

Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of
April 21, 2016

Keith Koons, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of March 31, 2016 was made and seconded. The minutes were approved as recorded.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Kristy McAllister, Academic Affairs Information and Publication Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Koons informed the senators that a committee preference request will be emailed Friday. Committee preferences will be due May 2. He asked the senators to take a Faculty Senate pen when signing the roll. The pen is a reminder of the importance of the Faculty Senate and a small token of recognition.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

REPORT OF THE PROVOST

Faculty Senate Resolution Updates

2015-2016-5 Recognition of the 2016 Quality Enhancement Plan: *What's Next: Integrative Learning for Professional and Civic Preparation* was approved.

2015-2016-6 Faculty Involvement in Evaluating and Improving the Services, Training, and Resources Offered by the Office of Research and Commercialization was also approved.

Research and Graduate Education

UCF received the final report from the consultants that visited the campus in March to evaluate research and graduate education. The consultants provided ten recommendations in the areas of strategic hiring of senior faculty, incentivizing faculty, leadership training for faculty, proactive business development, infrastructure, campus linkage, teamwork in ORC, investing even more in graduate education and post-doctoral training, establishing a vibrant entrepreneurship culture at all levels, and corporate engagement. The full report is available at www.provost.ucf.edu. The report has been shared with the Parker Search executive team. The next action item is to review the recommendations and set priorities. The newly hired Vice President of Research and Dean of Graduate Studies will be asked to develop and execute plans to meet the priorities.

Searches

The Vice President of Research and Dean of Graduate Studies. Last week Parker Executive Search facilitated an open forum that was live streamed with about sixty faculty and staff in attendance. We had a productive discussion and received feedback that will help the search firm identify candidates. The search firm has contacted 600 prospects and has identified a pool of 53 candidates with the possibility of an additional 20 applications submitted at the last minute. We are still hoping to have on-campus interviews in May. Since many faculty will not be on campus, we will live stream the forums with online feedback for participation.

Dean for the College of Arts and Humanities. We held three on-campus interviews and open forums. The Provost will meet with the search committee on Monday to receive oral feedback and has already reviewed all written feedback. We are currently checking references and hope to have a selection within the next two weeks.

Florida Senator Visit

The Honorable Joe Negron and seven other senators were on campus Tuesday. The senators are touring all Florida universities. Senator Negron would like to increase funding to higher education over two years by \$1 billion dollars. The senators were interested in hearing from students to identify topics. At UCF they met with psychology students. The students made an impressive presentation. They also visited the Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition in the UCF Gallery.

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Accreditation

On April 24 through April 28 the SACSCC team will be conducting the on-site campus review. The off-site review produced minimal areas of concern. The Provost thanked everyone involved in the preparation of the review.

Global Achievement Academy

Grand opening is scheduled for August 31. The Deans Council will be holding a retreat in the new building tomorrow. We expect the certificate of occupancy in April.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Koons welcomed new and returning senators and asked the senators to introduce themselves.

Election of Officers

Dr. Koons turned the meeting over to past chair, Reid Oetjen, chair of the Nominating Committee. Dr. Oetjen thanked the members of the nominating committee, Deborah Breiter Terry and Bari Hoffman-Ruddy. The Nominating Committee recommended a new slate of nominees; Keith Koons for chair, William Self for vice chair, and Kevin Coffey for secretary. All candidates agreed to the nominations. He called for additional nominations from the floor. There were none.

Motion and second made to close the nominations. All in favor; motion carried. Motion and second made to vote by voice vote, and not by secret ballot. All in favor; motion carried. Motion and second made to vote on the complete slate of officers. All in favor; motion carried.

Vote for slate of officers. All in favor; the slate of officers was approved. The officers elected for the 2016-2017 Senate are:

Chair: Keith Koons, College of Arts and Humanities
Vice Chair: William Self, College of Medicine
Secretary: Kevin Coffey, College of Engineering and Computer Science

Dr. Oetjen turned the meeting over to the chair. Dr. Koons provided an overview of the role and duties of members of the Steering Committee and the Committee on Committees. He explained how the Senate meets as a whole monthly, but the work of the Senate is accomplished through operational and curricular committees. The Senate also staffs joint committees and councils that address a wide range of topics at the university. Dr. Koons asked for any topics or issues of concern that the Senate may need to address be sent to the Faculty Senate office at FacultySenate@ucf.edu. The Steering committee will review the topics and identify topics appropriate to distribute to specific committees.

Establishment of Steering and Committee on Committees

Dr. Koons discussed the caucus process by which colleges elect members to serve on the Steering Committee and the Committee on Committees in addition to the role of each committee.

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: Margaret Ann Zaho and Scott Warfield
College of Business Administration: Robert Folger
College of Education and Human Performance: Michelle Kelley
College of Engineering and Computer Science: Damla Turgut and Nina Orlovskaya
College of Health and Public Affairs: Bari Hoffman-Ruddy and Claire Knox
College of Medicine: Laurel Gorman
College of Nursing: Kelly Allred
College of Optics and Photonics: Jim Moharam
College of Sciences: Linda Walters and Joseph Harrington
Rosen College of Hospitality Management: Kevin Murphy
University Libraries: Richard Harrison

The following Steering Committee members were elected by the senators from their colleges to serve on the Committee on Committees:

College of Arts and Humanities: Scott Warfield
College of Business Administration: Robert Folger
College of Education and Human Performance: Michelle Kelley
College of Engineering and Computer Science: Damla Turgut
College of Health and Public Affairs: Bari Hoffman-Ruddy
College of Medicine: Laurel Gorman
College of Nursing: Kelley Allred
College of Optics and Photonics: Jim Moharam
College of Sciences: Linda Walters
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OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.