

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes of
October 3, 2013

Reid Oetjen, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM. The roll was circulated for signatures.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2013 was made and seconded. The minutes were approved as recorded.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Elliot Vittes, Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies

Bill Self, Associate Professor, Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arlen Chase has accepted a position in the College of Science Dean's office and is no longer eligible for service in the Faculty Senate. He has stepped down as a senator.

REPORT OF THE PROVOST

Diane Chase represented the provost in his absence. There is nothing substantial to report. Questions and comments were invited. Koons reported hearing concern over the late release of the budget to units. Breiter expressed concern over payment for dual compensation in the Rosen College of Hospitality. Chase said that the provost wanted to make sure that faculty were paid appropriately. In response to a question about the dollar amount of the proposed 1% faculty raise, Chase said that, if approved, the raise for in-unit faculty would be approximately \$1.2 million. Cook asked about the president's announcement that UCF will be admitting the top ranked 10% of Florida high school students; Chase said a group will be meeting to work out details. Breiter asked if college budgets are based on student credit hours; Chase replied that the provost was working on a model to reward colleges for different factors. Chopra added that the Board of Governors will be asking state universities to follow several different goals for improvement, such as graduation rate. Edwards asked about faculty input to budget decisions; Chase said that input comes from the deans and budget committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Publication of SPOI Data

The committee compared the list of new SPOI questions to the previous list. Edwards moved to publish data from all nine questions on the UCF website; the motion was seconded and passed. This will be added to the agenda of the next Senate meeting.

Additional Steering Committee liaisons were named: Robert Wood, Personnel; Deborah Breiter, Undergraduate Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Student Records and Financial Aid

For some cases of student withdrawals from courses, UCF has to return funds to the federal government. Faculty are asked to report about those students' attendance and participation in

courses. The question arose about whether faculty should require some “educational activity” within the first several weeks of the semester. Koons moved to send this issue to both the UPCC and Graduate Council; the motion was seconded and passed.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Budget and Administrative – Oetjen reported that Robert Cassanello was elected committee chair.

Graduate Council – Jim Moharam reported that the committees are meeting to conduct regular business. No issues that may require Senate approval is under consideration at this time

Parking Advisory –Oetjen reported that Amit Joshi was elected committee chair.

Personnel –Oetjen reported that Mason Cash was elected committee chair.

Undergraduate Council –Elliot Vittes noted that Bill Self was elected chair of the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.