

Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of
April 19, 2012

Recorder: Christopher Blackwell, Faculty Senate Secretary

Ida Cook, Faculty Senate Chair, called the first meeting of the 2012-2013 Senate to order at 4:06 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of March 15, 2012 were approved as recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cook announced the following:

The administration approved Resolution 2011-2012-7 Student Perception of Instruction Administration Period. The SPoI was opened at the proper time as indicated in the resolution. An issue was reported about students not being able to access the SPoI. It is being looked at by Joel Hartman, Vice Provost for Information Technologies and Resources.

UCF's Center for Distributed Learning is looking at three possible learning management systems for online instruction. Videos of the presentations from the vendors are available online at <http://teach.ucf.edu/> and faculty can provide feedback on the various systems. They will pilot the new system starting in the fall and plan to go live campus-wide in spring.

UCF will be a smoke free campus beginning in the fall. Several cessation programs have been announced and are being promoted for students, faculty, and staff.

GUESTS

Niels Lobo, Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
Kalpathy Sundaram, Professor, Electrical Engineering & Computer Science

REPORT OF THE PROVOST

Tony Waldrop, Provost and Executive Vice President, announced the following:

- The governor signed the budget bill. There is a \$300 million cut for all universities in the recently passed budget. \$52 million is a cut from UCF.
- Faculty Affairs and Faculty Relations will be merging back into one office. They are doing internal searches for two positions and applications will be available online starting tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

Introductions

Cook welcomed the senators. All members of the Senate introduced themselves.

Cook noted that the Steering Committee election will follow the report on the strategic plan. She announced that senators will be receiving an email asking them to submit their first and second choices for the Senate committee on which they would like to serve.

Election of Officers

Cook turned the meeting over to Manoj Chopra, Senate past chair and chair of the Nominating Committee. Chopra announced the slate of elected officers for the 2012-2013 Senate, based on nominations from the Steering Committee. He made a call for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. Motion was made that the nominations be closed. Motion seconded and carried. Motion was made to accept the slate of nominees. Motion seconded and carried. The officers elected for the 2012-2013 Senate were:

Chair: Ida Cook, College of Sciences
Vice Chair: Reid Oetjen, College of Health and Public Affairs
Secretary: Christopher Blackwell, College of Nursing

Strategic Plan:

Ross Hinkle, Chair of the Strategic Planning Council, discussed the strategic plan for the university. The council has given its recommendations to Waldrop and Al Harms, Vice President for Strategy, Marketing, Communications and Admissions. The plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees in May. There was some concern voiced by faculty during the discussion that the strategic plan may not accurately reflect some of the budgetary issues that have arisen with the latest budget cuts. Concern was also mentioned that the strategic plan does not focus enough on the humanities. Cook also discussed this and mentioned some of the processes involved in the drafting of the strategic plan. Faculty can provide suggestions and feedback about the plan to Cook, Hinkle, or Doan Modianos, Associate V.P. for Strategic Planning Administration.

Establishment of Steering and Committee on Committees

Cook provided an overview of the role and duties of members of the Steering Committee and the Committee on Committees. She discussed the caucus process by which colleges elect members to serve on the Steering Committee and the 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: Keith Koons, Patrick Murphy
College of Business Administration: Robert Folger
College of Education: Stephen Sivo
College of Engineering and Computer Science: Ahmad Elshennawy, Thomas Wu
College of Health and Public Affairs: Tom Bryer, Aaron Liberman
College of Medicine: Cristina Fernandez-Valle
College of Nursing: Kelly Allred
College of Optics and Photonics: Jim Moharam
College of Sciences: Kevin Belfield, Arlen Chase
Rosen College of Hospitality Management: TBD (no senators were present)
University Libraries: Rich Gause

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: Patrick Murphy
College of Business Administration: Robert Folger
College of Education: Stephen Sivo
College of Engineering and Computer Science: Ahmad Elshennawy
College of Health and Public Affairs: Aaron Liberman
College of Medicine: Cristina Fernandez-Valle
College of Nursing: Kelly Allred
College of Optics and Photonics: Jim Moharam
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The meeting was adjourned.