

Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

March 17, 2005

3:00 – 5:00 PM

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AGENDA:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approval of February 17, 2005 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
 ▪ Chair’s Report ▪ President’s Report
 ▪ Taking UF to a New Level. A Board Perspective | <p>Pierre Ramond, <i>Chair</i></p>
<p>Pierre Ramond, <i>Chair</i>
Bernie Machen, <i>President</i></p>
<p>Manny Fernandez, <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i></p> |
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Action Items:

- **Honorary Degree Committee Nominations**

Barry Ache, *Chair, Honorary Degrees & Distinguished Alumnus Awards*

Information Items:

- **Merit Pay Decision Questionnaire**

- **Proposed Constitutional Language**
 - Article II Section 5 - APA Assembly

- **UF Calendars**
 - 2005 Commencement Ceremonies
- **Name Change – Graduate Engineering Research Center**

- **New Degree Proposals**
 - Master of Science with a Major in Animal Molecular & Cellular Biology
 - Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Animal Molecular & Cellular Biology
 - Masters in International Taxation

- **Faculty Athletic Representative**

David Denslow, *Chair, Ad Hoc Compensation Committee.*

Chris Snodgrass, *Chair, Constitution Committee*

Sheila Dickison, *Chair, Curriculum Committee*

Vivian Correa, *Graduate School*

Albert Matheny, *Chair, Intercollegiate Athletic Committee*

Approval of February 17, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Pierre Ramond

Discussion: No Discussion

Action Taken: A motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously

Next Action: Minutes will be posted on the Faculty Senate website.

Chair's Report	Pierre Ramond
<p>Presentation: Pierre Ramond addressed the Faculty Senate and advised that the April meeting will be important as elections for the chair-elect will be held at the meeting. Senators must be present to vote.</p> <p>Pierre Ramond brought the Senate's attention to Bill # 837 currently in the Florida legislature. This bill infringes upon instructors' rights to introduce controversial matter into the classroom or coursework. He encouraged senators to read and review this bill.</p> <p>Pierre Ramond reminded the Senators that the April meeting is the last meeting of the year and the locale has changed. The meeting will be held in the Constans Theatre as there will be a performance along with the agenda items.</p>	
President's Report	Bernie Machen
<p>Presentation: President Machen addressed the Senate, providing an update on current events at UF.</p> <p>President Machen encouraged senators to get involved in the upcoming Senate elections. He stated that he will send a note to faculty asking them to participate and take a role in Shared Governance.</p> <p>President Machen noted that the position of Faculty Athletic Representative is being vacated and he will be looking, with help from the IAC Committee, to select an individual to fill this position. He encouraged senators to review the job description and to contact the Committee if interested. He noted that this will be a three year appointment with the possibility of renewing for an additional three years.</p> <p>President Machen mentioned that in the coming month a staff survey will be conducted and he asked senators to encourage their staff to participate. He also noted that in April or soon after, there will be another faculty survey conducted online.</p> <p>President Machen noted that there will be Board of Trustee meetings on Monday 3/21 and Tuesday 3/22 and encouraged senators to attend.</p> <p>The president said the budget process continues in Tallahassee. It is too early to be either optimistic or pessimistic. Lastly, he congratulated the basketball team for its success.</p>	
<p>Discussion: A senator questioned President Machen about the procedure to address media or other requests concerning legislation or other topics. She said she was instructed by a university entity to complete a form before consenting to answer questions. President Machen stated that this was not his policy, and he was unsure of what it was or where it was implemented. President Machen will look into this and address it at April's Senate meeting but encouraged all to voice their opinion and concerns.</p>	
Taking UF to a New Level. A Board Perspective	Manny Fernandez
<p>Presentation: Manny Fernandez, Chair of the Board of Trustees, presented information on UF's current status as a university with comparison to the top ten public universities and where UF needs to be in the future. He said the BOT and the administration are fully aligned. The pending capital campaign will be pivotal. This legislative session is critical. The first priority should be devolution.</p>	
Action Items	
Honorary Degree Committee Nominations	Barry Ache
<p>Presentation: Barry Ache presented to the Senate two nominations for honorary degrees, 1) Edward Vilella and 2) Nicholas Bodor.</p>	
<p>Action Taken: A motion was made to approve Edward Vilella. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made to approve Nicholas Bodor. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	<p>Next Action:</p>

Information Items

Merit Pay Decision Questionnaire

David Denslow

Presentation: David Denslow addressed the Senate and asked that they complete a questionnaire to be used by the Ad Hoc Committee on Compensation to determine merit pay processes within Departments/Colleges.

Proposed Constitutional Language

- Article II Section 5 - APA Assembly

Chris Snodgrass

Presentation: Chris Snodgrass presented two options for language for the APA Assembly. This will be posted as an action item for the April Senate meeting.

Discussion: Chris Snodgrass addressed another topic, Procedure of Proposed Rule Changes. Professor Snodgrass identified an option that the Constitution Committee had approved and identified some of the important rules changes that may affect faculty. This will be posted on the Senate website as well as updated as information is submitted.

UF Calendars

Sheila Dickison

Presentation: Sheila Dickison presented to the Senate the proposed academic calendars for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007. Due to a conflict with when the days fall, a proposal to eliminate one day during the academic year is being suggested.

Discussion: Suggestions to move the graduations to a Sunday and Monday were introduced. It was suggested that a reading day be eliminated. A suggestion to coordinate and schedule the appropriate exams to avoid this was proposed. This item will be voted on at the next Senate meeting.

Name Change – Graduate Engineering Research Center

Sheila Dickison

Presentation: Sheila Dickison proposed the name change of the Graduate Engineering Research Center to the Emerald Coast Research Engineering and Educational Facility. This will be posted as an action item for the April Senate meeting.

New Degree Proposals

- Master of Science with a Major in Animal Molecular & Cellular Biology
- Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Animal Molecular & Cellular Biology
- Masters in International Taxation

Vivian Correa

Presentation: Vivian Correa presented these three degree proposals. She emphasized that none required any additional financial resources. These items will be presented as action items at the April Senate meeting.

Faculty Athletic Representative

Albert Matheny

Presentation: Albert Matheny reiterated what President Machen had said about the FAR position. He encouraged faculty to email or call him if they were interested. Job description will be posted on the President's as well as Faculty Senate's website.

Additional Information

Meeting was Adjourned at 4:35pm.

Attendees:**Officers:**

Pierre Ramond, Chair
Kim Tanzer, Chair-Elect
Anthony Brennan, Past-Chair
Barbara Wingo, Parliamentarian
Rick Ragan, Secretary

Senators:

Reza Abbaschian
Barry Ache
Joe Aufmuth
Barbara Barletta
Jerry Bartz
David Bloom
David Bloomquist
Kenneth Boote
Frank Bova
Mary Ann Burg
Regina Bussing
Margaret Carr
Douglas Cenzer
Bill Chen
Patrick Colahan
Jerry Cutler
Timothy Davis
Calogero Dolce
Donna Duckworth
Laura Ellis
Pete Giacobbi
Donald Graetz
Jesse Gregory
Ellis Greiner
Cynthia Griffin
Steve Hagen
Peg Hall
Curt Hannah
Peter Hansen
Marc Hoit
Alice Holmes
Marjorie Hoy
Mike Katovich
Saeed Khan
Peter Kima
Pradeep Kumar
Joseph Little
Cynthia Lord
Lee McDowell
Jack Mecholsky
Cathleen Mook
Carol Murphy
Scott Myers

Satya Narayan
June Nogle
Scott Nygren
Paul Oppenheim
Karen Parker
Praveen Pathak
Rebecca Pauly
Jim Pettigrew
Francis Putz
Pierre Ramond
Jim Rodrigue
John Schueller
Richard Segal
Stephen Smith
Laura Bond Sutton
Kim Tanzer
Jane Townsend
Thomas Vickroy
Bryan Weber
John Werning
Judith Williams
Steve Willis
George Wilson
Danaya Wright
Anthony Yachnis
Rcik Yost
Naomi Young
John Ziegart
Robert Zlotecki

Ex-Officio

David Denslow
Joe Glover
Carol Kem
Pramod Khargonekar
Bernie Machen
Stephen Pritz
Chris Snodgrass
Jill Varnes
Priscilla Williams

Student Representatives

None

Guests

Linda Buston, HSC Library
Vivian Correa
Sheila Dickison
Manny Fernandez, BoT Chair
Michelle Foss, HSC Library
E. Jane Luzar, CALS
Albert Matheny
John Yelton, Physics