



Faculty Senate

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Committee Reports
October 21, 2021

Budget and Administrative Committee

Chair – Tina Buck; Vice Chair – Adam Wells

Request to Speak at Senate/Steering

No update

Information Technology Committee

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

Request to Speak at Senate/Steering

October 12, 2021

Committee met for about an hour. Discussion was held on topics of Linux support and the upcoming IT strategic plan. In addition, to basic Linux support that will be organized through Chad Macuszonok and Shafaq Chaudhry in Office of Research IT, helping faculty with machine specifications (for a purchase process) will also be supported through Office of Research IT. Matt Hall (CIO) reviewed the major September 16, 2021 outage and went through issues that occurred and future plans to avoid those points of failure. Within the upcoming IT strategic plan, Matt Hall discussed issues with the wireless network that they hope to address, the committee discussed items that might be in the “common good” for UCF and UCF IT to cover. Proposed committee product for the year is a process/policy for evaluating what software is common-good and how to determine charging.

Personnel Committee

Chair – Edwin Torres; Vice Chair – Adam Parrish

Request to Speak at Senate/Steering

October 13, 2021

Personnel Committee with Chair Edwin Torres calling the committee to order. We discussed the Topics List forwarded to us by Steering. We marked as closed the following topics: Required Faculty Training; Extension of Tenure Clock due to COVID; Emeritus Policy; and Spousal Conflict of Interest. We deferred Faculty Grievances to the UCF Union and Out-of-Unit Faculty Benefits to the Benefits Committee. Topics continuing to be considered by the Personnel Committee are: Faculty Exit and Stay Interviews; Faculty Involvement in Hiring; Anonymous Supervisor Surveys; Faculty Administrative Action; Award Structure for TIP, RIA, SOTL, etc.; Faculty Salary Compression.

Research Council

Chair – Linda Walters; Vice Chair – Shawn Burke

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October 18, 2021 – Policy Committee

Policy Committee: This committee has met twice with UCF Global/OR to share suggestions and concerns about the draft Faculty International Travel policy. UCF Global was very responsive



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after the first meeting and made significant changes to the document based on faculty input. The revised document was shared with all faculty members through Faculty Senate and there were a significant number of faculty responses via email. Other interested faculty joined the zoom meeting on Monday, October 18. The second meeting was attended by Global/OR. Faculty shared additional questions/concerns about the revised draft policy. By November 1, the draft policy will go to the UCF Policy and Procedures Committee. Once posted by them, faculty will have an additional 2 weeks to comment on draft policy.

October 11, 2021 - Compliance Committee

Committee is working on 2 agenda items. First is looking at EHS concerns and experiences since EHS moved out of OR in 2019. Second is determining how best to get a Research Misconduct Review Committee in place to expedite response time.

October 11, 2021 - Internal Research Committee

Committee focused on 2 issues. First was understanding how UCF does and should deal with technology and equipment not managed by facilities. Who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep? Second, Dr. Klonoff asked the group to formulate a transparent workflow process for when a faculty member asks OR to purchase software.

Graduate Council

Chair – Stacy Barber; Vice Chair – Valeriya Shapoval

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October 20, 2021 – Graduate Policy Committee

Committee voted for new language concerning the ability of students to reapply for a graduate program, after they have been dismissed for low grades.

October 8, 2021 – Graduate Program Review and Awards Committee

The committee approved the Biomedical Engineering PhD from the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

Undergraduate Council

Chair – Jeffrey Kauffman; Vice Chair – Tina Dow

Request to Speak at Senate/Steering

The UPCC did not meet this month.

Since Kuali is being implemented in a staged process that prioritizes courses and then programs, we anticipate being able to consider course changes in the coming months. In the meantime, we will be addressing items from the topics tracker.

October 12, 2021 - UCRC

As we are still awaiting the complete implementation of Kuali, there were no courses available for approval at that time. During the meeting, Drs. Theodora Berry and Wayne Bowen gave a brief discussion on the General Undergraduate Requirement Committee (GURC) and its role in the approval of General Education Program (GEP) courses. Unlike Digarc, Kuali can recognize all designated GEP courses. As GURC has now been built into the workflow, they will receive GEP courses before the UCRC. In addition, Dr. Tim Letzring gave a Kuali update. Danielle Hutson, the UCRC Coordinator, walked the committee through Kuali, discussing the role of individual members in the course review process with the new operating system.

Ad Hoc Budget and Labor Crisis Response Committee

Chair – Reid Oetjen; Vice Chair – Kelly Semrad



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Committee has not met. Survey sent to members to determine whether to continue ad hoc committee. Will bring agenda item to next Steering Committee meeting.

Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee

Chair – William Self

Request to Speak at Senate/Steering

We have not met since the last senate update, we will be scheduling a meeting in November to review a number of items and discuss how to move forward with bylaw changes and discuss the potential for a constitution revision.

Ad Hoc Committee on Civil Discourse

Chair – William Self

Request to Speak at Senate/Steering

Ad hoc committee on Civil Discourse: We have a meeting scheduled for October 25th to discuss our charge and discuss civil discourse at UCF.

Ad Hoc Health and Safety Crisis Response Committee

Chair – Stephen King; Vice Chair – Victoria Loerzel

Request to Speak at Senate/Steering

October 5, 2021

The committee examined and discussed the following positive trends on campus since the fall semester started: (1) lower COVID cases on campus, comparable to what we had in April 2021; (2) lower positivity rates now (~2%) versus earlier (~11%); (3) wastewater testing for COVID seeing a drop since high after first home football game; (4) vaccination rates among students is ~70%. Questions from the committee: (1) What is the plan for booster shots of the vaccine at UCF? (2) What is the plan for future changes to campus guidance for events if pandemic conditions continue to improve?

Ad Hoc Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Committee

Chair – Kristine Shrauger

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The committee has been put in hiatus for the fall semester and is waiting to see what direction Andrea Guzman, VP for DEI, takes the Leadership Council and how Faculty Senate can interface with the Council.