

Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of
March 26, 2015

Reid Oetjen, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:07pm. The roll was circulated for signatures.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2015 was made and seconded. The minutes were approved as recorded.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Sydney Altfeld, Student Body Vice President, Student Government Association
Joseph Piazza, Academic Affairs Specialist, Student Government Association
Manoj Chopra, Interim Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate Studies
Christine Dellert, Senior Director of Internal Communications, Communications and Marketing
Fred Kittinger, Senior Associate Vice President, Director of State & Local Government Affairs, University Relations.
Paul Lartonoix, Assistant Vice Provost, Academic Affairs
Cannon Design Representatives

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keith Koons announced the UCF Celebrates the Arts events being held at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts from April 10-15. Distributed flyers with event schedule. For details see www.arts.cah.ucf.edu.

Announced the upcoming retirement of Robert Dipboye and Ida Cook at the end of the spring semester. Special thanks and recognition to Ida Cook for her impact on faculty governance and contribution to the Senate, university, and students.

Vacant senate seats: Mary Jo Ross, RCHM replaced by Kevin Murphy and Thomas Cox, CEDHP replaced by Oliver Edwards.

Automatic bylaws change in the title of Information Technologies and Resources to Information Technology and Administration due to the recent Academic Affairs reorganization.

Upcoming events:

- FoE Charge on event March 30 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Morgridge Reading Center.
- COACHE survey closes April 10.
- Student Research Week March 30 – April 2. Student Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence April 2 in the Student Union Pegasus Ballroom from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. See www.ResearchWeek.ucf.edu for details.

PROVOST UPDATE

Academic Affairs Reorganization

Announced a comprehensive reorganization of Academic Affairs this week. Discussed the five main areas and the operations team. The five areas include Academic Program Quality, International Affairs and Global Strategies, Faculty Excellence, Information Technology and Administration, and Teaching and Learning. Dr. Hitt supports the reorganization. Review the Provost website for detailed information. Thank you to Human Resources for a 3-month study and recommendations. Ida Cook recommended if new committees are created due to the reorganization that the Faculty Constitution be revised to ensure faculty representation.

Office of Undergraduate Studies – John Gardner Report

By next week, we hope to have a brief report and recommendations from the John Garner report. One recommendation is to create a College of Undergraduate Studies, evolved from an Office of Undergraduate Studies. This new college will take on more robust roles including the development of interdisciplinary studies and to serve as a “sandbox for innovation.” The president and Board of Trustees support the change from an office to a college. Requested input and feedback to the proposed change from the appropriate committee for consideration. Discussion continued. Senate will defer the topic to the Steering committee.

Update on Searches

Dean of College of Education and Human Performance, we had four final candidates and there is a recommendation. Four finalists are recommended for Dean of College of Nursing and candidate interviews are being scheduled for April. We had 81 applicants for the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Have eleven semi-finalists with Skype interviews beginning April 1. For the 100 new faculty hires; 40 positions have been filled; 30 positions remain open. The numbers are expected to shrink in the upcoming week.

Downtown Update

We are still awaiting a decision from the legislature. Invited by the Board of Governors to present a full master plan at the June meeting. Cannon Design is here consulting with colleges on design elements of the downtown. We had a student forum and faculty and staff forum with great turnout and questions from both. Learn more at www.ucf.edu/downtown.

Performance Funding

UCF did very well. We were third after UF and USF. Additional funding may be available to the top three, taken from the bottom three, but we do not yet know the formula. One metric on which we can improve most is “excess credit hours.” We can and will fix this in cases where students are ill advised, but we should not discourage students exploring double majors or minors.

Photonics Research Institute for Sustainable Manufacturing (PRISM) Proposal

This is the sixth institute for manufacturing innovation that the Obama administration has awarded. We are in the top three for a \$110 million award to develop an integrated-photonics institute for manufacturing innovation. We are in competition with University of Southern California and Rochester Institute of Technology. Collectively it's called the Photonics Research Institute for Sustainable Manufacturing and will be one of the first major projects for the Osceola facility, currently under construction.

We exceeded \$50 million goal for corporate commitments by member companies to the project. Florida Congressional delegations have prepared letters of support. Public thanks for Mike Macedonia, Winston Schoenfeld, and MJ Soileau. If awarded, this will put us on the international map.

COACHE Survey

The final reminder from COACHE was sent. Currently at a 47.84% response rate. National average is 47%. Ida Cook indicated faculty not on the UCF mail system are unable to access the survey link. Christine Dellert will handle.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

UCF Downtown Presentation

Fred Kittinger and Paul Lartonoix presented the background on the project, brought the senators up-to-date on where we are in the process, and solicited ideas and answered questions.

Question: When will the list of programs to move downtown be made official?

Answer: By the end of spring. No programs will be surprised; all programs being considered have made presentations. Final presentations by programs at the end of April. Executive Steering should vote in May.

Question: Of the 15,000 potential students who will be downtown, how many are new and how many will be just transferring?

Answer: At first, we will see movement, but there will be allowance for growth over time.

Question: How will programs be supported in the loss of revenue during the transition years?

Answer: Take a look at the educational site proposal at BOG for budget analysis http://www.flbog.edu/pressroom/meeting_items.php?id=192&agenda=883&type=Past . Downtown has an operating budget of about 42 million, so it doesn't really impact the main campus. The main costs are the capital cost, which is being requested from the legislature.

Question: In terms of governance, is this another regional campus? Is it an equal to this campus?

Answer: It is part of the main campus. From a governance perspective, it is this campus with same leadership, and same structure; just geographically separated. If it's regional, it's a regional campus for Valencia. It is more like Rosen College of Hospitality Management. We have committed to not duplicated governance and services.

Question: For those departments and programs that do not want to go downtown, what criteria to finally determine?

Answer: Primary criteria is that learning is enhanced by the environment. Secondary criteria is that the program will enhance the environment.

Question: What thought has been given to access to library services and librarians?

Answer: Joel Hartman's committee is looking at this from a technology perspective. There will be library presence there (people and books), but what it looks like, we do not yet know.

Question: Will there be opportunities for programs to remain on campus but offer some courses downtown?

Answer: Courses, yes; degrees, do not know.

Question: What is impact on police, affordable housing, and community?

Answer: COHPA Dean Michael Frumkin and police chief are leading community outreach committee. They have already started meeting with community members. There will be no displacement of homes.

Question: What will entity be called? UCF Downtown or something else?

Answer: So far, still UCF Downtown.

Question: How many other major universities besides Arizona State University (ASU) have attempted something like this and how far away did they move? It seems like a lot of moving to move 15 minutes.

Answer: ASU is biggest and well known. Others include: University of California-San Francisco, Cornell is planning for a space in NYC, Ryerson University in Toronto, and University of Washington moved to Seattle neighborhood.

Comments: Physics department works with Florida Space Institute in Research Park. What makes the relationship work is dedicated short-term parking on main campus and adobe connect. Suggest looking into that type of room and software since the investment is significant, but can go a long way in collaboration.

Question: What have the other institutions done and what can we do to engage faculty that don't necessarily want to go downtown initially?

Answer: When people start working in the collaborative spaces they will get excited.

Thanked Fred Kittinger, Paul Lartonoix, and Cannon Design for their time and presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Administrative Committee—*Joseph Harrington*

No update. We have one concern; the senate has an abbreviated schedule. Would like steering committee to examine the efficiency of the calendar to give more time to committees to conduct business.

Personnel Committee—*Ana Leon*

No meeting this month.

Parking Advisory Committee—*Amit Joshi*

No update.

Undergraduate Council—*William Self*

We had two items at last meeting: (1) last of progression policy for College of Engineering, (2) Green light to Competency Based program for Vice Provost Jeff Jones.

Graduate Council—*Annette Khaled*

Met several times. Policy approved wording for virtual defenses. We have one more meeting of policy next month.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.