

**Faculty Senate  
Minutes  
November 16, 2006  
3:00 -5:00 P.M.  
C1-7 Communicore Building**

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M.

The October 19, 2006 minutes were approved

**Reports:**

▪ **Chair's Report**

**Danaya Wright, Chair**

Dr. Wright reported on a few items that should be ready for information items in December including the Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations and Standards Committee resolution regarding a Dispute Resolutions Officer and timeline for filing grievances. The Academic Policy Council also is working to create a policy for revisions to the strategic plan. Dr. Wright also reported that the Welfare council has reviewed the climate survey which will be distributed in January or February 2007 and announced the follow up workshop on Shared Governance that is scheduled for January.

**Information Items:**

▪ **Graduate Council Items**

**Ken Gerhardt, Interim Dean Graduate School**

- Proposal to move the concentration Entrepreneurship under the Master of Science with a major in Business Administration to a Master of Science with a major in Entrepreneurship
- Proposal to sunset the International Relations PhD program in the Political Science Department

Laurence Alexander presented these items on behalf of Dr. Gerhardt. Both items will be presented as action items in December.

▪ **Constitution Items**

**Tim Taylor, Chair Constitution Committee**

Compensation Committee Language  
Nominating Committee Language

Dr. Taylor presented the constitution committee items as information. They will be action items in December.

Dr. Taylor noted that the compensation committee language was created using the information provided to them by the Committee on Committees. The COC asked the Senate for feedback regarding the committee structure in the Spring of 2006.

▪ **Minus Grades Recommendations**

**Carol Murphy, Academic Policy Council Member**

Dr. Murphy presented the Academic Policy Council's minus grades recommendations. If implemented, the minus grades will take three months to implement, allowing time for a programmer to change the current grading system. The start date is recommended to start at the beginning of an academic year and will apply to students in all classes. This start date will be noted on students' transcripts. Previous GPA's would not be readjusted. The APC did

not consider dropping the plus grade. Dr. Murphy reviewed the surveys of UF Colleges, UF's peer institutions and the SUS schools. Dr. Murphy also noted that the previous report by the University Curriculum Committee was in response to a request for an A+ and did not make recommendations regarding minus grades. Senators asked questions about grade inflation and minus grades. More information will be available before the next Senate meeting.

**Action Items:**

- **Name Change: Department of Decision and Information Sciences to the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management from the Curriculum Committee**

**Sheila Dickison**, Curriculum Committee Chair

Laurence Alexander presented this action item on behalf of Dr. Dickison. The item was approved.

**Open Discussion from Floor of Senate:**

There were no persons interested in an open discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:29 P.M.

**Attendees:**

Chunrong Ai  
Janaki Alavalapati  
MaryLou Behnke  
Paul Blaser  
Linda Bloom  
David Bloomquist  
Elizabeth Bolton  
Frank Bova  
Jesse Boyles  
Amer Ago Hanna  
William Buhi  
Regina Bussing  
Judy Butterfield  
Margaret Carr  
Bill Chen  
Jacob Chung  
Patrick Colahan  
Maureen Conroy  
Winfred Cooke  
Jerry Cutler  
Mark Davis  
Laura Ellis  
Mary Ann Ferguson  
Joanne Foss  
Stephen Futch

George Gerencser  
Martin Gold  
Ellis Greiner  
Cynthia Griffin  
Steve Hagen  
Alice Holmes  
James Klausner  
Shawn Kneipp  
Gail Kunkle  
John Leavey  
Christy Lemak  
Jenshan Lin  
Joseph Little  
Henrietta Logan  
Joseli Macedo  
Cathleen Martyniak  
William McArthur  
Robert McGovern  
Jack Mecholsky  
Bayard Miller  
Jacqueline Miller  
Stephen Mulkey  
Carol Murphy  
Satya Narayan  
June Nogle  
Scott Nygren  
Susan Percival

Joe Pergola  
Kathleen Price  
David Quillen  
Jaquelyn Resnick  
Richard Segal  
James Selph  
Orit Shechtman  
Sharleen Simpson  
Wesley Smith  
Taylor Stein  
Lewis Sussman  
Jim Taylor  
Saundra TenBroeck  
Pham Tiep  
Thomas Vickroy  
Eric Wachsman  
Kim Walsh-Childers  
Susan Web  
Danaya Wright  
Robert Zlotecki  
Barbara Zsembik

**Ex officio attendees:**

Ken Gerhardt  
Carol Kem  
Rebecca Pauly  
Kim Tanzer  
Tim Taylor  
John Wright

**Student Senators:**

Lou Delgato  
EJ Walicki  
Lindsey Collins  
Andrew John

**Guests:**

Yooni Yi  
Yumiko Hulvey  
Laurence Alexander  
William McCollough  
Asou Vakliaria  
Ido Oren  
Jett Esczm