

**Senate Steering Committee  
Minutes  
April 1, 2010  
3:00-5:00 P.M.  
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**Attendees:**

Jack Mecholsky  
Barbara Wingo  
Amelia Bell  
David Quillen  
Mary Ann Ferguson  
Scott Nygren  
Jane Brockmann  
Joe Glover

Frank Bova

**Guests:**

Barnard Mair  
Judy Russell  
Margaret Temple-Smith  
Mark Bishop  
Jim Seale

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

**Reports:**

**Chair's Report**

**Jack Mecholsky, Chair**

Jack Mecholsky reported that two bills are being considered during the legislative session regarding teachers and retirement plans. There will be a May 6<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting and an April 29<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting. Mecholsky announced Marc Heft and Scott Nygren as the chair elect nominees. Mecholsky also announced that the Senate has received a request to review the 75 minute class issue. The Provost discussed the students in the documentary film institute and their documentary on Haiti.

**Information Items:**

**Open Access and the library's institutional repository**     **Judy Russell**, University Libraries Dean  
This item will be an information item at the April Senate meeting.

**Proposal to create a department of linguistics in CLAS**

The program has been in place since 1969 and has been functioning as a department. The proposal has been approved by the faculty, dean, provost, UCC and APC. Linguistics is already a stand-alone unit. This item will be an information item at the April Senate meeting.

**Department changes in PHHP and COM**

The committee discussed the proposed reorganization to improve interdisciplinary education and collaboration between these two departments. The reorganization will improve productivity and

national identities. This proposal will require a constitutional change to allow a department to fall into more than one college. This item will be an information item at the April Senate meeting.

**Credit Hour Increase for an Electrical Engineering Degree-** **Bernard Mair**, UCC Chair  
The committee discussed the proposal and discussed the UCC workload.  
This item will be an information item at the April Senate meeting.

**Academic Assessment Committee Constitution Language**  
**Margaret Temple Smith** Constitution Committee Chair elect  
This item will be an information item at the April Senate meeting.

**UF Alumni Association** **Jeffery Q. Jonasen** President, UF Alumni Association  
This item will be an information item at the April Senate meeting.

### **Council Reports:**

**Research and Scholarship Council** **Scott Nygren**, Chair  
The council discussed effort reporting and identified complexities. Scott Nygren requested that effort reporting be an information item at the April senate meeting. The council had discussed proposing an online effort reporting that includes pop-ups to make faculty aware of the implications of completing forms. Nygren reported that Henrietta Logan will be chair and Bob Cook will be co-chair and Deb Murie will be representative on the effort reporting task force.

**Welfare Council** **Tony Offerle**, Chair  
No report.

**Academic Policy Council** **Tracy Rambo**, Co-Chair  
No report. Nancy Poehlman will be chair for the upcoming year.

**Budget Council** **David Quillen**, Chair  
Energy management and RCM will be the council's agenda for next year.  
James Klausner and Regina Bussing will be next year's co-chairs.

**Infrastructure Council** **Jane Brockmann**, Chair  
The council discussed the textbook adoption website and concerns with the site. The textbook adoption site group will interact with the IC in the future to obtain feedback. The council will talk about the FERPA training module from the point of view of the faculty member taking it. Barbara Wingo will meet with Susan Blair to discuss FERPA training in order to make changes to the module. Feedback about the training should be given to Wingo. Chuck Frazier and Steve Pritze will be at the next IC meeting to discuss FERPA training on their sites. The council would like to know is the authority on what trainings are required and if trainings can be combined?

### **Action Items:**

The directed discussion topic will be Open Access and Scott Nygren will present on effort reporting. The agenda was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM