

Senate Minutes
February 23, 2006
3:00 -5:00 P.M.
Reitz Union Auditorium

Agenda:

Approval of January 19, 2006 minutes

Kim Tanzer, Chair

Reports

Information Items

Action Items

Open Discussion from Floor of Senate

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 P.M.

The minutes of the January 19, 2006 meeting were approved

Chair's Report

Kim Tanzer, Chair

Professor Tanzer presented an apology printed in the Alligator on Feb. 14, 2006. She also reviewed the textbook resolution that Student Government passed as well as a resolution that Student Government passed opposing the proposed international student funding cuts in the state legislature. A faculty group has expressed interest in looking at the issue to determine if it is appropriate for the Faculty Senate to pass a similar resolution.

Professor Tanzer also presented the General Counsel's answer to a presented tenure and promotion question. Professor Tanzer reported that at the end of March a panel discussion for graduate students will be held in the Reitz Union. The topic for this discussion is "Renaissance Faculty." Graduate students will nominate outstanding graduate professors who are not only excellent faculty members but are also involvements in activities outside of academia. The purpose of this event is to encourage graduate students to maintain a balanced life while excelling as scholars. Professor Tanzer updated the Senate on the Board of Trustees retreat. The BOT looked at issues related to the future of the University. Manny Fernandez, BOT chair, will report to the Senate in March.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

Dr. Machen asked the Senate to designate councils to look at the strategic work plan. Dr. Machen stressed that the document is not finalized and encouraged faculty to submit input and advice. Several issues were discussed at the BOT retreat and the BOT supported the following issues: a continued effort to enhance undergraduate education while not continuing to expand; the primary campus location for UF is in Gainesville, graduate education will continue to assume a prominent role in the university; professional education will be responsive to statewide needs by expanding through distance learning and existing programs. Dr. Machen also stressed the importance of developing a safe and sustainable community relationship between the University and the City.

Information Items:

- [PeopleSoft Report](#)

Mike Conlon, Director of Data Infrastructure

Dr. Conlon updated the Senate on PeopleSoft. The presentation reviewed the current state of PeopleSoft and the 8 strategic initiatives for the program. There are currently over 600 people involved in advisory committees from various areas on campus.

- [Intercollegiate Athletics Report](#)

Jill Varnes, Dean HHP

Dr. Varnes updated the Senate on the purpose, goals and areas of responsibility of the Faculty Athletics Representative. She also reviewed the student athlete profile and SEC issues reviewed by Faculty Athletics Representatives. Faculty members have an obligation to report absence off student athletes in classes. Reports should be made to the Office of Student life.

- [Student Honor Court, Honor Code, and Student Conduct Committee](#)

Gene Zdziarski, Dean of Students

Dr. Zdziarski updated the Senate on the Student Honor Court, Honor Code and Student Conduct Committee. Dr. Zdziarski presented an overview on how the student honor system works including the recent Honor Code revisions, the adjudication process and areas where faculty involvement is needed. The Honor Code was recently updated after the Law school presented their revised honor code for approval from the VP of Student Affairs. Dr. Telles-Irvin thought the revisions should be applied to the entire university to add clarity to overly broad areas and identify areas not previously included. A committee from Student Affairs, Academic Affairs and the Law school made appropriate changes to the honor code and presented for approval. These regulation changes were approved during the Fall semester. Dr. Zdziarski stressed the importance of having faculty members report an alleged violation by contacting the Dean of Students Office. The majority of violations are resolved by the faculty. Dr. Zdziarski also stressed the importance of faculty involvement in these processes.

- [Constitution Committee report on Proposed Regulation Changes](#)

Danaya Wright, Constitution Committee member

Dr. Wright presented the constitution committee's report on the proposed regulation changes. The Senate has no power to approve or deny proposed regulations but faculty may send concerns to the General Counsel's office. All regulations were given a 'green light' except for the regulation concerning the medical school residents which was given a 'yellow light' for review by the College of Medicine faculty.

- [Office of Sustainability Report](#)

Les Thiele, Sustainability Committee Chair

Dr. Thiele updated the Senate on the sustainability committee progress. Currently there are three task forces working on: waste, energy conservation and academic/teaching research. There is also a group working on planning the sustainability day conference. The sustainability committee ran a lecture series in the fall and may do another lecture series in the future. The primary efforts of the committee have been to bring together a diverse group

of students, faculty and staff to focus on sustainability. The committee also created an office and hired a director and will hire an academic officer who will be a Provost Fellow in Sustainability and will work with the Director. The Provost Fellow will have a 1-2 year tenure and will work on promoting sustainability in academics and research on campus. The committee is also a new joint committee. The goal of the committee is to make UF a global leader in sustainability.

- [Electronic Voting Preliminary Research Findings](#)

Kim Tanzer, Chair

Professor Tanzer reviewed the cost of electronic voting and reviewed some pros and cons of the system. She also noted the number of times votes needed to be counted in the past three years. Professor Tanzer noted that a no cost alternative would be to use paper ballots as needed since only a small percentage of votes have been questioned or counted during the past three years.

Action Items:

Research Policy Council Proposed Changes

Rick Yost, Senate Research Council Chair

Rick Yost presented the following proposed changes to the Research and Scholarship Policy council.

- **Name change to Senate Council on Research and Scholarship Policy**

Motion was passed unanimously

- [Graduate Council to a Joint committee](#)

Motion was passed with one opposing vote

- [Research Policy Council structure changes](#)

Motion was passed with one opposing vote

Compensation Committee clarification from the Committee on Committees

Marylou Behnke and Michelle Foss, Committee on Committees co-chairs

- **Define charges**

- **Reporting Structure**

This action item was moved to an information item. Dr. Behnke and Ms. Foss requested additional information from the Senate regarding the compensation committee. The COC was asked to review the compensation committee resolution the Senate passed several years ago to create a permanent compensation committee. The COC felt it might be possible for this work to be completed by a council rather than creating a new committee. The COC would like input from the Senate as to the original intent of the resolution. Various senators spoke of the need to have a separate compensation committee to do work yearly. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 P.M.

Senator Attendees:

Chunrong Ai
Janaki Alavalapati
Jean Andino
Samin Anghaie
Joe Aufmuth
Barbara Barletta
Jerry Bartz
Mary Lou Behnke
Karen Bjorndal
David Bloomquist
Frank Bova
Lawrence Brock
Regina Bures
Mary Ann Burg
Dale Campbell
Margaret Carr
Douglas Cenzer
Sandra Chance
Carlene Chase
Bill Chen
John Cisar
Phillip Clark
Roxanne Connelly
Oscar Crisalle
Jerry Cutler
Harry Daniels
Timothy Davis
Julie Dodd
Tim Flynn
Joanne Foss
Alison Fox
Elizabeth Frazier
George Gerencser
Pete Giaccobi
Steve Ghivizzani
Jesse Gregory
Ellis Greiner
Cynthia Griffin
Steve Hagen
Curt Hannah
Marc Heft
Marc Hoit
Forrest Howard
Marjorie Hoy
Mike Katovich
Kristen Kemple
Saeed Khan
Peter Kima
James Klausner
Shawn Kneipp
Ary lamme

Senator attendees continued:

Jodi Lane
Christy Lemak
William Lindberg
Joseph Little
Cynthia Lord
Joseli Macedo
Lee McDowell
Lisa McElwee-White
Jacqueline Miller
Cathleen Martyniak
Satya Narayan
Yngve Ohrn
Mark Orazem
Karen Parker
Rebecca Pauly
Francis Putz
Leah Rosenberg
Orit Shechtman
John Schueller
James Selph
Mark Sheplak
Laura Sutton
Thomas Vickroy
Eric Wachsman
Bryan Weber
John Werning
Judith Williams
George Wilson
Ferdinand Wirth
Danaya Wright
Anthony Yachnis
Naomi Young
Robert Zlotecki

Ex Officio Attendees:

Dale Canelas
Michelle Foss
Janie Fouke
Ken Gerhardt
Pramod Khargonekar
Bernie Machen
Win Phillips
Stephen Pritz
Neil Sullivan
Kim Tanzer
Jill Varnes

Absent Senators:

Lise Abrams
Russell Bauer
Paul Blaser
David Bloom
Linda Bloom
Jesse Boyles
William Bui
Regina Bussing
Richard Burt
Christy Carter
Jacob Chung
Richard Conley
Maureen Conroy
Winfred Cooke
Lori Dangler
Mark Davis
Laura Ellis
Martin Gold
Abraham Goldman
Donald Graetz
Frederick Hamann
Peter Hansen
Carrie Haskell Luevano
Alice Holmes
Lisa House
William Kem
Peter Kima
Gail Kunkle
Bayard Miller
Gloria Moore
Paul Mueller
David Mulkey
Carol Murphy
Andy Naranjo
Max Nickerson
Susan Percival
Jim Pettigrew
Kathleen Price
Roger Reep
Jaquelyn Resnick
Rickie Rudd
Bhavani Sankar
Alan Sawyer
Doug Scott
Richard Segal
Charles Smith
Stephen Smith
Wesley Smith
Chris Snodgrass
Anita Spring
Lewis Sussman

Absent Senators continued:

Michele Tennant
Floyd Thompson
Nancy Waldron
Michael Weigold
Steven Willis
Allan Wysocki
Rick Yost
David Zacharias
John Ziegart

Absent Ex-officio:

Barry Ache
Jane Adams
Larry Arrington
Kirby Barrick
Doug Barrett
Pamela Bernard
Kyle Cavanaugh
Abdol Chini
Robert Cousins
Tony Dasta
Joel Demski
Joseph DiPietro
Teresa Dolan
John Duff
Catherine Emihovich
Robert Frank
Stephen Humphrey
Terry Hynes
Robert Jerry
Carol Kem
James Knight
Martha Kohen
Barbara Korner
John Kraft
Pradeep Kumar
Kathleen Long
Kevin Marshall
Donald McGlothlin
Mark McLellan
Edward Poppell
Pierre Ramond
William Riffie
Paul Robell
Patricia Telles-Irvin
Craig Tisher
Timothy White

Guests:

Rasha Ghalayini

Mike Conlon

John Ingram

Beth Layton

Yumiko Hulvey, CLAS

Jack Stripling

Jane Luzar

Hikam Nakano

Faith Meahm

Curtis Ball C&G

John Leavey CLAS