

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
January 15, 2009
3:00 -5:00 P.M.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

Approval of the December 18 Senate minutes

Frank Bova, Chair

The minutes of the December 18 Senate meeting were approved.

Chair's report

Frank Bova, Chair

Frank Bova discussed the upcoming Faculty Senate elections and updated the Senate on council issues. Bova also reported that a sustainability workshop will be held in February to develop UF's academic program in sustainability, as part of President Machen's Strategic Initiative.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

With the Legislature wrapping up its special session this week, I want to bring you up to date on our current budget situation and outline how we plan to proceed in developing the budget for the next year.

As part of its mid-year budget plan to close a \$2.3 billion shortfall, the Legislature made permanent the 4 percent hold-back from last July. We have already set aside these funds, so no more cuts for the current fiscal year will be required. In taking this action, the Legislature agreed to our request not to be cut beyond the 4 percent due to the difficulties of reducing budgets in the middle of an academic year.

Next year, however, is problematic. Over the last two years, the state's budget has been reduced \$7 billion and estimates are that next year's budget will be at least \$3.4 billion less than this year. That is a huge deficit going forward and all sectors of the state will be affected. The anticipated size of the overall reduction is much discussed; we are preparing for an amount in the \$72 million to \$75 million range.

Therefore, I am asking all units (academic and administrative) to prepare budget reduction proposals in the amount of 10 percent of their current budget. This process will involve faculty, staff and students but is led by the administrators who are responsible for fiscal matters. Provost Joe Glover and others are also developing a set of possible reductions that cut across units.

We expect to have a list of possible reductions by mid-to-late March and have open discussion for 30 to 45 days so everyone has the opportunity for input. The legislative session ends on May 1, after which we will know the exact amount of our reduction. At that time, final recommendations will be made to the Board of Trustees.

We will keep you informed with periodic updates over the next four months as we move through the budget-cutting process. The information will be posted on a new Web site dedicated to the budget that will be up and running in coming weeks. A link to the Web site will be available on UF's home page.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time. We are a strong institution and will weather the difficult economic times ahead.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

Joe Glover reported that the search for the Dean of the College of Engineering has started. Also, the internal search for the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs has started. Glover reported that the deadline for the next round of FEO awards is February 26.

Information Items

Data mining tools available through the Office of Institutional Planning and Research

Marie Zeglen, Assistant Provost and Director of Institutional Planning and Research

Marie Zeglen presented data mining tools that are available through the Office of Institutional Planning and Research.

University Curriculum Committee Proposed Name Changes

Sheila Dickison, UCC Member

1. The department of Romance Languages and Literatures underwent the following changes: Faculty in Spanish and Portuguese became the nucleus of a new department, which is now proposing the name, **Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies**. Faculty in French, Italian and Haitian Creole became part of a second department, which is now proposing the name, **Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures**.
2. Faculty in the Department of African and Asian Languages and Literatures and the Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies also became part of the new department which is now proposing the name, **Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures**.
3. The Department of Sociology and the Department of Criminology, Law and Society were merged into one unit. The proposed name for the new department is the **Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law**.

Sheila Dickison presented proposed name changes from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. These changes will be presented as action items in February.

Name change from the department of Pharmacy Practice to Pharmacotherapy and Translational Research

Larry Lopez, Associate Chair of Pharmacy Practice

Larry Lopez presented a department name change from the College of Pharmacy. This proposal will be presented as an action item in February.

Bylaws Changes (changes to 4, 7, 13, and 18)

Cathy Martyniak, Constitution Committee Chair

Cathy Martyniak presented bylaw changes. These changes will be presented as an action item in February.

Academic Policy Council recommendations concerning department and college change procedures

Danaya Wright, APC chair

Danaya Wright presented recommendations concerning department and college change procedures. These recommendations will be presented as an action item in February.

Infrastructure Council Information Technology Governance Process Proposal

Jane Brockmann, Infrastructure Council Chair

Jane Brockmann presented recommendations concerning IT governance processes. These recommendations will be presented as an action item in February.

Action Items

The proposal was approved.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

Ellis Greiner commended President Machen for giving his bonus to the Florida Opportunity Scholars scholarship program.

Attendees:

Chunrong Ai
Nora Alter
Kevin Anderson
Theresa Antes
Steve Asare
Marylou Behnke
Azra Bihorac
Ashley Booth
Jane Brockmann
Pamela Brown
Regina Bussing
Judy Butterfield
Louis Cattafesta
Kenny Cheng
Maria Coady
Donald Cohen
Robert Cook
Elizabeth Creveling
Oscar Crisalle
David Criswell
Jean Crockett
Timothy Davis
Joseph Delfino
Bruce Edwards
Mary Ann Ferguson
Ian Flood
Timothy Flynn
Stephen Futch
George Gerencser
Kelly Gary Eurom
Wayne Griffin
Alice Harmon
Edward Hart
Michael Heckenberger
Richard Hill
Shannon Holliday
David Janicke
Stan Kaye
James Keesling
William Kem
Saeed Khan
James Klausner
Shawn Kneipp
Pradeep Kumar
Tony Ladd

John Leavey
Lora Levett
Stephen Lewis
Jenshan Lin
William Lindberg
Henrietta Logan
William McArthur
Heather McAuslane
Sue McGorray
Jack Mecholsky
Mike Meldrom
Gloria Miller
Jacqueline Miller
Deb Mitra
Bill Montgomery
Marjorie Moore
Cynthia Morton
Debra Murie
Carol Murphy
Satya Narayan
Scott Nygren
Anthony Offerle
Dan O'Neill
Mark Orazem
Mark Ottenga
Joe Pergola
Nancy Poehlmann
Deborah Popovich
Rose Pringle
William Properzio
David Quillen
Ron Randles
Patrick Reakes
David Reed
Pamela Roberts
Ruth Ron
Sandra Russo
Orit Shechtman
Wolfgang Sigmund
Sharleen Simpson
Daniel Siragusa
Clay Smith
Chris Snodgrass
Craig Stanley
Taylor Stein
Michael Sweat

Joseph Tepas
Sevan Terzian
Bryan Unruh
Jill Varnes
Eric Wachsmann
Susan Webb
Sally Williams
George Wilson
Naomi Young
Jennifer Zedalis
Dana Zimmer
Barbara Zsembik

Liaisons:

Jane Adams
Kirby Barrick
Frank Bova
Jacob Chung
Paul D'Anieri
Steve Dorman
Henry Frierson
Ellis Greiner
Lucinda Lavelli
Cathy Martyniak
Sue Percival
Judith Russell
Christopher Silver
Danaya Wright
Richard Yost

Student Senators:

Lauren Gispanski

Guests:

Marc Heft
Barbara Mennel
John Gums
Thomas Stewart
Carol Kem
Marco La Mannno
Connie Nicklin
Kevin Sassaman
Jacob Burks
Susan Crowley
Janine Sikes
Charles Pickman

Connie Shehm
Chris Curry
Jan Dermott

Ann Wehmeyer
John Ingram
Lynn Frazier

Allan Burns
Paige Crandall
John Yelton