# Senate Minutes March 22, 2007 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

# Reitz Union Grand Ballroom

Danaya Wright called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM the February 15, 2007 minutes were approved.

# Reports:

## Chair's Report

Danaya Wright, Chair

Dr. Wright announced that the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees will be meeting in Gainesville next week. Shared Governance Task Force reports are due to the Senate office on April 30. Nominations for councils are still open. The minus grades resolution was approved by the President. Nominees for Senators are due to the Senate office on March 23. March 28 will be a take back the night event organized by the students. Dr. Wright recommended that the Senate work to create a process for recognizing student events.

## Provost's Report

Janie Fouke, Provost

Dr. Fouke reported that the Hub was recently reopened. The renovated building now houses the International Center, Academic technologies, conference rooms and training rooms. The University has hired a new Dean of the Graduate School, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, Dean of the Libraries and is still searching for a Dean of the College of Medicine. An announcement for applications was recently sent for Dean of the College of Journalism. UF will be accepting 6, 600 freshmen this year. The administration is considering accepting applications based on one deadline. The video boards that are used in the O'Connell center for basketball games will be available for college ceremonies taking place in the O'Connell center. The Academic Enhancement Program made it though one committee. There are 4 more committees to go through.

# **Information Items:**

County Extension Faculty

Rebecca Pauly, Welfare Council Chair

The Welfare council will not move forward with their recommendation regarding county extension faculty. The council will look to alternative solutions to solve the APB's work load issues.

#### Graduate council items

Ken Gerhardt, Interim Dean Graduate School

- PhD in Biostatistics
- Graduate School of Business

The PhD in Biostatistics will be an Action item at the April Senate meeting. The Graduate School of Business is an information item only as it is a non academic proposal.

■ Intercollegiate Athletics Update Jill Varnes, Faculty Athletics Representative Dr. Varnes presented data on the state of athletics at the university. UF athletes have a 92 percent graduation rate; the national average is 77 percent. The average GPA of UF athletes for the fall semester was 3.05.

 University Curriculum Committee Sheila Dickison, Curriculum Committee Chair Discontinuation of the CIS Major within the BSBA Program, College of Business

Dr. Dickison presented this item as information. It will be an action item in April. This is a proposal to discontinue the Computer Information Sciences major within the BSBA program in the College of Business. The College feels the students will be better served by enrolling in the Decision and Information Sciences major.

#### Baby Gator

Pam Pallas, Director Baby Gator

Ms. Pallas discussed Baby Gator's history, mission and facilities, which are available to faculty, staff and students. The presentation also reviewed the discrepancies in the need for Baby Gator vs. the available capacity. Ms. Pallas outlined future aspirations for increasing Baby Gator's facilities and requested the development of a joint task force to address a plan for care and early education of children of current and future UF faculty.

## Faculty Budget Resolution

Frank Bova, Budget Council Chair

Frank Bova presented a budget resolution to develop unit level budget committees to empower faculty to address budget issues at the local level. Joe Little suggested modifying the language to state that units shall have the power to establish a procedure rather than directing them to do so in a particular format.

Committee on Committees Recommendations

John Leavey, COC chair

- Student Memberships
- O University Curriculum Committee and General Education Committee John Leavey presented two recommendations on behalf of the Committee on Committees. The first is to include nonvoting student members on the policy councils (1 each), the Curriculum Committee (3) and the General Education committee (2).

The second is to change the membership structure of the General Education committee and the University Curriculum committee in order to increase faculty participation on these committees.

# **Action Items:**

Sustainability Focus the Nation Resolution

Eva Czarnecka-Verner, Chair Sustainability Committee

The Sustainability Focus the Nation Resolution was approved with a vote of 36-34.

Honorary Degrees Committee Recommendations

Saeed Khan, Honorary Degrees Committee Chair

The Honorary Degree candidates Hines and Barish were approved.

The Honorary Degree candidate Bush was not approved with a vote of 38-28.

#### **Discussion from Floor:**

There was not a discussion from the floor and the meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM

**Attending Senators:** 

Chunrong Ai Janaki Alavalapati David Bloomquist Elizabeth Bolton Frank Bova Jesse Boyles

Kenneth Broadway
Jane Brockmann
Pamela Brown
Same Brown
Regina Bures
Judy Butterfield
Dale Campbell
Margaret Carr
Jacob Chung
Phillip Clark
Winfred Cooke

Elizabeth Creveling Oscar Crisalle Harry Daniels Mark Davis Laura Ellis

Mary Ann Ferguson

Joanne Foss Thomas Foster Stephen Futch Maria Gallo Geroge Gerencser

Malay Ghosh
Pete Giacobbi
Ellis Greiner
Cynthia Griffin
Dave Hackett
Steve Hagen
Marc Hoit

Alice Holmes Marjorie Hoy Rebecca Jordi Henry Jowers William Kem Saeed Khan James Klausner Shawn Kneipp Pradeep Kumar

Gail Kunkle Jodi Lane

John Leavey Robyn LeBoeuf Christy Lemak

Jenshan Lin William Lindberg Joseph Little Joseli Macedo Robert McGovern

Gloria Miller Jacqueline Miller Stephen Mulkey Satya Narayan June Nogle Sven Norman Scott Nygren Yngve Ohrn Susan Percieval Joe Pergola Kathleen Price David Quillen

Ron Randles
Roger Reep
Rolf Renne
Leah Rosenberg
Bhavani Sankar
Nancy Schaefer
Richard Segal
James Selph
Orit Shechtman
Pierre Kikivie
Sharleen Simpson

Chris Snodgrass

Anita Spring Craid Stanley Taylor Stein Lewis Sussman Robert Thomas Pham Tiep Jseph Unruh Eric Wachsman Kim Walsh-Childers

Bryan Weber Brenda Williams Judith Williams Patricia Woods Danaya Wright Allen Wysocki Rick Yost Naomi Young Barbara Zsembik

# Ex officio students:

EJ Walicki Andrew John

**Ex officio:** Ianie Fouke

Robert Frank
Ken Gerhardt
Carol Kem
Pramod Khargonekar
Lucinda Lavelli
Rebecca Pauly
Kim Tanzer

## **Guests:**

Yooni Yi

Ryan Moseley

Susan Kelly

Brooke Burn

Sharon Treen

Kim Fulscher

Jim Davis

Celia Hill

Cindy Sanders

Larry Halsey

Joan Bradshaw

Nancy Moores

Donna Peacock

David Holmes

Bill Schall

Gary England

Mike Swent

Barbara Yryhev

Mary Salisbury

Maisie Ross

Nancy Gal

ZM Esel

Rohn K

Selcuk Erenguc

Pamela Pallas

Anita Neal

Ramon Littell

Wendy Wilbern

Jim DeValerio

Nola Vilson

Mike Daniels

Albert Mate

Elena Anderson

Wesley Nina

Lamma Alesade

Stephen Itaason

Angel Kwolek-Folland

Eva Czernecka-Verner

Jessica Sullivan