

Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
September 15, 2005
3:00 -5:00 P.M.
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Agenda:

Approval of August 11, 2005 minutes

Chair's Report

Information Items

Action Items

Council Reports

Attendees:

Frank Bova

Robert Cousins

Mike Katovich

Saeed Khan

Pradeep Kumar

Scott Nygren

Rick Ragan

Kim Tanzer

Barbara Wingo

Danaya Wright

Guests:

Sheila Dickison

Andy McCollough

Absent:

Sandra Chance

Janie Fouke

Bernie Machen

Jack Mecholsky

Pierre Ramond

Minutes:

The Meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. by Kim Tanzer

Approval of Minutes:

Kim Tanzer

The minutes from the August 11, 2005 meeting were unanimously approved.

Chair's Report:

Kim Tanzer

Professor Tanzer reported on the progress of the Faculty Senate newsletter, Academics. She also talked about creating a listserv for faculty to join so that faculty members can easily and openly communicate with other faculty members.

Professor Tanzer updated the committee on the Shared Governance Task-force meeting. The committee will work with the Provost's office to bring in a guest speaker from a university with a strong shared governance program. This speaker will help the task force create a workable plan for shared governance at UF.

Conversations About...University Budget will be held on Sept. 26, 2005 at 8:00 A.M. Ed Poppell will talk about the University Budget.

Group One elections are being conducted. This is the first election for Group One. Four senators will represent the group. The elections will end of Sept. 20, 2005.

Committee vacancies were filled from submitted nominations. The current membership diversity/ nominee diversity matrix was used to appoint members.

Motion to draft a letter in response to the Kayne West *Alligator* cartoon was approved unanimously. The letter will be written on behalf of the Senate.

Information Items:

Conversations About...University Budget

Dr. King was not available to speak to the committee.

New Orleans Disasters' Effect on Universities and Colleges

Dr. Fouke was not available to speak to the committee

Curriculum Changes

Sheila Dickison, University Curriculum Committee

Sheila Dickison reviewed items approved by the UCC that will be brought to the Faculty Senate as Information Items at the Sept. 22, 2005 meeting. The informational material is on the Web site.

The proposed changes to college graduations are being reviewed by the Provost. The new schedule will not take away a day of instruction.

Andy McCollough, Chair of the General Education Council reported to the committee on two general education requirement changes.

The recommendations for 3 credits of each International and Diversity courses and a minimum grade of a C in general education courses were both approved by the UCC last Spring.

Action Items:

The agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting was approved.

There will be an opportunity for an open floor discussion at the end of the meeting, as time permits. Each speaker will have 3 minutes. The floor will be open to Senators first.

Council Reports:

Budgeting Council

Frank Bova

The Budget Council is creating a plan to inform senators about budget decisions to be made in the summer. The council will develop various scenarios for senators to determine an ideal solution if the administration has multiple budgetary plans for consideration.

Faculty Welfare Council

Mike Katovich

The council will meet on Sept. 23, 2005. The council is working on the assigned tasks and will talk to Kyle Cavanaugh about the upcoming year. The Senate will hear the accomplishments of report before the Winter holiday break.

Research Council

Saeed Khan

The research council will meet to discuss PeopleSoft. There are three groups of administrators looking at the PeopleSoft issue. The council is working with issues that directly affect research and scholarship.

Infrastructure Council

Scott Nygren

The Infrastructure Council has scheduled meetings for the Fall. The council will discuss Parking and Transportation, and meet with representatives of the International Center to discuss infrastructure and support for international programs. The council is also working on Arts and Humanities Visualization Technology as a model for IT cooperation with faculty. Linda Dixon will present a report on the Master Plan at the Sept. 29, 2005, meeting. The council would like to have Linda Dixon speak to the senate at the October meeting. The proposed report would be 10 minutes with 5 minutes for questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.