

Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of
November 15, 2012

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diane Chase, executive vice provost, provided an update on the general education core committees. The discipline committees met and discussed learning outcomes/competencies and what kinds of classes should be included in the general education program. The discipline committees will be meeting again to further the discussion. Arlen Chase, who is serving on the Social Sciences committee, reported that the community colleges and universities are divided as to what level of courses should be included in the GEP. Kathy Seidel, who is serving on the Communications committee, reported that the committee is in agreement about the competencies, but it is difficult to get consensus about the specific courses to be included. Diane Chase reported that the Sciences committee is encountering some of the same issues. The GEP Steering committee is discussing how to determine whether a higher-level course should be counted toward the GEP. More information about the GEP core committees is available at <http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/hb7135gep.asp>.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2012 was made and seconded. The minutes were approved as recorded.

REPORT OF THE PROVOST

Tony Waldrop, provost and executive vice president, announced the following:

- The Board of Governors met last week and approved the Master of Science in Engineering Management degree.
- The governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on State Higher Education Reform is now available online at <http://www.flhighered.org>.
- There has been discussion about forming a state-wide centralized online university, and the Parthenon group was hired to evaluate the possibilities.
- The Women's Research Center will be renamed the UCF Center for the Success of Women Faculty.
- There will soon be an announcement about the outcome of the search for Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies.
- The searches for the Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science and the Vice Provost for Regional Campuses are underway. Waldrop encouraged faculty to attend the open sessions and provide feedback.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2012-2013-1 Approval of the Proposed Student Perception of Instruction Form

Cook read aloud the Be It Resolved clause and opened the floor for discussion. Motion made to change the word "instruction" to "instructor" in SPOI item 9. Motion seconded and carried. The

Senate proceeded to vote on the resolution. The resolution, including the proposed SPOI, was unanimously approved. The approved resolution is attached.

Resolution 2012-2013-2 Fair and Equitable Treatment and Benefits for University Personnel
Cook read aloud the resolution from the Steering Committee and called for discussion. None followed. The Senate proceeded to vote. The resolution was unanimously approved.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Administration – *Robert Dipboye*

The committee is working on resolutions on post-tenure evaluation and the importance of non-STEM disciplines.

Personnel – *Kathryn Seidel*

The committee is discussing issues with TIP, RIA, and SoTL. One issue being discussed is changing the eligibility criteria so that class size is not a variable in determining eligibility.

Parking Advisory – *Alex Tamasan*

The committee sent a resolution to Steering regarding equalizing the costs of hang tags. The resolution was returned to committee by Steering and the committee is working on revisions. Waldrop noted that Vice President Bill Merck is interested in discussion the issue with the committee.

Undergraduate Council – *Kelly Allred*

The committee is meeting and conducting normal business. No specific issues to report.

Graduate Council – *Jim Moharam*

Appeals Committee: Committee met on 10/25 and 11/8. Next meeting is scheduled for 11/29.

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No specific issues to report.

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Ad hoc Grading Scale – *Ida Cook*

The committee has agreed to recommend that a pass/fail/honors option be considered only for the graduate level. The committee members are currently gathering feedback from their colleges on whether the colleges would be interested in utilizing the pass/fail/honors grades.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Instructions: Please answer each question based on your current class experience. You can provide additional information where indicated.

All responses are anonymous. Responses to these questions are important to help improve the course and how it is taught. Results may be used in personnel decisions. The results will be shared with the instructor after the semester is over.

Please rate the instructor's effectiveness in the following areas:

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