

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
March 19, 2009
3:00-5:00 P.M.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

Meeting called to order 3 PM March 19th 2009

The February 19, 2009 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Frank Bova, Chair

Frank Bova announced the birth of Greyson Edward Bell on March 19, 2009 and reported that both Mom and son are doing great.

The annual end of the year Faculty Senate Reception has been set for Monday, April 27, 2009 at the President's House. Invitations will be sent out to Senators, Council members, and Committee members. Budget issues have necessitated the scheduling of a May Senate meeting. The meeting has tentatively been scheduled for May 16th.

The March 1, 2009 editorial in the Gainesville Sun by Win Phillips, SVP Research was discussed. The article explained that the faculty continue to successfully compete for extramural funding and are ahead of last year at this point in time. Also discussed was sending the Budget Council information concerning faculty, student, and staff FTEs provided by the grants and contracts.

Extending eligibility of the UFRF professorships to associate and assistant deans was discussed. The Senate was asked for feedback on changing the eligibility requirements. The issue would be sent to the Research and Scholarship Council for feedback. The proposed change does not require Senate approval, however the Senate was asked for an opinion.

Announced the Chair elect slate has been set. The application process was extended by one day to allow all those who came forward to run.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

The President discussed the information he currently has concerning the proposed 2009-2010 budget. He mentioned the unknowns in the current process. Budget projections continue to underestimate revenues. There appear to be no further budget cuts or holdbacks for the current fiscal year.

The current projections for the 2009-2010 fiscal year appear to show a 6 billion-plus deficit. The effect on UF depends upon if this is handled by decreased spending or increased revenue and how the shortfall is allocated across state agencies.

Currently, the Legislature is considering using one half of the stimulus to cover the budget shortfall next year, estimating the recovery to begin by 2010-2011.

The Provost should be getting the proposals from the Dean, Directors, and Vice Presidents by April 1, 2009. It is anticipated that the proposal will be available by the next Senate meeting on April 16. No final decisions will be made before the legislature finalizes the budget process, hopefully by the beginning of May.

The Administration is looking into providing a common format for all budget proposals across the entire campus. This should help everyone fully appreciate the various possibilities. It is important that we fully appreciate the one-time nature of the stimulus package. We need to understand what will be available via cuts vs. new revenue. The fear is that we can be fooled into relying on one-time money to cover recurring cuts.

Chair Comments:

The Constitution Committee will be asked to visit the dates in which the Senate Chairs assume and relinquish the positions. With the changing budget issue, the timing that has worked historically has not been optimal in the past two years.

Information Items

Information Technology Update

Brian Beach,
Interim Senior Vice President for Administration

Sustainability Initiatives and Green Team Resolution

Dedee DeLongpre,

Director of the Office of Sustainability

Graduate Council Items

Ken Gerhardt, Associate Dean of the Graduate School

[Proposal to Create a M.S. In Biostatistics](#), PPHP

[Sunset Doctorate Degree in Computer & Information Science](#)

Committee on Committees Conflict of Interest Committee Recommended Language

Ellis Greiner, *COC Chair*

[Committee on Committees Conflict of Interest Committee Recommended Language-](#)

Constitution Committee Regulations Report

Cathy Martyniak, *Constitution Committee Chair*

[Bylaw 22](#) and [Constitution Article VI-](#)

Action Items

Honorary Degrees Nominees

Dave Denslow, *Honorary Degrees Committee Chair*

Voted on and passed unanimously

College of Medicine

Wayne Bottom, *Associate Dean for Physician Assistant Studies*

[Creation of a School of Physician Assistant Studies,](#)

Voted on and passed unanimously

University Curriculum Committee Proposals

Andy McCollough, *Curriculum Committee Chair*

Department name change proposal, [Department of Biology](#): College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Voted on and passed unanimously

[New department of Environmental and Global Health](#): College of Public Health and Health Professions

Voted on and passed unanimously

[New department of Oral and Maxillofacial Diagnostic Sciences](#)

(Remaining department is Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery)

[Additional Materials](#): College of Dentistry

Voted on and passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm

Attendees:

Sean Adams	Jeffrey Harman	Anthony Offerle
Chunrong Ai	Alice Harmon	Nancy Poehlmann
Kevin Anderson	Edward Hart	Deborah Popovich
Theresa Antes	Richard Hill	Kathie Price
Marylou Behnke	Shannon Holliday	William Properzio
Azra Bihorac	David Janicke	David Quillen
David Bloomquist	Rebecca Jordi	Ron Randles
Elizabeth Bolton	Stan Kaye	Eileen Raynor
Frank Bova	James Keesling	Patrick Reakes
Jane Brockmann	Kristen Kemple	David Reed
Judy Butterfield	James Klausner	Rolf Renne
Kenny Cheng	Shawn Kneipp	Ruth Ron
Donald Cohen	Pradeep Kumar	Mary Beth Salisbury
Robert Cook	John Leavey	Alan Sawyer
Elizabeth Creveling	Lora Levett	Orit Shechtman
Oscar Crisalle	Jenshan Lin	Wolfgang Sigmund
David Criswell	William McArthur	Sharleen Simpson
Timothy Davis	Heather McAuslane	Daniel Siragusa
Joseph Delfino	Sue McGorray	Brenda Smith
Bruce Edwards	Jack Mecholsky	Taylor Stein
Lily Elefteriadou	Mike Meldrom	Michael Sweat
Mary Ann Ferguson	Jacqueline Miller	Joseph Tepas
Ian Flood	Bill Montgomery	J. Bryan Unruh
Stephen Futch	Jon Morris	Jill Varnes
Maria Gallo	Cynthia Morton	Eric Wachsman
George Gerencser	Debra Murie	Henry Wihnyk
Paul Gibbs	Carol Murphy	Brenda Williams
Kelly Gary-Eurom	Sven Normann	Sally Williams
Wayne Griffin	Scott Nygren	George Wilson

Naomi Young
Jennifer Zedalis
Dana Zimmer

Guests:
Mark Heft
Dave Denslow
Stephanie Hanson
Andy McCollough

Liaisons:
Jacob Chung
Teresa Dolan
Steve Dorman
Ellis Greiner
Cathleen Martyniak
Judith Russell
Christopher Silver
Richard Yost