

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
November 19, 2009
3:00 -5:00 P.M.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM

The minutes of the October 22, 2009 meeting were approved.

Reports

Chair's Report

Jack Mecholsky, Faculty Senate Chair

Jack Mecholsky reported that the nominations for university and senate committees are open and that a report on RCM will be given at the December Senate meeting. Frank Bova discussed RCM briefly and explained how the RCM plan was developed.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

Bernie Machen presented the SERU report and noted that there is room to increase the rigor of the undergraduate experience. He also announced that Student Government has an interest in making changes to the student union and is asking for a \$20 per semester fee to cover the costs of remodeling the union. He requested that the Faculty Senate contact Patricia Telles-Irvin or Jordan Johnson if the Faculty Senate is interested in participating in these discussions.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

Joe Glover updated the senate on the status of ongoing searches and the interview process for an ombuds person.

Action Item

Name Change from the Department of Communicative Disorders to the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences College of PPHP

Bernard Mair, University Curriculum Committee Chair

The proposal was approved.

Directed Discussion

Distance Education

Andy McCollough, Associate Provost for IT, E-Learning & Distance Education

Andy McCollough gave a presentation on distance education and the senate discussed the issue. McCollough said that distance education can contribute to our primary mission if we do it wisely and maintain the quality of what is delivered. He clarified that any for credit course would still need to go through the University Curriculum Committee, but continuing education courses are not part of that approval process. Faculty members expressed concern over the quality of distance education, the integrity of tests, intellectual property and

the need to build help desk support as distance education grows. The Florida Museum of Natural history offers courses, similar to continuing education courses, for non UF students. One faculty member noted that online courses are very labor intensive but less emotionally taxing and found that the online environment facilitated communication among students but that the professor's enthusiasm for the subject does not translate well in such an environment. A faculty member asked whether departments that can utilize distance education would be favored over those that cannot effectively utilize distance education.

Information Items

Constitution Committee definition of a layoff unit and regulations update

Jim Seale, Constitution Committee Chair

Jim Seale presented the constitution committee's recommendation for language to define a layoff unit. The language will be forwarded to the administration for consideration.

Seale also presented the constitution committee's regulations update.

Termination of M.S. in Poultry Science and Termination of M.S. in Dairy Science College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Ken Gerhardt, Associate Dean Graduate School

Ken Gerhardt presented two program termination proposals. These items will be an action item at the December meeting.

Creative Campus Committee Update

Lucinda Lavelli, Dean College of Fine Arts

Lucinda Lavelli gave a presentation on the creative campus committee.

Compensation Committee Report

James Maruniak, Compensation Committee Chair

James Maruniak gave the compensation committee's report.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

Senators first. Three minute limit per speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM

Attendees:	Jane Brockman	Lily Elefteriadou
	Cheri Brodeur	Mary Ann Ferson
	Eileen Buss	Jason Ferrell
Peter Adams	Nina Caputo	Joe Geunes
Wayne Archer	George Christou	Wayne Griffin
Manuel Arreola	Nereyda Clark	David Groisser
Tom Auxter	Donald Cohen	David Hahn
Lorena Baccaglini	Mary Collins	Frederick Hamann
Sammy Barkin	Betsy Creveling	Jeffrey Harman
Marylou Behnke	Oscar Crisalle	Alice Harmon
David Bloomquist	Barbara Curbow	Edward Hart
Gijs Bosman	Harry Daniels	Richard Hill

Pat Hogue
David Holmes
Mike Katovich
Stan Kaye
James Keesling
Saeed Khan
Michael Kladde
Stephen Lewis
William Lindberg
Greg MacDonald
Sue McGorray
Jack Mecholsky
Mike Meldrom
Deb Mitra
Martha Monroe
Satya Narayan
Vasudha Narayanan
Scott Nygren
Dan O'Neill
Marc Ottenga
Anand Paul
Nancy Poehlmann
Emily Pugh
David Quillen
Patrick Reakes
David Reed
Maria Rogal
Ruth Ron

Victoria Rovine
Sandra Russo
Richard Segal
Orit Shechtman
Susan Sinnott
Clay Smith
Stephen Smith
Keith Stanfill
Sevan Terzian
Kevin Thompson
Mark Tillman
Bruan Unruh
Tom Wichman
Henry Wihnyk
Sally Williams
Joel Yelich
Jennifer Zecdal
Dana Zimmel

Liaisons:
Cammy Abernathy
Mark Bishop
Frank Bova
Teresa Dolan
Henry Frierson
Paula Fussell
Joe Glover
Ellis Greiner

Lucinda Lavelli
Michael Perri
William Riffée
Jim Selae
Barbara Wingo
John Wright

Guests:
Pamela Dickrell
Susan White
Jim Maryniak
Philip Laipis
Jim Seale
Margeaux Johnson
Kris Kirmse
Eileen Oliver
Linda Butson
Selmi Erenguc
Karin Asghari
Joe Larkin
Andy McCollough
Sabine Grunweld
Peter Nbede-Kizza
Stephen Hanson
Melissa Johnson
Sherry Turmall
Gamie Turner