

**Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
September 14, 2006
3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
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Attendees:
Kim Tanzer
Rebecca Pauly
Mary Ann Burg
Sandra Chance
Danaya Wright
Rick Yost
Chris Snodgrass
Frank Bova

Pradeep Kumar
Barbara Wingo
Janie Fouke

Guests:
Jerry Cutler
Carol Murphy
Allan Burns
Tim Taylor

Danaya Wright called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

The August 17, 2006 steering committee minutes were approved.

Reports:

▪ **Chair's Report**

Danaya Wright, Chair

Dr. Wright did not present a Chair's report.

Information Items:

▪ **Constitution committee items**

Tim Taylor, Constitution Committee Chair

- Temporary Senator Replacement Policy Senate Bylaw 4 E 2 (e)

Tim Taylor presented the Temporary Senator Replacement Policy language. Dr. Wright noted the need for language allowing temporary replacements of senators who are on sabbatical or who have class conflicts for one or two semesters. The constitution committee will revise the language to include appropriate provisions.

- Honorary Degrees Committee Bylaw 20 and Constitution Article V Section 4 and 5

The Steering committee discussed the proposed changes to the Honorary Degrees Committee. The Steering committee would like the Committee on Committees to look at what things have been done in the past to determine whether the Honorary Degrees committee is appropriately fulfilling the senate's academic oversight mission. The COC will reevaluate the specific issues of recommendations, naming changes, joint committee status, emeritus eligibility, sunshine and the role of the committee. Dr. Wingo informed the committee that if the Senate wished the committee to be out of the sunshine the committee could only serve a fact finding role and could not create policy. The Steering Committee would also like the COC to look at other Universities to see if they have committees like this and revisit the role of the Senate in the namings portion of the committee's work. Dr. Wright will draft a memo to the COC and ask it to revisit the presented issues.

- Absence policy for councils and committees Constitution Article IV Section 2

The constitution committee will revise the presented language to refer to the bylaws regarding the absence policy for committees and councils.

- Senate Secretary Constitution Article IV Section 3

The committee will remove the ex-officio non-voting language.

- Dean and Department Chair Searches Constitution Article VI Section 2

The issue will be brought back to the Steering committee in October after Dr. Wright has discussed the recommendations with the President and the Provost.

- **Engineering Joint Degree Program from the Curriculum Committee**

Sheila Dickison, Curriculum Committee Chair

Dr. Dickison presented a joint degree program proposal. The proposal will be presented as an information item in September.

- **Nominating Committee Structure, COM Jacksonville/Gainesville Split**

Danaya Wright, Chair

The steering committee discussed folding the nominating committee and the committee on committees into one committee. The Steering committee declined to move the issue forward. Frank Bova explained the COM Jacksonville/Gainesville split and asked what implications this may have for Senate seats. The Steering committee decided that the issue should be handled internally by COM and that COM will not get any additional Senate seats.

- **Role of Steering Committee in Facilitating Senate Processes**

Kim Tanzer, Past Chair

The Steering committee will discuss this item at the October meeting.

- **Advisory Council of Faculty Senates Business**

Danaya Wright, Chair

- Constitution
- Grade Point Values
- ACFS and UFF relationship

Dr. Wright briefly discussed these ACFS issues, which are on the September ACFS agenda.

- **CLAS discussion**

Danaya Wright, Chair

The steering committee discussed the CLAS 5 year plan. Dr. Wright presented a resolution written by John Leavey, who was unable to attend the meeting. The Steering committee decided to revise the resolution before presenting to the Senate. Anita Spring will draft a revision of the resolution and distribute to the Steering Committee. The Steering committee will present the resolution at the Senate meeting as an information item.

Allen Burns discussed some of the proposed changes to the CLAS structure. He explained how graduate numbers were moved to support stronger programs.

Dr. Wright noted that the Senate should not participate in college issues, but focus on whether there was adequate faculty input in this process.

Dr. Wright reviewed the Policy Council's role on this issue which is to review the implications of the CLAS cuts on a University- wide curriculum level.

The Provost is establishing a Budget Allocation Committee to review whether colleges are over or under funded and has requested faculty names for members of this committee. Dr. Wright expressed that the appropriate place for this type of analysis is the Budget council.

Council Reports:

Council reports will be the first agenda items at the October meeting.

- **Budgeting Council**
- **Research Council**
- **Academic Infrastructure Council**
- **Faculty Welfare Council**
- **Academic Policy Council**

Frank Bova, Chair

Mary Ann Burg, Chair

Peggy Carr, Chair

Rebecca Pauly, Chair

Anita Spring, Chair

Action Items:

Approval of Senate Agenda for the September 21, 2006 meeting Danaya Wright, Chair
The Senate agenda for the September 21st, 2006 meeting was approved with the addition of a resolution regarding the CLAS 5 year plan and shared governance and the removal of the Honorary Degrees and Dean and Department Chair searches from the constitution committee presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M