



# Faculty Senate

## Steering Committee

Minutes from meeting of Thursday, February 29, 2024, 3:00 pm

Location: In person in the Charge on Chamber, Student Union Room 340

Zoom Recorded Link:

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1. [00:00:04] Call to Order- 3:00 p.m.
2. [00:00:05] Roll Call via Qualtrics:
3. [00:00:17] Approval of Minutes of February 1, 2024- Minutes Approved.
4. [00:00:29] Recognition of Guests
5. [00:00:36] Announcements
  - Chair King reminded everyone that March 14<sup>th</sup> is the last Senate meeting, before the next term of the senate which begins April 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Senate leadership has been meeting senators from each academic to get unit specific perspectives and to discuss issues outside of senate.
  - Chair King spoke about international grants. He has reached out to Vice President for Research Winston Schoenfeld about issues and how to set up these grants more quickly.
  - Dean Case has informed department chairs across campus that a process for claiming deaccessioned materials is underway.
  - Chair King also gave a Board of Trustee update. The BOT was informed that we have met 2 of those 3 remaining criteria for preeminence, leaving just one metric to go.
6. [00:04:56] Report of the Provost:
  - Provost Michael Johnson spoke about Rosen College Dean search being underway with a search committee that includes college and industry representatives. The goal is to have on-campus candidate interviews by the end of the semester.
  - The fourth COACHE faculty job satisfaction survey continues for eligible faculty. He encouraged the Senators to take the survey to and encourage their colleagues to participate.
  - The regular annual state legislative session is nearing an end with impacts on UCF to be determined.
  - Reminder of major event coming up. **Founders' Day Faculty Celebration**, Wednesday, April 3, 3 to 5 p.m., the Student Union Pegasus Ballroom and the



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**UCF Celebrates the Arts 2024**, April 3 through 14, Dr. Phillips Center for Performing Arts.

Provost Johnson opens the floor for questions.

7. [00:18:59] New Business
  - a) Motion to Create a Faculty Senate Teaching Evaluation Task Force.
    - Motion seconded. Discussion.
    - There were multiple motions to amend. Motions Approved.
    - The final motion was approved as amended.
  - b) Senate Agenda for March 14, 2024
    - i) Research Space Utilization Task Force
      - (1) The Task Force members are Christopher Bock, Christy Miranda Perez, Manoj Chopra, Chuck Reilly, Jonathan Bates, Saiful Khondaker, Linda Walters, Griffith Parks, and Peter Larson.
  - c) Steering plan for March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting at the Lake Nona Campus
    - i) 3-4 pm: Steering meeting
    - ii) 4-5 pm: Presentation from Dean Deborah German and tour
8. [00:52:26] Committee Reports
  - a) B&A Committee: Keri Watson, Chair of B&A Committee
  - b) IT Committee: Joe Kider, Steering Liaison for IT Committee
  - c) Personnel Committee: Kristina Tollefson, Steering Liaison for Personnel
  - d) Research Committee: Linda Walters, Chair of Research Council
  - e) Graduate Council: Danny Seigler, Steering Liaison for Graduate Council
  - f) Undergraduate Council: Tina Chiarelli, Chair of UCRC, Steering Liaison for Undergraduate Council

All Committees shared their verbal reports.
9. [01:15:40] Adjournment

2022-2023 Steering Committee Attendance

Last Name	First Name	08/24/23	09/21/23	10/19/23	11/16/23	01/04/24	02/01/24	02/29/24	03/28/24	Total Meetings Attended
<b>Faculty Senate Leadership</b>										
King	Stephen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7
Watson	Keri	1	1	1	1	1	1			6
Shrauger	Kristine	1	1	1	1		1	1		6
Self	William	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7
<b>College of Arts and Humanities</b>										
Cash	Mason	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7
Tollefson	Kristina	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7
<b>College of Business Administration</b>										
Gallo	James	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7
<b>College of Community Innovation and Education</b>										
Seigler	Daniel	1	1	1	1		1	1		6
<b>College of Engineering and Computer Science</b>										
Kauffman	Jeffrey	1	1		1	1	1	1		6
Proctor	Michael	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7
<b>College of Graduate Studies</b>										
Kider	Joe	1	1	1		1	1	1		6
<b>College of Health Professions and Sciences</b>										
Lopez Castillo	Humberto	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7
<b>College of Medicine</b>										
Chiarelli	Tina	1	1	1		1	1	1		6
<b>College of Nursing</b>										
D'Amato-Kubiet	Leslee	1	1	1	1	1				5
<b>College of Optics and Photonics</b>										
Schulzgen	Axel	1	1	1	1	Sabbatical-Dogariu subbing				4
Dogariu	Aristide			*Alternate		1	1	1		3
<b>College of Sciences</b>										
Schulte	Alfons	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7
Walters	Linda	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7
<b>Rosen College of Hospitality Management</b>										
Semrad	Kelly	1	1	1	1		1	1		6
<b>University Libraries</b>										
Murphey	Missy	1	1	1		1	1	1		6
<b>Total Present</b>		19	19	18	16	16	18	17	0	

1=Present

\*Summer meetings do not count for or against a senator's attendance

## **Steering Feb 29<sup>th</sup> steering committee: chair announcements**

**First**, I want to remind everyone that we finish up in just our next senate meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> before the next term of the senate begins at the April 11<sup>th</sup> senate meeting. All election results are due to Yaneries by tomorrow, and let's hope all the units conclude their elections on time!

**Second**, in the last few weeks the senate leadership has been meeting senators from each academic to get unit specific perspectives and to chat about issues outside of senate. We have just one to go, due to a reschedule, but all other have been completed. I'll share that each meeting was unique, reflecting the different nature of the senators from each academic unit. I found them to be very productive sessions, in some cases leading to various actions already taken, or actions and topics being developed for the next senate session.

**One particular item** I want to share now is about international grants. Several faculty have shared the trouble they have had getting these set up correctly, in other words it has taken excessively long, including over a year to get the grants started. I have reached out to Vice President for Research Winston Schoenfeld about this and he is looking for some actual examples from our own faculty grants to identify where problems exist. The hope is by doing this, UCF can take corrective action and get these grants working toward their goals quicker, and not be languishing waiting for paperwork. If you are aware of cases where there have been excessive delays, please email me and I will forward the information along so it can be examined.

**Library Update:** I expect you all remember our forums where we discussed the library deaccessioning process. Dean Case has informed department chairs across campus that a process for claiming deaccessioned materials is underway, with a collection of periodicals of one single journal as well as ~ 100 thousand microfiches. I am learning more about what to expect in the future and will share this with faculty as I can.

**My last announcement** is to give a key update from the UCF Board of Trustees meeting that occurred last week. As you may recall, UCF has been inching closer to preeminence, with just 3 more metrics to go to reach that preeminence, and the extra funding that come with that status.

At the Trustee meeting, we were informed that we have met 2 of those 3 remaining criteria, leaving just one metric to go.

We now have met the Research grant metrics and the number of postdoctoral fellows metric.

This leaves just the 4-year FITC graduation rate to go.

We won't know the final status of the graduation rate metric until the end of summer semester, as only then UCF gets the final count of all our graduates for the year.

And that concludes my announcements for today.

# UCF Faculty Senate Steering Report by Provost Michael D. Johnson

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## Rosen College dean search

- The provost said the Rosen Dean search is underway with a search committee that includes college and industry representatives. The goal is to have on-campus candidate interviews by the end of the semester.

## COACHE survey

- The fourth COACHE faculty job satisfaction survey continues for eligible faculty. He encouraged the Senators to take the survey to and encourage their colleagues to participate. Responses are confidential and important. Responses will be used to determine what the university can do to make work life better for faculty.

## Legislature

- The regular annual state legislative session is nearing an end with impacts on UCF to be determined.
  - The provost said UCF's priorities include major state investments to boost our funding per student, which is the lowest among the six research universities in the SUS, and bolster UCF as Florida's premier engineering and technology university, which would support the advancement of various disciplines across the university.

## Major events ahead

- **Founders' Day Faculty Celebration**, Wednesday, April 3, 3 to 5 p.m., the Student Union Pegasus Ballroom. The provost encouraged faculty to come cheer their colleagues and also noted everyone is invited on the same day and place to the staff celebration, 9 a.m. to noon, and the student celebration that evening from 6:30 to 8.
- **UCF Celebrates the Arts 2024**, April 3 through 14, Dr. Phillips Center for Performing Arts; the provost encouraged everyone to attend events and to Google the name for more about tickets, show times.
- The provost ended his report and opened the floor for questions.

Motion to create a Faculty Senate Teaching Evaluation ad hoc committee in light of the 37-17 vote passing Resolution 2023-2024-8

The ad hoc committee charge is twofold:

1. Examine teaching evaluation practices from other higher ed institutions that do not rely on student perceptions of instruction including Colorado-Boulder, Southern California, Oregon, Kansas along with current research and present a resolution to the faculty senate regarding mechanisms to measure effective teaching that do not rely on documented biased measures of student perception.
2. The ad hoc committee shall also present a resolution with a revised set of objective SPI questions for use in 5-year reviews.

The ad hoc committee membership, building upon the multiple task forces and committees who have already spent countless hours researching this topic and to expedite this process, should include Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning representation including members of the previous task force, all members of the Senate Personnel Committee who authored Resolution 2023-2024-8 and the Center for Distributed Learning as well as other interested faculty.

They shall prepare their resolutions to be voted upon by Faculty Senate before the conclusion of the 2025 Senate Term.