

**Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
September 3, 2009
3:00-5:00 P.M.
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Attendees:

Scott Nygren
Elizabeth Bolton
Mary Ann Ferguson
Barbara Wingo
Jack Mecholsky
Frank Bova
Joe Glover
Jane Brockmann

Ellis Greiner
Tracy Rambo
Amelia Bell

Guests:

Peggy Carr
Chris Silver
Bernard Mair

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Reports:

• **Chair's Report**

Jack Mecholsky, Chair

Jack Mecholsky reported that the Curriculum Committee needs a name change to the University Curriculum Committee. He also discussed Academic Learning Compacts which are a way to assess how students are learning. An assessment committee needs to be established in order to Student learning outcomes. The COC will review the proposed committee.

• **Provost's Report**

Joe Glover, Provost

Joe Glover provided a follow up to state of the university address. The administration is working to resolve the \$16.6 M budget deficit. The administration will bring forward proposals to address deficit. The Steering committee briefly discussed a sick leave payout proposal.

Information Items:

College of Design, Construction and Planning Proposal for a New School

Chris Silver, Dean

The change was mandated by BOT in the July 2008 budget reduction. The college is acting on the mandate to take two departments and merge them into one school. The steering committee reviewed the proposal. Ellis Greiner recommended putting the acting director in place as the director of the school. The item will be an information item at the September Senate meeting.

Assessment Committee**Bernard Mair**, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education

Bernard Mair presented information on the proposed assessment committee to review academic learning compacts. Frank Bova moved that the Steering committee accept the proposal to create an ad-hoc committee. The motion was approved to create the ad-hoc committee.

The committee will discuss the limits of what the testing approach can do.

The Steering committee supports the establishment of the committee so that units can measure their success. Some members do not think this type of evaluation is meaningful or appropriate.

Creative Campus Committee**Jack Mecholsky**, Faculty Senate Chair

Jack Mecholsky discussed Dean Lavelli's proposal for a creative campus committee. There is a national movement for the "creative campus." The notion is to infuse creativity into all parts of the campus. The recommendation is to create an umbrella organization. Mary Ann Ferguson moved that an ad hoc creative campus committee is appointed. The motion was approved.

Ad Hoc Committee on the HSC Libraries – integrate the HSC library to the main campus libraries. Put under the library committee, joint chair by faculty member and dean of libraries and faculty in HSC colleges. The library committee will decide if this committee needs to be permanent or if it is a temporary committee.

Council Reports:**Academic Policy Council****Tracy Rambo**, Representative

The APC will discuss creating an ad hoc committee to create an academic plan, the council will invite President Machen to the meeting to discuss this. The APC will also review the SWP after a directive is issued from the Faculty Senate Chair. Student Government should consider providing an A+ grade at the law school. Amelia Bell will respond to the student who inquired about this.

Budget Council**David Quillen**, Chair

No Report. The council will continue review of RCM and will review the shared governance process in the WUFT issue.

Infrastructure Council**Jane Brockmann**, Chair

The council met with Matt Fajack and discussed RCM and implications for infrastructure. The council also discussed a proposed budget review committee with Fajack. The Senate will be asked to suggest members when the committee is established. The council discussed how to incentivize energy conservation in RCM. They also discussed IT issues and the IT task force to create a plan for IT Governance. The council will discuss building maintenance.

Research and Scholarship Council**Scott Nygren**, Chair

The council discussed RCM last year and met with Matt Fajack.

The council will work to determine the impact of RCM on research and scholarship. The council will discuss taking up the Graduate Student Bill of Rights. The council will determine issues to review this year after the first meeting.

Welfare Council**Tony Offerle**, Chair

No report. The council will develop a list of issues to discuss this year. Some issues from last year are: student perceptions of teaching, tenure and promotion issues in units that are merging.

Ellis Greiner discussed problems with myUF market. The issue will be forwarded to the infrastructure council.

The September Senate agenda was approved.

Adjourned: 5:00 PM