

**Minutes of the July 1, 2014 Faculty Council Meeting
Today is Tuesday, August 5, 2014 5 PM
Hugh Hill Conference Room**

Officers Present:

President – Nancy Hardt
Vice President – Alice Rhoton-Vlasak

Past President- David Quillen

Officers Absent:

Treasurer – Frank Bova
President Elect – Laurence Solberg

Secretary – Jean Cibula

Department Representatives Present:

Thomas Buford– Aging
QiuHong Li-Ophthalmology
Robert Mathias– Orthopaedics
Elizabeth Brownlee-PA School
David Quillen– CHFM
Bryon Peterson– Pediatrics
Robert Cook– Epidemiology
Peter Sayeski– Physiology
John Hiemenz– Medicine
Peggy Wallace-Molecular Genetics & Micro

Maria Zajac-Kaye– Anatomy
Vincent Bird– Urology
Kfir Ben-David – Surgery
Suzanne Mastin-Radiology
Larry Fowler-Pathology
Jada Lewis– Neuroscience
Brian Law– Pharmacology
Diego Rincon-Limas– Neurology
Gregory Murad– Neurological Surgery

Department Representatives Absent:

Sonia Mehta– Anesthesiology
Tom Yang– Biochemistry & Molecular Bio
Arlene Naranjo– Biostatistics
Thomas Payton-Emergency Medicine
Kelli Komro– HOP

Emily Weber LeBrun– OBGYN
Kevin Raisch– Otolaryngology
James Byrd– Psychiatry
Judith Lightsey– Radiation Oncology

Invited Guests:

United Faculty of Florida

Minutes:

1. President Dr. Nancy Hardt called the meeting to order at 5:00PM; the June minutes were approved. New Reps introduced themselves.
 - a. EFAC Rep is Larry Fowler
 - b. UF is creating an ombudsman office; draft was distributed to the council. Dr. Hardt asked the council to review the draft and make comments.
2. United Federation of Florida works to accomplish the following: improve state funding for increased faculty salaries and benefits, working to improve the faculty's role in decision-making on campus, assisting in negotiation of collective bargaining contracts for over 18,000 professionals, protecting academic freedom and tenure, defending faculty rights, influencing the formulation of policy by the governing boards, working for legislation to improve the quality of education in our colleges and universities, and advancing academic excellence. Class load, equipment, salaries, professional advancement, instructional resources; ultimately every decision that affects higher education faculty is either a bargaining issue or a political decision and involves UFF.
3. Dr. Nancy Hardt adjourned the meeting at 6:00PM.

The next Faculty Council meeting will be held Tuesday September 2, 2014 @ 5PM in the Hugh Hill Conference Room.

Minutes recorded by Rachel Westwood, Administrative Assistant and edited by Dr. Jean Cibula.