

Senate Steering Committee

Minutes

March 10, 2005

3:00 – 5:00 PM

226 Tigert Hall

AGENDA:

- Approval of February 3, 2005 Steering Meeting Minutes
- Approval of February 17, 2005 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Pierre Ramond, Chair

Reports:

- **Chair's Report**
 - ① Speakers Bureau
 - ② Collective Bargaining

Pierre Ramond, Chair

- **Councils Report**

Council Chairs

Information Items:

- **Honorary Degree Committee Nominations**
- **Proposed Constitutional Language**
 - ① Article V Section 4 - Permanent Compensation Committee
 - ② Article II Section 5 - APA Assembly
- **UF Calendars**
- **Name Change – Graduate Engineering Research Center**
- **New Degree Proposals**
 - ① Master of Science with a Major in Animal Molecular & Cellular Biology
 - ② Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Animal Molecular & Cellular Biology
 - ③ Masters in International Taxation
- **Faculty Athletic Representative**

Barry Ache, Chair, Honorary Degrees & Distinguished Alumnus Awards

Chris Snodgrass, Chair, Constitution Committee

Sheila Dickison, Chair, Curriculum Committee

Vivian Correa, Associate Dean, Graduate School

David Bloomquist, Member, Intercollegiate Athletic Committee

Action Item

- **Vote on Upcoming Senate Agenda**

Kim Tanzer, Chair-Elect

Approval of February 3, 2005 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes	Pierre Ramond
Action Taken: A motion to approve minutes was presented. Motion was approved unanimously.	Next Action: Minutes will be posted on the Faculty Senate website.
Approval of February 17, 2005 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes	Pierre Ramond
Action Taken: A motion to approve minutes was presented. Motion was approved unanimously.	Next Action: Minutes will be presented at 03.17.2005 Senate meeting.
Reports	
Chair's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speakers Bureau ● Collective Bargaining 	Pierre Ramond
<p>Presentation: Pierre Ramond addressed the Steering Committee. Stated that he had a meeting with the head of the UF Alumni Association Speakers Bureau and would like to begin to explore having faculty address alumni organizations around the globe about matters other than athletics, through a Speakers Bureau. Will work to develop this network.</p> <p>Pierre Ramond noted that the April meeting will be moved to the Constans Theatre as a dance performance will be given by the College of Fine Arts.</p> <p>Pierre Ramond mentioned that the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Manny Fernandez will be speaking at the 03.17.2005 Senate meeting.</p> <p>Pierre Ramond asked for volunteers to serve on the Teacher/Scholar Nominations Committee. Three people from the Steering Committee are selected to serve each year. The three individuals nominated/chosen were Robert Cousins, Gene Hemp and Saeed Khan. These names will be forwarded to Debra Walker-King.</p> <p>Following a discussion at the Board of Trustees retreat, a member of the UF branding team will make a presentation at the April Senate meeting.</p>	
Councils Report	Council Chairs
<p>Presentation: Each Council Chair updated the Steering Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Mike Katovich, Chair of the Council on Academic Freedom, Faculty Quality & Welfare</u> Discussed budgetary costs and indirect costs. Discussed the need to set a standard for reimbursement of the Faculty Senate Chair Recommended three councils (Planning & Budgeting, Research & Scholarship, and Faculty Welfare) <i>all</i> be involved in any discussion of indirect costs. ● <u>Frank Bova, Chair of the Council on Academic Planning, Budgeting & Resource Allocation</u> Requested to hand out a questionnaire at the next Senate meeting to get information on merit pay decisions at the Department/College level. Suggested that Councils Chairs meet on a regular basis to maintain uniformity as some issues overlap. ● <u>Scott Nygren, Chair of the Council on Academic Infrastructure & Support</u> Addressed whether the Council should put forth a statement this year or next year on suggestions for improving UF Libraries. Suggested that the council should prod the Libraries Committee and deliver a preliminary statement this year. Scott Nygren will meet with his Council. ● <u>Joan Frosch, Member of the Council on Academic Policy, Curriculum & Structure</u> Addressed the issue of the UF calendars and the suggestion to remove one day from each of the fall and spring semesters. Stated that Council had discussed this and did not agree that this was the best outcome. Asked for an update on the Academic Learning Compact. Interim Provost Glover will contact Council to discuss. Inquired about the new National point system for the NCAA. UF representative on panel will be contacted to address the Senate Steering Committee 	

Information Items	
Honorary Degree Committee Nominations	Barry Ache
<p>Presentation: Barry Ache presented the two nominations for honorary degrees. Asked that the Steering Committee consider these individuals to be put forward at the Senate meeting as Action Items as one is time sensitive due to the desire to have the honoree included at commencement.</p>	
<p>Discussion: The Steering Committee agreed that the nominations will be put forward as Action Items to be voted upon at the next Faculty Senate meeting.</p>	
Proposed Constitutional Language	Chris Snodgrass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Article V Section 4 - Permanent Compensation Committee ● Article II Section 5 - APA Assembly 	
<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Language for the permanent Compensation Committee was discussed. Will not be included on the Faculty Senate Agenda for 03.17.2005. ● Two options were introduced to define the APA assembly. This will be included on the Faculty Senate Agenda for 03.17.2005 as an Information Item. 	
<p>Discussion: Several members of the Steering Committee expressed their concern that the language presented addressed a decision that had yet to be made by the Courts. It was noted that there would be no effect on the elections of this permanent committee if it was presented now or in the Fall because the ad hoc committee would stay in place through next Spring when the next election cycle begins. This will be pulled from the agenda and presented at a later date.</p>	
UF Calendars	Sheila Dickison
<p>Presentation: Sheila Dickison presented proposed revision to the 2005-2006 and 2007-2007 UF academic calendars and the possibility of eliminating one classroom instruction day in each of the fall and spring semesters. Stated that if a day is added to the beginning of the fall and spring semesters, classes will begin on January 2nd in 2008 which means registration will be on New Years Eve.</p>	
<p>Discussion: Steering Committee agreed unanimously to include this on the Faculty Senate Agenda as an information item for 03.17.2005.</p>	
Name Change – Graduate Engineering Research Center	Sheila Dickison
<p>Presentation: Sheila Dickison presented the request for the Graduate Engineering Research Center's name change. The new name would be the Emerald Coast Research and Engineering Educational Facility.</p>	
<p>Discussion: The Steering Committee agreed unanimously to include this as an information item on the next Faculty Senate agenda for 03.17.2005.</p>	
New Degree Proposals	Vivian Correa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 	
<p>Presentation: Vivian Correa from the Graduate School presented these three proposed degrees. Stated that there were no additional costs related.</p>	
<p>Discussion: All degrees were approved by the Steering Committee for inclusion on the 03.17.2005 Faculty Senate Agenda.</p>	

Faculty Athletic Representative	David Bloomquist
Presentation: David Bloomquist presented a job description for this position. Stated that there was a three-year term of service which had the possibility to be renewed for three additional years. Asked that Steerers encourage those with interest.	
Discussion: This will be included as an information on the next Faculty Senate agenda.	
Action Items	
Approval of Senate Meeting Agenda	Kim Tanzer
Presentations: A proposed schedule for the 03.17.2005 Faculty Senate meeting was provided.	
Discussion: The Constitution Committee's presentation of the permanent Compensation Committee language will be removed.	
Action Taken: With the noted change the agenda was approved unanimously	Next Action: The agenda will be posted on the Faculty Senate website and a message will be sent to the Deans and Faculty Senate listserv.
Additional Information	
Meeting Adjourned at 4:35pm.	
Attendees:	
<p>Officers: Pierre Ramond, Chair-Elect Kim Tanzer, Chair-Elect Anthony Brennan, Past-Chair Barbara Wingo, Parliamentarian Rick Ragan, Secretary</p> <p>Council Chairs: Frank Bova Mike Katovich Scott Nygren Saeed Khan</p> <p>Members: Kim Emery Joe Glover Gene Hemp Pradeep Kumar</p> <p>Guests: Barry Ache David Bloomquist Vivian Correa Sheila Dickison Mike Friel Joan Frosch Jane Luzar Chris Snodgrass</p>	