

**Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
January 14, 2010
3:00-5:00 P.M.
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Attendees:

Jack Mecholsky
Frank Bova
Mary Ann Ferguson
Bernarid Mair
Angel Kwolek Folland
Tony Offerle
Jane Brockmann
Barbara Wingo
Scott Nygren
Ellis Greiner
Mark Bishop
Jim Seale
Amelia Bell

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Reports:

Chair's Report

Jack Mecholsky, Chair

Jack Mecholsky announced that a Faculty Senate Knowledge and Perceptions of Intercollegiate Athletics: A Conference-Level Perspective study will be emailed to senators when the survey link is available. A faculty member within the SEC Faculty Senate group is mentoring a graduate student who is conducting this study.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

Bernie Machen gave the steering committee a budget update and an update on the situation in Haiti and UF's involvement in the recovery efforts.

Ellis Greiner raised concerns about infrastructure maintenance.

Provost's Report

Angel Kwolek-Folland gave a report on behalf of Joe Glover. She notified the steering committee that the parties involved with the collective bargaining process have reached a tentative agreement

and will be sent to faculty for ratification in February and then to the BOT in March, if ratified by the faculty. If ratified, the agreement will be in place for three years and will be online and searchable. There will also be training sessions for chairs on the new agreements. She also announced that the entire campus is eligible for FEO's.

Information Items:

College of Education Resolution

The steering committee reviewed the resolution. It will be presented as an information item at the January Senate meeting.

University Curriculum Committee Items

Bernard Mair, UCC Chair

Discontinuation of the BSBA majors in Real Estate and Insurance, *College of Business Administration*

Termination of Agronomy and Crop Science, *College of Agricultural and Life Science*

These items will be presented at the January Senate meeting as information items. Amelia Bell will update the name of the College of Agricultural and Life Science's proposal to include all four degree programs that are seeking termination.

Constitution change for senate officer terms

Jim Seale, Constitution Committee Chair

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

Honorary Degree candidate

Ken Berns, Honorary Degrees Committee Chair

The Honorary Degrees committee will present a candidate for a Doctor of Science at the January Senate meeting. This item will be an action item.

Council Reports:

Academic Policy Council

Tracy Rambo, Co-Chair

No report.

Budget Council

David Quillen, Chair

The council has no new updates and is meeting later this month.

Infrastructure Council

Jane Brockmann, Chair

The infrastructure council received a report on IT security from Mike Conlon. This will be added to the January Senate information agenda. Febro Zazueta provide a report on the course management system move from WebCT to Sakai. The council will invite Dave O'Brian to discuss maintenance and how the university approaches maintenance. The council will discuss PK Yonge's heating issues.

Research and Scholarship Council

Scott Nygren, Chair

Scott Nygren is working to coordinate a meeting with the chairs of Budget and Infrastructure to discuss how the councils will follow the RCM process.

Welfare Council

Tony Offerle, Chair

No report.

Action Items:

Approval of the January Senate Agenda

Academic Integrity Directed Discussion

The January Senate agenda was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM