

ADVISORY COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES

Pre-BOG (Zoom)

Monday January 21, 2022

Minutes

Attendees: Bill Self (Chair), Deanna Michael (Vice-Chair), Joe Harrington (UCF), Ann Marie Cavazos (FAMU), Amanda Phalin (UF), Anna Carlin (FGCU), David Bloom (UF), David Harvey (NCF), Deanne Butchey (FIU), Eric Chicken (FSU), Jamie McDonald (FCGU), Joerg Reinhold (FIU), Kim Dunn (FAU), Matthew Crow (UWF), Steve King (UCF), Tim Boaz (USF), Gary Tyson (FSU), Sylvain Dore (UF)

Meeting began at 3:00 pm.

Chair Self went through the agenda for the BOG meeting in Tallahassee January 24 and 25.

Points of discussion:

Academic and Research Excellence Committee

- The Foreign Influence bill is affecting faculty, faculty hires, and doctoral student hires.

The Strategic Planning committee:

- Nursing education is the focus. Most programs have high passage rates on professional exams.
- Civil Discourse Initiative Report was not showing up, but is available in the BOG agenda.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee:

- BOG Regulation 3.005, Examination and Assessment Instruments
 - The regulation as written seems to focus on day-to-day nuts and bolts of running a class. The question is about whether the regulation has the potential to stifle faculty innovation in assessments. There was also the question of whether, as written, universities could be interpreted as being responsible for exams/exam questions that show up on 3rd-party sites like Chegg, etc.

The Climate survey was not on the agenda.

Facilities Committee is requesting 800 million in PICO funds for infrastructure repairs and maintenance.

The rest of the agenda was reviewed without discussion.

Members and friends were asked to keep up with their government relations office about pending legislation.

Topics not on the agenda, but brought to the attention of the ACSF:

- Academic free speech is still an area of political focus. SACSCOC investigation of UF is ongoing.

- Traffic around campuses is a concern for members. The speed limits can be high and traffic lights are needed. Universities and cities where they located need more control of traffic. The city of Gainesville Council voted to work with the DOT on traffic issues around UF.