

**Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
October 26, 2006
3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
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Attendees:

Danaya Wright
Frank Bova
Chris Snodgrass
Mary Ann Burg
Pradeep Kumar
Barbara Wingo
Peggy Carr

Janie Fouke
Rick Yost
Anita Spring

Guests:

Ken Gerhardt
Tim Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM
The minutes of the October 5 and 12, 2006 meetings were approved.

There was not a chairs report.

Information 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

Ken Gerhardt presented these items as information on behalf of the Graduate School. The steering committee discussed the graduate proposals. The committee also discussed creating a template of questions for the UCC to ask when items come before them. This will ensure that the Senate knows what issues have already been considered when an item is presented to the Senate. These items will be presented to the Senate as information in November.

- **Minus Grades Recommendation from APC** **Anita Spring**, Policy Council Chair
Anita Spring presented minus grades information to the steering committee. The APC will recommend to the Senate to adopt minus grades at UF. The council is waiting for more information from the registrar's office about cost and implementation. Dr. Fouke suggested getting student input into the issue before finalizing recommendations. Rick Yost suggested sending an e-mail to each college's undergraduate council to get feedback.

- **DRO/ Grievance proposal**

There was not an update on the DRO proposal.

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

Tim Taylor presented nominating committee language which changes the composition of the committee from 4 to 6 members. This language will be presented as information to the Senate in November.

Council Reports:

- **Budgeting Council**

Frank Bova, Chair

The budget council received a presentation from Marie Zeglen and Sheri Austin about the University budget process. The Provost is working on a new program review template and two members of the budget council are participating in that process. Dr. Bova also reported that the data from the Zeglen/Austin presentation is on the budget council Web page.

- **Research Council**

Mary Ann Burg, Chair

The research council will review centers and institutes and get an update on the review process of centers. There needs to be an updated memo or template for reviewing that is inclusive of institutes not funded by research. The council also found out that there is no language for sunseting centers. Dr. Fouke reported that all of the centers and institutes that have been approved in the past 12 months have contained a sunset clause.

- **Academic Infrastructure**

Peggy Carr, Chair

The infrastructure council has not met since the last steering committee meeting.

- **Faculty Welfare Council**

Rebecca Pauly, Chair

There was not a welfare council report.

- **Academic Policy Council**

Anita Spring, Chair

The policy council met to discuss the Bologna process and will receive recommendations from Dr. Gerhardt once some recommendations are developed. Dr. Spring updated the steering committee on the issue.

Action Items:

Approval of Senate Agenda for the November 16, 2006 meeting

The agenda for the November Senate meeting was approved with the omission of the DRO information item.

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM