

College of Journalism and Communications
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes for November 29, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chair Julie Dodd.

Members present were David Carlson, Johanna Cleary, Julie Dodd, Mary Ann Ferguson, Bridget Grogan, Linda Hon, Juan-Carlos Molleda, Cynthia Morton, Henri Pensis and Marilyn Roberts.

The minutes of the meeting of November 8, 2007, were approved as amended.

Discussion of Full Faculty Meeting of November 28, 2007

Dodd reviewed the full faculty meeting and indicated that there was a high level of interest from the full faculty as shown by the attendance and the e-mails from those who could not make the meeting. She thanked the committee chairs for their presentations and thanked Molleda for his update on the Latin American Conference.

Ferguson discussed the tabling of the T&P committee's motion for changes to the T&P package and timeline. Ferguson hoped that this won't set a precedent for the tabling of other committee's motions due to the vocal objections of some of the faculty if the committees have done their homework in preparing these motions for a vote. Roberts indicated that she believed that the tabling of this motion actually sent a positive message since there was a moderate level of concern expressed at this meeting. Other points that were made in the ensuing discussion mentioned the inclusion of departmental and Senate review. Molleda mentioned the use computers during the presentation of proposals to make approved changes during these meetings. Ferguson and Roberts also noted that the University of Florida Faculty Senate uses the first presentation of a proposal as an information item and then brings it back at a later meeting as an action item.

Review of Major Items Undertaken by Faculty Senate this fall:

Dodd reviewed the two major items of concern for the Faculty Senate this fall. The first has been the search for a new Dean. Dodd proposed the Senate send a letter of appreciation to the Provost thanking Janie Fouke for the inclusion of the Senate in the search process and for the excellent work done by Doug Jones as the Chair of this committee throughout the process. After some discussion it was agreed that Dodd would draft this letter and send it to the Provost once the search has been completed.

The second item has been the work the Senate has performed with the Constitution Committee. This has come in several subparts with the first involving the work needed to update the roles of the constitutionally-mandated committees and the role that the Senate will play in the committee member election process. This refers to the recommendations made by the Senate Sub-committee that was presented to the general faculty at the 11/28/07 meeting. Ferguson indicated that the Election to College Faculty Committees Proposal should be sent for a faculty vote to approve the election policy. Carlson suggested that the Senate should recommend the adoption of the election policy at the

next full faculty meeting. The other subpart of Senate Sub-committee work with the Constitution Committee is the adoption of General Principles for Decision Making with Shared Governance. Ferguson pointed out that there were language changes that were necessary to have this policy conform to the University Faculty Senate Principles of Shared Governance. These were noted and will be changed in the next draft of the General Principles for Decision Making. Dodd mentioned that the goal is to have these principles adopted in the College Constitution. The principles document was presented to the Senate which then broke into three small groups for review and discussion. After the small groups finished, the large group had about ten minutes left for discussion. It was decided that Hon, Pensis and Dodd will meet to revise the document and that an additional meeting of the Senate is needed to deal with the Principles. This meeting will take place on Thursday, December 13, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Other Business

Carlson recommended that the Senate also send a collegial letter to the new Dean (once hired) offering the Senate's congratulations and best wishes as we all work together for the benefit of the College.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting will be 9:00 a.m on December 13, 2007, and will be 2 hours long.

Approved 12/13/07

Respectfully submitted,

Henri Pensis