

Senate Minutes
December 14, 2006
3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Reitz Union Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM

The minutes of the November 16, 2006 minutes were approved.

Reports:

▪ **Chair's Report**

Danaya Wright, Chair

Danaya Wright reported that nominations for committees will open in January and elections will be held in April. Dr. Wright also noted that she is beginning to look into ways to increase student involvement on committees and councils. The Alligator has created an ombudsman position.

▪ **President's Report**

Bernie Machen, President

Dr. Machen reported that the early admissions acceptance letters have been distributed. Dr. Machen also reported that there was a 60 percent improvement in correspondence between faculty and textbook stores for textbook adoptions and a 75 percent increase in correspondence this fall. Drop/add will be extended in the spring to allow students extra time because the championship football game is on the first day of the spring term. The O'Connell center will be available for students, faculty and staff to watch the game. The gates will open at 6:30 PM. Dr. Machen reported that 3,000 students have already signed up for GatorGradCare. The GatorGradCare will begin in January 2007. The Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors has approved the proposal to establish the Academic Enrichment Program to provide 500 faculty members and 100 advisors. The proposal needs to be approved by the State Legislature. Ongoing searches include a search for a dean of the Graduate School, dean of the College of Medicine, and a dean of the Libraries. The Future of the Libraries committee submitted a report which is available on the Provost's Web site. Please send comments to the Provost.

Information Items:

▪ **Provost Budget Allocation Committee**

Bob Jerry, Chair Budget Allocation Committee

Dean Jerry presented a report from the Provost Budget Allocation Committee. The committee's Web site is www.aa.ufl.edu/pbac. The committee is not looking into individual college budgets, rather it is looking at budget allocation models for the entire University.

▪ **Alternative Transportation**

Allen Preston Physical Plant

There was not a report on alternative transportation.

▪ **Dispute Resolution Officer Recommendations**

Marc Heft, Chair AFTPRSC

Marc Heft presented the Dispute Resolution Officer recommendations. This item will be an action item in January.

▪ **Honorary Degrees Recommendations**

John Leavey, Committee on Committees Chair

John Leavey presented the Committee on Committees recommendations for the honorary degrees committee. This item will be an action item in January. Correction: This item will not be presented as an action item in January. The item will be sent back to the Honorary Degrees Committee for input after the President has given input on the recommendations.

- **Graduate Council Items** **Ken Gerhardt**, Interim Dean Graduate School
 - Proposal to sunset three degrees 1. the Master of Civil Engineering with a major in Civil Engineering 2. the Engineer degree with a major in Civil Engineering 3. the Engineer degree with a major in Coastal and Oceanographic Engineering

Ken Gerhardt presented these sunset proposals from the College of Engineering. These items will be presented as an action item in January.

Action Items:

- **Graduate Council Items** **Ken Gerhardt**, Interim Dean Graduate School
 - Proposal to move the concentration Entrepreneurship under the Master of Science with a major in Business Administration to a Master of Science with a major in Entrepreneurship
 - Proposal to sunset the International Relations PhD program in the Political Science Department

Both items were approved.

- **Constitution Items** **Tim Taylor**, Constitution Committee Chair
Nominating Committee Language

The nominating committee language was approved.

Compensation Committee Language

Eric Wachsman moved to amend the presented compensation committee language. The motion to amend the language was approved. The Senate will vote on the amended language in January.

- **Minus Grades Recommendations** **Anita Spring**, Academic Policy Council Chair

Anita Spring presented a minus grades resolution from the Academic Policy Council. The resolution passed with only 15 opposing votes. The resolution will be forwarded to the President for approval. The resolution states that:

The Faculty Senate approves the adoption of minus grades with the following symmetric configuration:

`A	4.00 grade points
A-	3.67 grade points
B+	3.33 grade points
B	3.00 grade points
B-	2.67 grade points
C+	2.33 grade points
C	2.00 grade points
C-	1.67 grade points
D+	1.33 grade points
D	1.00 grade points
D-	0.67 grade points
F	0.00 grade points

The proposed start date is summer 2007 or January 2008 and transcripts will note the change in grading scale. Faculty members have academic freedom to use plus and/or minus grades.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM

Attendees:

Amer Abu-Hanna
Robert Adelson
Janaki Alavalapati
Paul Blaser
Linda Bloom
David Bloomquist
Elizabeth Bolton
Frank Bova
Jane Brockman
Pamela Brown
Sam Brown
Regina Bures
Judy Butterfield
Margaret Carr
Bill Chen
Phillip Clark
Chris Cogle
Oscar Crisalle
Jerry Cutler
Philipp Dahm
Harry Daniels
Mark Davis
Timothy Davis
Laura Ellis
Mary Ann Ferguson
Tim Flynn
Thomas Foster
Elizabeth Frazier
Stephen Futch
George Gerencser
Paul Goldstein
Ellis Greiner
Steve Hagen
Marc Heft
Marc Hoit
Alice Holmes
Saeed Khan
James Klausner
Shawn Kneipp
Pradeep Kumar
John Leavey
Robyn LeBoeuf
Christy Lemak
William Lindberg
Henrietta Logan
Joseli Macedo
Cathleen Martyniak

William McArthur
Robert McGovern
Jack Mecholsky
Bill Montgomery
Carol Murphy
June Nogle
Sven Norman
Scott Nygren
Mark Orazem
Susan Percival
Joe Pergola
Steven Perz
Kathleen Price
David Quillen
Ron Randles
Roger Reep
Renne Rolf
Leah Rosenberg
Nancy Schaefer
James Selph
Orit Shechtman
Pierre Sikivie
Wesley Smith
Stephen Smith
Chris Snodgrass
Anita Spring
Craig Stanley
Taylor Stein
Robert Thomas
Thomas Vickroy
Eric Wachsman
Bryan Weber
Brenda Williams
Judith Williams
Patricia Woods
Danaya Wright
Allen Wysocki
Rick Yost
Naomi Young

Ex officio attendees:

Ken Gerhardt
Robert Jerry
Carol Kem
Pramod Khargonekar
Rebecca Pauly
Tim Taylor

Guests:

Yooni Yi
Yumiko Hulvey

Ido Oren
William McCollough
Lyle Brenner