



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Minutes

Faculty Senate Steering Committee

January 8, 2004

3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

202 Tigert

Chair: Anthony B. Brennan

Members present: Tony Brennan, Bob Cousins, Kim Emery, Saeed Khan, Barbara McDade, Jack Mecholsky, Pierre Ramond, Kim Tanzer

Members absent: Gene Hemp, Jean Larson

Guests: David Colburn, Bernie Machen, Barbara Wingo

Tony Brennan convened the Faculty Senate Steering Committee at 3:00 p.m. in 202 Tigert Hall.

Minutes: Minutes of the December 11 meeting were approved.

Chair's Remarks: Tony Brennan gave an oral update of the Senate calendar. He noted which issues had been completed and gave the status of those still in progress.

President's Report: President Machen voiced his pleasure at being at the University of Florida and meeting with the Senate Steering Committee. He considers the committee to be a major conduit between his office and the Faculty Senate and faculty at large.

The president stated some of the primary issues on which he will focus this semester. He would like the Senate to provide a roadmap for the implementation of shared governance. He wants to see a strong partnership between UF and Scripps Florida and will report further on that topic at a future meeting. Dr. Machen understands the importance of addressing the collective bargaining issue in a timely manner. He acknowledged that the budget for higher education in Florida is not what it should be and will work with all parties to improve that situation.

President Machen said he believes there is redundancy in having both the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and the Faculty Academic Advisory Council (FAAC). After a brief discussion, a motion was made to ask the Committee on Committees to study the feasibility of dissolving the FAAC. The motion passed.

New Business:

Quality of Life Committee report: No representative from the Quality of Life Committee was present. The committee report was stricken from the January 15, 2004 Faculty Senate meeting agenda.

Water Institute: No one was present to speak about the Water Institute. The presentation was stricken from the January 15, 2004 Faculty Senate meeting agenda.

Call for special Faculty Senate meetings: Kim Tanzer, chair of the Constitution Committee, announced that special Faculty Senate meetings will be held January 22 and February 5. The January meeting will spend one hour addressing the definition of faculty and one hour looking at apportionment. The February meeting will deal with Senate policy councils.

Faculty Senate Committee on Committees: A motion was made to send two proposed bylaw amendments to the Constitution Committee.

- Senate Bylaw 4(C)3 reads, in part: “Matters may be transferred from the information to the action agenda either by action of the Steering Committee or by **majority** vote in the Senate” The proposed amendment would change **majority** to **unanimous**.
- Senate Bylaw 4(C)4 reads, in part: “The Senate shall not take action on proposals not on the action agenda, except in the following instances: ... (2) when, in extraordinary situations requiring unusually expeditious action, this requirement is waived by the Steering Committee or by **majority** vote of the Senate.” The proposed amendment would change **majority** to **unanimous**.

The motion passed.

Finalize January 15 Senate agenda: The agenda for the January 15, 2004 Faculty Senate meeting was set as follows:

- Approval of December 18, 2003 minutes
- Chair’s remarks
 - a) Shared governance timetable
 - b) Special Faculty Senate meetings
 - c) Elections
- President’s report
- Action items (part 2)
 - a) Department name change – Theatre and Dance
 - b) Department name change – Health Science Education
 - c) Discontinuation of Master of Health Science Education degree
- Committee report
 - a) Constitution Committee
- Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.