

Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
October 4, 2007
3:00-5:00 P.M.
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Attendees:

Rick Yost
Frank Bova
Danaya Wright
Janie Fouke
Jerry Cutler
Ellis Greiner
Carol Murphy
Allen Wysocki
Sandra Chance
Mary Ann Ferguson
Barbara Wingo

Amelia Bell

Guests:

Carol Kem
John Leavey
Rebecca Nagy
Rich Seigel
Gene Zdziarski
Andy McCollough
Cathy Martyniak
Judith Russell
Daniel Wubah
Henry Frierson

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM

The minutes of the September 6, 2007 meeting were approved.

Reports:

▪ **Chair's Report**

Rick Yost, Chair

President Machen will announce \$30 million to humanities and social sciences endowed fellowship in psychology and Shakespeare chair. Honorary degrees deadline has passed. The committee will issue a report later this fall. The Ad Hoc Committee on a Civil, Safe and Open Environment has begun meeting. Kim Tanzer is chairing the committee. The committee has a forward looking charge to look at policies and management issues.

The Jack Kevorkian visit has been postponed until January.

The ACFS meeting will be held this week in Tallahassee. Topics will include the Chancellor's Forward by Design plan developed in response to the Papas report, legislative special session budget plans, including a 3.3% reduction proposed by the house, some help with nonrecurring funds, a 5% tuition increase effective spring and a technology fee proposed from the Senate floor. The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held at the Phillips Center on October 18.

▪ **Provost's Report**

Janie Fouke, Provost

The Board of Governors voted for a 5 % tuition increase. Construction will begin on a high density storage facility for digital and preservation library materials. The facility will be shared by all 11 universities. Summer school hours have increased by 4%. Dr. Fouke hopes that the budget council will help to explain the budget after the legislative session has ended.

Information Items:

▪ **Cultural Plaza Presentation**

Rebecca Nagy, Director Harn Museum of Art

Rebecca Nagy presented the Cultural Plaza's information item. The directors of the Florida Museum of Natural History and the Performing Arts Center will also give the presentation at the Senate meeting. Nagy reported that student government funds museum nights on

Thursday nights. The presentation to the Senate is based on a presentation given at Preview. The presentation will show cultural offerings and resources available at the Cultural Plaza.

- **Curriculum Committee**

Daniel Wubah, Associate Provost Undergraduate Affairs

Name change of the undergraduate major for Information Systems and Operations Management Department. Formerly the Decision and Information Sciences Department

School of Business Information

Additional Proposed Changes from the Curriculum Committee

Item 3 (supporting docs pages 3-6) Proposed change in degree requirement for Bachelor in Materials Science and Engineering

Item 4 (pages 7-43) Proposed change for a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science offered through the College of Engineering

Item 5 (pages 44-46) Proposed increase in credits in Nuclear Engineering from 126 to 129

Item 8 (pages 52-53) Proposed revision to the Bachelor of Health Science Program

Item 9 (pages 54-60) Proposed changes to the Agricultural Education and Communication Specializations

Item 10 (pages 61-64) Proposed changes to the Soil and Water major and minor

Item 11 (pages 65-66) Proposed changes to the Entomology and Nematology minor

These items will be presented as an information item at the October Senate meeting.

- **Graduate Council Items**

Dean Frierson, Dean Graduate School

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Request to Sunset degrees:

MST in Psychology

MAT in Psychology

MAT in Geography

MAT in Philosophy

MAT in Political Science

MAT in Linguistics

These items will be presented as an information item at the October Senate meeting.

- **Report from Student Conduct Code Review Committee**

Gene Zdziarski, Dean of Students

This item will be presented as an information item at the October Senate meeting.

- **Report on Libraries Strategic Planning Process**

Judith Russell, Dean of Libraries

This item will be presented as an information item at the October Senate meeting.

- **Constitution committee language**

Rick Yost, Chair

Language for the General Education Committee

The language for the General Education Committee was forwarded from the COC to the Constitution committee. The Constitution committee was charged with coming up with different languages so that the Senate could pick the language they liked best.

- **Department Name Change**

Rick Yost, Chair

From Pharmacy Health Care Administration to Department of

Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy

This item will be presented as an information item at the October Senate meeting.

Council Reports:

- **Welfare Council**

No report

Rebecca Pauly, Chair

- **Budget Council**

The budget council report will be submitted in writing.

Allen Wysocki, Chair

- **Research and Scholarship Council**

Saeed Khan, Chair

- **Academic Infrastructure Council**

Jerry Cutler, Chair

The infrastructure council is looking into issues regarding campus security.

- **Academic Policy Council**

Carol Murphy, Chair

The APC is continuing to work on Faculty Authored Course materials and Conflict of Interest policies. The steering committee discussed the APC's role in making recommendations with consideration to the Collective Bargaining Unit.

Action Item

- **Approve Senate Agenda for October 18, 2007**

The agenda was approved.

Rick Yost, Chair