

Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of
February 21, 2013

Ida Cook, Faculty Senate chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2013 was made and seconded. The minutes were approved as recorded.

GUESTS

Elliot Vittes, Undergraduate Studies
Angel Cardec, International Studies
Jill Norbourn, International Studies
Chris Cook, International Studies
Mark Gumble, Student Development and Enrollment Services
Kim Foy, Student Disability Services
Antoinette Durden, Student Disability Services
Shekinah Fashaw, Student Government Association

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cook announced the following:

- The Senate resolution on funded interdisciplinary research resolution was approved by the provost.
- Each college is holding various activities as part of UCF's ongoing 50th anniversary celebration. Cook solicited suggestions for how the Faculty Senate can participate in this.
- Cook asked senators to remind their colleagues that there is a Study Day before final exams. This is a day on which faculty are not supposed to administer tests, hold class, require assignments, etc.
- The deadline for the "I Believe" faculty/staff campaign is February 27th.
- Senate elections should be in progress in the colleges. The March 1st deadline for this is quickly approaching.
- The new SPoI will be going live this term. An email about the changes to the SPoI will go out to all faculty.

REPORT OF THE PROVOST

Diane Chase, executive vice provost, reported on behalf of Provost and Executive Vice President Tony Waldrop. The budget is still in limbo. The \$300 million that was taken from the SUS last year is in the governor's budget, but nothing has been finalized yet. The SUS institutions have submitted responses regarding the GEP changes, and the steering committee and discipline committees are in the process of reviewing them. SUS institutions are looking at whether legislation regarding retroactive pay applies to TIP, RIA, and SOTL awards. Awards will not be paid retroactively until a determination is made. Funds have been put aside in case it is determined that these awards can be paid retroactively.

Elliot Vittes, interim vice provost and dean of Undergraduate Studies, announced a change to the late withdrawal procedure. There will now be a deadline for applying for a late withdrawal. The deadline is 12 months from the end of the semester in which they took the course. Exceptions can be made for extenuating circumstances.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2012-2013-4 Addition of Honors/Pass/Fail to the MD Program Grading Scale

Cook introduced the resolution that was brought forth from the ad hoc University Grading Scale Committee. Cook provided background and called for discussion. None followed. The Senate proceeded to vote. The motion to approve the resolution carried. The resolution as approved read:

Resolution 2012-2013-4 Addition of Honors/Pass/Fail to the MD Program Grading Scale

Whereas, it is common practice in medical schools nationwide to use a Pass/Fail grading scale, particularly in clinical courses where students meet a series of competency milestones; and

Whereas, an honors designation is used to recognize exemplary performance and professionalism; and

Whereas, the UCF College of Medicine has requested that Honors/Pass/Fail be added to the grading scale for the MD program; therefore

Be It Resolved, that Honors/Pass/Fail be added to the grading scale for the MD program.

Motion made to discharge the ad hoc University Grading Scale Committee. Motion seconded and carried.

Student Disability Services – Mark Gumble

Mark Gumble, assistant vice president for Student Development and Enrollment Services, discussed changes in Student Disability Services (SDS). A national search is underway for the director of this office. Gumble introduced some SDS staff members from and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the services offered through the office. SDS is currently working with over 1,000 students and believes this number will continue to grow. Gumble discussed the key findings of the Association of Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) Survey and plans for upcoming changes based on those findings.

Study Abroad – Angel Cardec

Angel Cardec, director of the Office of International Studies, presented information about UCF's study abroad program. Cardec briefly discussed the benefit to faculty involved in study abroad and reviewed the study abroad process for faculty. He noted that the program has been growing at a steady rate and discussed the demographic breakdown of study abroad participants. The PowerPoint presentation will be sent out to all of the senators.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Administration – *Robert Dipboye*

Two resolutions have been revised and are going back to the Steering Committee. One urges the UCF administration to take a balanced approach to ensure that the growing emphasis on STEM fields doesn't disadvantage other fields and disciplines. The second endorses revisions to the sustained performance evaluation policy for tenured faculty.

Personnel – *Kathryn Seidel*

The committee is working on resolutions regarding the TIP, RIA, and SOTL awards. There is also discussion of creating an incentive award for service. The next meeting is on February 28 at noon.

Parking Advisory – *Alex Tamasan*

The committee has been looking at issues including injuries due to skateboarders, traffic flow problems, and ways to promote bike sharing. Most efforts were directed at trying to equalize pricing for parking decals and hangtags. A survey is being developed to assess whether or not students, faculty, and staff would be willing to have a 3% increase in the decal rate if they could purchase a hang tag at the same rate. This may stretch into the next academic year.

Undergraduate Council – *Kelly Allred*

No report.

Graduate Council – *Jim Moharam*

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Curriculum Committee: Committee met on 2/4. Next meeting is scheduled for 3/13.

Policy Committee: Committee met on 2/6. Next meeting is scheduled for 2/27.

Program Review and Awards Committee: Committee met on 2/8. Next meeting is scheduled 2/22.

No specific issues to report. Detailed activities of the Graduate Council Committees (meeting schedule, agenda, and minutes) are available at <http://www.graduatecouncil.ucf.edu/>.

OTHER BUSINESS

Manoj Chopra reported on the Board of Governors (BOG) conference call from earlier that day. The BOG voted to move FSU's digital arts and animation program to Tallahassee from West Palm Beach due to the bankruptcy of the program's partner. The BOG decided to go with a lead institution to coordinate the online education initiatives for the entire state. It was decided to use the strategic planning preeminence metrics to determine which universities would be eligible to compete to serve as lead institution. The only two institutions that will be eligible are UF and FSU. The BOG also directed the chancellor to form a system-wide workgroup to determine ways in which services and online degree programs, including market-based job analyses, can be better coordinated to ensure student needs are being met. The workgroup will report back to the BOG strategic planning committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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