

**Senate Steering Committee  
Minutes  
April 29, 2010  
3:00-5:00 P.M.  
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Attendees:  
Jack Mecholsky  
Barbara Wingo  
Mary Ann Ferguson  
Tracy Rambo  
Dave Quillen  
Scott Nygren

Ellis Greiner  
Jane Brockmann  
Frank Bova  
Joe Glover  
Guests:  
Tim Johnson  
Mark Bishop

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM

The minutes of the April 1 meeting were approved.

**Reports:**

**Chair's Report**

**Jack Mecholsky, Chair**

Jack Mecholsky reported that he would like the senate to encourage faculty to talk to their deans about supporting teaching centers in order to help faculty with teaching and teach new teaching techniques to seasoned professors.

**President's Report**

**Bernie Machen, President**

Bernie Machen reported on the legislative session on Tallahassee. Machen also updated the steering committee on the tenure and promotion process and noted that the process will be finalized after the June BOT meeting. The steering committee felt that promotion for clinical track faculty should be different than for nonclinical faculty.

**Provost's Report**

**Joe Glover, Provost**

Joe Glover updated the steering committee on the legislative session including the possibility to charge market rates for graduate off book courses, implement block tuition and increase fees.

**Information Items:**

**Academic Freedom**

Jack Mecholsky reported that the Senate received a request to discuss a specific case of academic freedom, however it is not appropriate for the Senate to review individual cases. The AFTPRSC can review grievances if one is brought forward. The Senate can discuss academic freedom in terms of what it is and the roles of all parties involved. Some aspects are universal some are very specific to colleges and units. The AFTPRSC may be charged with looking into this issue and report to welfare.

## **Council Reports:**

### **Infrastructure Council**

**Jane Brockmann, Chair**

The Infrastructure Council reviewed the textbook adoption site and created a list of recommendations for changes to the site. The council also discussed the FERPA training module. Jane will forward and the senate will follow up in six months.

### **Research and Scholarship Council**

**Scott Nygren, Chair**

The Research and Scholarship Council discussed centers and institutes and IDC and effort reporting, which will also be on next year's agenda.

### **Welfare Council**

**Tony Offerle, Chair**

No report.

### **Academic Policy Council**

**Tracy Rambo, Co-Chair**

The council discussed the proposed department changes in PPHP and COM.

### **Budget Council**

**David Quillen, Chair**

The council will discuss PPD power management and "green" energy at the next meeting.

## **Action Items:**

Approval of the May Senate Agenda

Ellis Greiner will discuss his tenure at UF during the directed discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM