

Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of
January 23, 2014

Reid Oetjen, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM. The roll was circulated for signatures.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2013 was made and seconded. The minutes were approved as recorded.

GUESTS

Scott Cole, Vice President and General Counsel
Ross Hinkle, Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Steven Way, General Manager, University Bookstore
Melissa Yopack, Assistant General Manager, University Bookstore
Cecyle Carson, Communication Sciences & Disorders Department

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oetjen announced that the Board of Trustees voted to approve the contract agreement with the UFF, with a 2% raise for faculty, .75% Administrative Discretion Increases, and 11 hours of release time for UFF activity.

REPORT OF THE PROVOST

Provost Waldrop commented on the 2% raise and expressed appreciation for the work of the faculty. He said that the administration would go back and revisit the staff negotiations. Jana Jasinski will be the Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies. He wants to establish a committee to look at various issues about the TIP program.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

UCF Bookstore faculty hotline – *Steven Way*

The UCF Bookstore has established a faculty hotline (407-823-2898) dedicated for faculty. Also, there is an online ordering system, which will allow faculty to compare books used at other campuses across the nation. The bookstore is seeing fewer books sold in digital format; however, 14,000 titles were rented and 8000 students ordered online. Two thousand shirts were sold following the Fiesta Bowl win.

Peer review and public records law – *Scott Cole*

Cole gave a summary of a legal case involving a UCF faculty member who has been editing a journal since 1978 (published by Elsevier), and recently has come under challenge regarding the peer review panel for a 2012 article published in the journal. In response to a public records request, UCF provided 15,000 emails, but did not release the names of the reviewers. Cole is working to protect UCF and the faculty member on two fronts: the lawsuit to keep the names of

reviewers confidential is being defended, and legislation is being introduced to exempt peer review information from the public records act.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Administrative Committee - Robert Cassanello reported that the committee met in November; they are looking into a statement on MOOCs and supplements for Fulbright fellowships, but do not expect to have any resolutions this year.

Personnel Committee – Mason Cash reported they are looking at the failed resolutions from last year, rewards for Student Perception of Instruction (SPoI) response, and the accuracy of reporting of statistics from SPoI.

Parking Advisory Committee – Amit Joshi reported they are looking into the issue of price equalization between the parking sticker and hangtag, and safety concerns about the use of skateboards and bicycles on campus.

Undergraduate Council – William Self reported that his committees have been busy taking care of normal business. The College of Business is restructuring some degrees and tracks.

Graduate Council – Jim Moharam said that all four subcommittees have been taking care of normal business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 PM.