

College Faculty Senate – Draft Minutes for Oct. 13, 2009
College of Journalism and Communications

The meeting was called to order a 4:08 p.m. by Robyn Goodman.

Members in attendance: Julie Dodd, Mary Ann Ferguson, Bridget Grogan, Jon Morris, Kim Walsh-Childers, and Titus Rush

Others in attendance: Linda Hon

Minutes of April 22, 2009 meeting – Morris moved to approve. Motion approved.

Minutes of September 1, 2009 meeting – Ferguson moved to approve. Motion approved.

Minutes of September 15, 2009 meeting – Morris moved to approve. Motion approved.

Budget Committee representative - Ferguson moved to designate Grogan as the College Senate representative on the College Budget Committee. Motion approved.

Discussion about how to assign committee chairs when it is not possible for the committee to meet to elect a chair: Ferguson moved that the Senate chair and Senior Associate Dean designate chairs where it is not possible to schedule a meeting to elect the chairs. Motion approved.

College statement on UF proposal to eliminate sick leave payouts for faculty - Ferguson noted that the University Senate has not yet taken a position on the matter in order to first gauge faculty sentiment. It was suggested that faculty members also be asked to offer ideas for cutting the budget. Hon noted that cuts need to be recurring cuts.

Walsh-Childers moved that departmental representatives request input from their respective departments regarding the proposal to end sick leave payouts upon termination or retirement. The responses would be summarized and posted on the UF Senate blog without reference to particular individuals. Motion approved.

Morris moved that the College Senate write and endorse a letter opposing the elimination of sick leave payouts. The letter would be sent to UF administration.

Discussion: Ferguson volunteered to draft and adjust the letter based on faculty and Senate input and take the letter to the Senate chair for approval. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Grogan