



Faculty Senate

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Committee Reports
December 2, 2021

Budget and Administrative Committee

Chair – Tina Buck; Vice Chair – Adam Wells

Request to Speak at Senate/Steering

December 1, 2021

The committee hosted a presentation from the UCF team that is implementing Workday. The team provided an in-depth look at various aspects of the system including personnel, travel, and other faculty-facing applications. Committee members offered questions during the presentation but will more fully discuss the initiative at its next meeting.

Information Technology Committee

Chair – Glenn Martin; Vice Chair – Lee Dotson; Steering/Senate Liaison – Joseph Harrington

Request to Speak at Senate/Steering

No update

Personnel Committee

Chair – Edwin Torres; Vice Chair – Adam Parrish

Request to Speak at Senate/Steering

November 10, 2021

The committee met to discuss issues akin to its mission. During this meeting, the emphasis was on the issue of “faculty involvement in hiring” which was submitted to the Senate by a faculty member and assigned to us by the steering committee. We invited guests for the Office of Institutional Equity at UCF and engaged in a conversation concerning the protocols set in place by the institution to hire new faculty members. The committee pondered what would be the best way to get faculty involved in the process with different members expressing their viewpoints. It was also clear that the various colleges follow slightly different processes regarding the involvement of faculty in the search process. During our next meeting in January, we will resume discussion on this topic. Additionally, we are scheduled to continue discussion on the process of exit and stay interviews at UCF.

Research Council

Chair – Linda Walters; Vice Chair – Shawn Burke

Request to Speak at Senate/Steering

November 15, 2021

The three committees of the Research Council met together on November 15, 2021 to update all members, discuss ideas, and distribute tasks for the upcoming months. Dr. Klonoff and Dr. Schoenfeld also attended the meeting.

Policy Committee (Chair: Scot French): This committee has completed their work on two draft policy documents (Research Misconduct, International Travel for Faculty). The upcoming agenda items for this group will be 1) understanding the faculty perception of credit splits associated with grant proposals and sunseting centers/institutes which are no longer active.



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Compliance Committee (Chair: Shawn Burke): This committee has sent out a survey to ADRs (Associate Deans of Research) to determine if the move of EHS to UCF Compliance has impacted faculty research. They have also been working on a plan to have faculty "on call" to assist with Research Misconduct investigations to speed up the process. Upcoming agenda items include establishing a plan to have faculty "on call" to serve on a Graduate Faculty Status Inquiry Committee.

Internal Research and Facilities Committee (Chair: Chris Emrich): This group has provided OR input on the SEED grant rfp; potential for writing resolution to change from one UCF Excellence in Research award to 3 awards; Software survey to understand faculty needs and workflow on how UCF determines what software to purchase on campus-wide licenses; how to deal with aging or broken large pieces of equipment/space used in faculty research that is not covered by grants. New items for the committee include how best to communicate to faculty all the services that OR provides and if/how OR should distribute all the RFPs they receive to faculty. All 3 committees have been requested to discuss faculty compliance issues and how to get all faculty "into compliance" with their effort certification, COI, other required trainings.

Graduate Council

Chair – Stacy Barber; Vice Chair – Valeriya Shapoval

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November 4 and December 2, 2021 - Graduate Appeals Committee (Anthony Byrd, chair) Committee met on 11/4 and 12/2. Their next meeting is not yet scheduled.

November 17, 2021 – Graduate Curriculum Committee (Valeriya Shapoval, chair) Committee met on 11/17 and their next meeting is scheduled for 1/19/2022.

November 17, 2021 - Graduate Policy Committee (Sarah Barber, chair) Committee met on 11/17. The committee voted to revise catalog language regarding late withdrawals and to add catalog language clarifying student use of catalog year. The committee also asked (via formal vote) Dr. Klonoff to request that the BOT revise regulations regarding academic misconduct. The committee declined to change Graduate Policies regarding same until university regulations are updated. The next meeting is scheduled for 12/15/2021.

Graduate Program Review and Awards Committee (Reid Oetjen, chair)

Committee will not be meeting again until February 2022.

Undergraduate Council

Chair – Jeffrey Kauffman; Vice Chair – Tina Dow

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November 9, 2021 – Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee (UPCC)

The UPCC met and approved a few program revisions. Bob Read (Digital Learning) presented and answered questions about the revised Distributed Learning Guidelines. The response to COVID required two revisions to accommodate synchronous video delivery and the proliferation of emergency faculty development and credentialing for online teaching. For those interested, the revised guidelines are at <https://cdl.ucf.edu/about/cdl/distributed-learning-guidelines/>

November 2, 2021 – Undergraduate Course Review Committee (UCRC)

As Quali is up and running, the UCRC had a Consent Agenda of six items and Action Agenda of three. All items except for two on the Action Agenda were approved. Two courses were tabled until the December meeting so that Committee concerns/questions could be addressed.



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Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee

Chair – William Self

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The Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee will be meeting again on December 8th to consider potential changes to the bylaws for the 21-22 Senate year.

Ad Hoc Committee on Civil Discourse

Chair – William Self

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October 25, 2021

Ad Hoc Committee on Civil Discourse met on October 25th and discussed the overall environment here at UCF on civil discourse, both in the classroom and on campus in general. The discussion was constructive, and the committee talked about the process by which we will propose inviting speakers to campus as a committee and as a faculty senate. We will be meeting again in early January to consider bringing a speaker pair coordinated by the Village Square in Spring of 2022. The committee feels strongly that there are already several speaker series that are occurring on campus and that these should be better advertised to faculty (many of us on the committee were unaware of some events being held on campus that contribute to civil discourse).

Ad Hoc Health and Safety Crisis Response Committee

Chair – Stephen King; Vice Chair – Victoria Loerzel

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An update from that meeting was provided for the November Senate meeting and focused on encouraging messaging from UCF administration about vaccines, boosters, and the need to maintain vigilance with an expected infection spike sometime in the colder months.

Since that time, the omicron variant has appeared and has the potential to be a significant concern. Discussion of the omicron variant, and any impact it could have on campus and in the UCF community, will be the main focus at our meeting next week on Tuesday December 7th.

Ad Hoc Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Committee

Chair – Kristine Shrauger

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No update