

**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
Minutes of  
**April 23, 2015**

Reid Oetjen, Faculty Senate chair, called the first meeting of the 2015-2016 Senate to order at 4:05 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures.

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2015 was made and seconded. The minutes were approved as recorded.

**GUESTS**

Elliot Vittes, Interim Director, Interdisciplinary Studies

Tracy Clark, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning, and Administration

Maribeth Ehasz, Vice President, Student Development and Enrollment Services

Ross Hinkle, Vice Provost and Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Jana Jasinski, Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Manoj Chopra, Interim Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning

Lucretia Cooney, Assistant Director, Faculty Relations

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Oetjen welcomed all new and returning senators. Senators introduced themselves. Oetjen provided the senators an update on the carry concealed weapons bill. Strong chance of the bill passing.

**REPORT OF THE PROVOST**

Welcomed new senators and expressed that he is a strong proponent of joint governance. He will continue to seek advice and defer where the senate takes the lead. Especially around curriculum, the way we teach, anything that appears on the transcript.

Faculty Fellows

Accepting 2015-2016 applications through May 15. Information available on the provost website at [www.provost.ucf.edu](http://www.provost.ucf.edu). Fellowship is focused on leadership development. Encourage colleagues to apply.

Inclusive Education Program

Held community information forum for a pilot program for students with intellectual disabilities or unique abilities. The pilot will launch on the main campus in fall and will have five to six students. Over 100 families expressed interest in the program. Students will be enrolled in undergraduate courses with the option to live in campus housing and fully participate in college life through student organizations. Intent of the program is to help students achieve their own self determined learning goal and empower them with the skills to advance in independent living and employment. The Inclusive Education Team is led by Adam Meyer with Student Accessibility Services. Applications for the program is open until May 8. The program is a key component of UCF Downtown which is anticipated to open in the fall of 2017. For questions or

information contact Adam Meyer or Mark Gumble in SDES. You may have students in the program in your class. The team will help faculty welcome and help the students adapt to the classes. Ehasz added that the students will be auditing classes and are not receiving a degree, but will receive a certificate of participation to document their skills and competencies.

A bill in the legislature will designate UCF as a statewide center to receive and designate federal funds to other programs in other universities. Center will also provide information to parents on how to select a university and prepare. Faculty in the UCF's PhD program are working with the center and has the potential to do national level research.

#### UCF Downtown

Continue planning with Cannon Design Group. End of semester the Downtown Steering committee will send recommendations for academic programs to the Leadership team for final decision. A Provost update will be sent next week with information regarding the academic programs. Still waiting on the final decision from the Legislature regarding funding. Providing an update to the BOG at the June meeting.

#### Gardner Report – Proposed College of Undergraduate Studies

In 2014, UCF invited John Garner and Betsy Barefoot to campus to meet with faculty, staff, and administration to learn more about the Office of Undergraduate Studies. The review submitted assessed the current structure of the Office of Undergraduate Studies and provided recommendations for new organizational direction for undergraduate education to advance UCF goals and primary focus of becoming a 21<sup>st</sup> century model of undergraduate education emphasizing excellence, innovation and distinction within the state and at the national level. Provost will send a link to the faculty senate to the two-page summary report and the full report. Discussed key findings in the report and recommendations. Recommendations: (1) elevate the office to a college, (2) shared faculty governance in the interdisciplinary curriculum, and (3) a need for campus leadership and a general education champion.

Reiterated that now is the time to consider this elevation to a college, specifically due to the hiring of a new Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning and a Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Two of the four candidates are currently deans at institutions where undergraduate studies is a college or a university college. Holding in person interviews with candidates in May. Candidates include:

#### **Dr. Kathy Johnson**

Associate Vice Chancellor of Undergraduate Education  
Dean University College  
Professor of Psychology  
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)

**Dr. Elizabeth Dooley**

Associate Provost of Undergraduate Academic Affairs  
Dean University College  
Professor of Curriculum and Instruction  
West Virginia University

**Dr. Manoj Chopra**

Interim Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning  
Interim Dean, Undergraduate Studies  
Professor of Civil Environmental and Construction Engineering  
University of Central Florida

**Dr. Barbara Speziale**

Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies  
Professor of Biological Sciences  
Clemson University

Provost opened the floor to questions and concerns.

**Question:** Do we have any evidence of the benefits and drawbacks of forming a College of Graduate Studies? From a faculty perspective this has added logistics, forms, procedures, and layer of administration.

**Answer:** No changes in layer of administration or structure in Undergraduate Studies. The College of Graduate Studies has just taken over responsibility for interdisciplinary graduate programs. Opportunity is yet to be seen.

**Answer Dean Hinkle:** Work with colleges to ensure quality graduate education. Work with Senate Graduate Council on curriculum issues, student appeals, and policies. College issues waivers and fellowships that require a certain amount of paperwork. Supports colleges to ensure a quality graduate education.

**Question:** Will the Undergraduate College have oversight over degrees across campus to ensure undergraduate degrees have a level of consistency or just to give 400+ homeless students a home?

**Answer:** Somewhere in between. Don't anticipate any change in level of governance, but expect strong leadership.

**Question:** UCF has a tendency to legislate from the top down. Would like to see college limited to interdisciplinary type degrees and not taking away existing functions within colleges.

**Answer:** Take leadership position in terms of things that affect all students. Would like to see college serve as an incubator for faculty members that want to pilot new degree tracks.

**Question:** Would you be amendable to calling it the College of Interdisciplinary Studies rather than College of Undergraduate Studies?

**Answer:** Possibly. Have also heard College of Integrative Studies. Open to recommendations.

**Question:** Will the College of Undergraduate Studies be the entity to assist and monitor SACS?

**Answer:** No SACS.

**Comment:** The UPCC committee reviewed the summary report and there were questions. Committee did not vote on the change, but requested the full report. Pleased to see the full report is coming. Questions were raised regarding funding and if this will cut the budgets of colleges.

**Response:** No. Right now we are only talking about a title change. Undergraduate Studies is currently undergoing a reorganization using current resources.

Provost would like to know if he has the support to move forward. Oetjen informed the senators that the 2014-2015 Steering Committee supported the title change, but referred the discussion to the UPCC. Senators would like to review the full report to review information not yet discussed. Discussed options for moving forward. Motion to indicate support of the title change from Office of Undergraduate Studies to College of Undergraduate Studies based on current information by show of hands. Majority in favor of the title change.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Election of Officers

Oetjen turned the meeting over to Ida Cook, who spoke on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Cook announced that Oetjen, the nominee for chair has withdrawn his nomination. The Nominating Committee recommended a new slate of candidates; Keith Koons for chair, William Self for vice chair, and Tom Bryer for secretary. All candidates agreed to the nominations. Cook read William Self's biography. Cook acknowledged and thanked Reid Oetjen for his service. She called for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. Motion made to close the nominations. Motion seconded and carried. Motion made and seconded to vote for the slate of officers. Motion carried. The slate of nominees was approved by acclamation. The officers elected for the 2015-2016 Senate were:

Chair:	Keith Koons, College of Arts and Humanities
Vice Chair:	William Self, College of Medicine
Secretary:	Tom Bryer, College of Health and Public Affairs

Cook turned the meeting over to Koons. Koons provided an overview of the role and duties of members of the Steering Committee and the Committee on Committees. He discussed the caucus process by which colleges elect members to serve on the Steering Committee and the Committee on Committees. Meeting turned over to Reid Oetjen to present Resolution 2014-2015-3 Appreciation for Ida Cook.

### Resolution 2014-2015-3 Appreciation for Ida Cook

Oetjen read the resolution brought forward from the Steering committee.

### **Resolution 2014-2015-3 Appreciation for Ida Cook**

**Whereas,** Dr. Ida Cook has admirably served the University of Central Florida since 1976; serving 35 years on the Faculty Senate; and distinguished career of 39 years at UCF; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Cook has provided effective leadership in fostering numerous initiatives across the campus that have improved the lives of faculty during her nine years as chair of the Faculty Senate; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Cook tirelessly advocated for faculty governance in her roles on the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates; therefore

**Be It Resolved**, the University of Central Florida Faculty Senate commends Dr. Cook for her outstanding and extraordinary service to the university community.

Motion to approve resolution as read. Seconded. Motion carried. Standing ovation for Cook and her service. Koons asked for a round of applause for Ida Cook and Reid Oetjen.

Establishment of Steering and Committee on Committees

Each college met to caucus and elect members to the Steering Committee. The following senators were elected by their colleges to serve on the Steering Committee:

College of Arts and Humanities: Robert Cassanello and Scott Warfield  
College of Business Administration: Robert Folger  
College of Education and Human Performance: Oliver Edwards  
College of Engineering and Computer Science: Hyoung Jin Cho and Kevin Coffey  
College of Health and Public Affairs: Bari Hoffman-Ruddy and Karol Lucken  
College of Medicine: Annette Khaled  
College of Nursing: Norma Conner  
College of Optics and Photonics: Jim Moharam  
College of Sciences: John Lynxwiler and Linda Walters  
Rosen College of Hospitality Management: Deborah Breiter Terry  
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The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.