson  Joe Glover
Tracy Rambo  Guests:
Dave Quillen  Tim Johnson
Scott Nygren  Mark Bishop

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM

The minutes of the April 1 meeting were approved.

Reports:

Chair’s Report  Jack Mecholsky, Chair

Jack Mecholsky reported that he would like the senate to encourage faculty to talk to their deans about supporting teaching centers in order to help faculty with teaching and teach new teaching techniques to seasoned professors.

President’s Report  Bernie Machen, President

Bernie Machen reported on the legislative session on Tallahassee. Machen also updated the steering committee on the tenure and promotion process and noted that the process will be finalized after the June BOT meeting. The steering committee felt that promotion for clinical track faculty should be different than for nonclinical faculty.

Provost’s Report  Joe Glover, Provost

Joe Glover updated the steering committee on the legislative session including the possibility to charge market rates for graduate off book courses, implement block tuition and increase fees.

Information Items:

Academic Freedom
Jack Mecholsky reported that the Senate received a request to discuss a specific case of academic freedom, however it is not appropriate for the Senate to review individual cases. The AFTPRSC can review grievances if one is brought forward. The Senate can discuss academic freedom in terms of what it is and the roles of all parties involved. Some aspects are universal some are very specific to colleges and units. The AFTPRSC may be charged with looking into this issue and report to welfare.
Council Reports:

Infrastructure Council                Jane Brockmann, Chair
The Infrastructure Council reviewed the textbook adoption site and created a list of recommendations for changes to the site. The council also discussed the FERPA training module. Jane will forward and the senate will follow up in six months.

Research and Scholarship Council                               Scott Nygren, Chair
The Research and Scholarship Council discussed centers and institutes and IDC and effort reporting, which will also be on next year’s agenda.

Welfare Council            Tony Offerle, Chair
No report.

Academic Policy Council                Tracy Rambo, Co-Chair
The council discussed the proposed department changes in PHHP and COM.

Budget Council                      David Quillen, Chair
The council will discuss PPD power management and “green” energy at the next meeting.

Action Items:
Approval of the May Senate Agenda
Ellis Greiner will discuss his tenure at UF during the directed discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM