

**Minutes**  
**College Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 13, 2007**

Members present: Dave Carlson, Johanna Cleary, Julie Dodd, Mary Ann Ferguson, Bridget Grogan, Juan Carlos Molleda, Cynthia Morton, Henri Pensis, and Marilyn Roberts. Absent: Dave Carlson. Also present: Robyn Goodman, chair of College Constitution Committee.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Julie Dodd.

The minutes from the Nov. 29 meeting were approved unanimously.

Process: Once minutes are approved, the approval date should be added to the minutes and the minutes sent to Craig Lee for posting on College Web site. Will continue rotation of minutes for spring semester.

Dodd announced that the College Faculty Senate was included in the latest issue of The Communicator – article and photo.

Discussion of Dean Search situation. Provost Janie Fouke met with Search Committee on Dec. 6 to collect more information. Concern that an announcement not made. Could be a topic of discussion at the end-of-semester faculty meeting if an announcement not made by then. Issues affecting the search – Negatives: Number of other national searches for deans and directors of communication programs. Budget cuts at UF and statewide. Positives: Strong faculty. Shared governance underway.

Dodd had been charged at the previous Senate meeting to draft a thank-you letter to Doug Jones, thanking him for his work as Search Committee chair. Dodd distributed the letter prior to the Senate meeting. The senators made suggestions for revising the letter. Dodd will send the revised letter to Jones with copies to the President and Provost.

Constitution Committee report – Goodman

- Committee has asked for report from each current college committee to make determination about which committees could be combined or eliminated.
- Possible election process for electing university-mandated committees (like Tenure and Promotion) and then college committees.
- Whether Administrative Council will continue and, if so, if it will have faculty representatives.
- Will the chair of the Senate or another senator attend the Administrative Council meetings?
- Importance of accountability.
- The proposed constitution should be reviewed by UF Counsel prior to a faculty vote.

Discussion of committee elections:

- 3-year terms
- Can serve two consecutive terms then have one year off
- Elect chair and vice chair, with the vice chair becoming the chair the following year.

Senators are to discuss the proposed election process with their units prior to a faculty discussion.

Monthly faculty meetings needed for spring semester to address different sections of the constitution – first as discussion item, then as action item.

Need to establish difference between standing and appointed committees, elected and dean-appointed committees.

Determine if minutes of meetings can be approved through e-mail to have approved minutes ready sooner to be distributed to faculty and/or posted on College Web site.

Dodd thanked Ferguson for her work on the Senate and wished her well on her sabbatical. Dodd said the Public Relations Department would need to select a replacement for spring semester.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie E. Dodd

Approved at College Senate meeting -- Jan. 28, 2008