

Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
March 1, 2007
3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
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Attendees:

Janie Fouke
Rebecca Pauly
Frank Bova
Carol Kem
Rick Yost
John Leavey
Mary Ann Burg
Sandra Chance

Anita Spring
Peggy Carr
Kim Tanzer
Danaya Wright

Guests:

Ken Gerhardt
Pam Pallas
David Bloomquist

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 P.M.
The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Reports:

▪ **Chair's Report**

Danaya Wright, Chair

There was not a chair's report.

▪ **Provost's Report**

Janie Fouke, Provost

Dr. Fouke reported that the university has hired a new dean of the graduate school and has extended an offer for the associate provost for undergraduate education. The Provost sent a memo to deans, asking them to update their promotion and tenure timelines on their Web sites so it more accurately reflects the time when faculty members will hear results of their Tenure and Promotion evaluation.

Information Items:

▪ **Graduate council items**

Ken Gerhardt, Interim Dean Graduate School

- PhD in Biostatistics
- Graduate School of Business

Dr. Gerhardt presented two information items. They will be presented as information items at the March Senate meeting. A discussion about new degree programs and the libraries determined that the libraries should be consulted prior to the establishment of new degree programs to ensure that they can meet the needs of the program. Dr. Gerhardt will work on including a signature page for the libraries in all new degree program requests.

▪ **Intercollegiate Athletics Report**

David Bloomquist, Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Representative

Dr. Varnes and Mr. Foley will present an intercollegiate athletics report to the Senate in the Spring to discuss student athletes and academics at the University of Florida.

▪ **Baby Gator**

Pam Pallas, Baby Gator Director and Rebecca Pauly

Ms. Pallas presented information on Baby Gator. The Senate information item will focus on what is currently available and Baby Gator's future aspirations.

- **Committee on Committee Recommendations** **John Leavey, COC chair**
 - Recommendation on Policy Councils and Committees
 - Recommendation on Student Memberships
 - Recommendation on University Curriculum Committee and General Education Council

Dr. Leavey presented three recommendations from the COC. The recommendations on student members and the UCC/Gen Ed will go to the Senate as information in March.

- **Faculty Budget Resolution** **Frank Bova, Budget Council Chair**

Dr. Bova presented a budget resolution supporting the establishment of unit level budget committees. Danaya Wright and Frank Bova will revise the resolution and submit to the Budget council and Steering Committee for approval prior to the March Senate meeting, where this item will be information.

- **County extension agents** **Rebecca Pauly, Welfare Council Chair**

The Welfare council discussed this issue of the county extension agents. This will be presented as an information item again in March so that faculty members have another opportunity to express their ideas about this proposal. Pending the comments at the Senate meeting Dr. Pauly and the Welfare council will implement this pilot or develop a new plan.

- **Information Technology Fee Resolution** **Peggy Carr, Infrastructure Council Chair**

The Infrastructure council will not bring an Information Technology Fee Resolution to the Senate.

- **Curriculum Committee CIS major** **Danaya Wright, Chair**

The Curriculum Committee's College of Business CIS major proposal will be presented as an information item in March.

Council Reports:

- **Research Council** **Mary Ann Burg, Chair**

The Research Council is working with Jamie Keith to develop ways to lessen the faculty's burden with research compliance. The council is advising her on how to get faculty input.

- **Faculty Welfare Council** **Rebecca Pauly, Chair**

The Council would like to recommend that they create a task force to look into childcare.

- **Academic Policy Council** **Anita Spring, Chair**

The Council made minor revisions to the Strategic Work Plan and will send to the BOT for the March meeting. The council will consider how Dr. Machen's goals relate to his assessment and the Strategic Work Plan. The issue of commercial notes services was given to attorneys for review and to determine legal restrictions.

- **Academic Infrastructure Council** **Peggy Carr, Chair**

The Council met with Dave O'Brien to discuss deferred maintenance.

- **Budgeting Council** **Frank Bova, Chair**

No report.

The Senate Agenda for the March 22, 2007 meeting was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.