

Pepperdine University Faculty Council
Tentative Agenda for 9/28/16 Meeting
Seaver Board Room, Thornton Administrative Center, Malibu campus
Prepared by Prof. Mark Scarberry, outgoing chair.

12:20pm Lunch begins.
12:45pm Informal group discussion: goals for the year, issues to address, etc.
1:00pm Formal meeting begins.

Tentative agenda for formal meeting (subject to being changed by the new Chair or by the UFC members more broadly, and to being supplemented by issues raised by UFC members) :

1. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Recording Secretary.
2. Approval of minutes for March 11, 2016, meeting.
3. Brief recap of the informal group discussion, for the benefit of members who could not be present. Further discussion with regard to setting goals for the year and identifying issues that should be addressed by the UFC. The discussion may identify specific items that the new Chair could add to this tentative agenda.
4. Discussion of (and possible vote to recommend) a proposed amendment to the UFC charter that would provide for the Vice-Chair also to serve as Chair-Elect. See the memorandum prepared by Mark Scarberry.
5. Discussion of the role of the new Pepperdine chapter of the AAUP and of whether its formation should have any effect on the role of the UFC. [Scarberry editorial comment: No.]
6. Opportunity for Provost Marrs and Associate Provost Kats to share pertinent information (for example, with regard to dean selection) and to identify issues that they would like the UFC to address this year. The Provost indicated at the previous UFC meeting that he could discuss trends in higher education and how graduate education is changing; that could be a topic for a UFC meeting during this academic year. Another matter identified in the minutes for the March 11 meeting is the status of the diversity statement that is being developed by the Diversity Council.
7. Report on the work of the shared governance task force.
8. Discussion of issues raised by a UFC member from GSEP:
 - (a) What is the University Planning Committee's function? What role is played by faculty who are on the UPC, and why do only two schools at any one time have a faculty member who is on the UPC? What is the role of the UFC, if any, in selecting faculty members to serve on the UPC?
 - (b) The University may intend to close the GSEP campus in Encino when the lease on the premises ends. How can GSEP faculty be involved in the planning process with regard to the future of the Encino campus, so that faculty input is given weight, and so that the process is transparent? The issue for discussion likely will be whether the UFC should consider these matters, and, if so, how. [Scarberry note: Ordinarily, the UFC would not discuss a school's internal matters that affect only that school, but the UFC may do so at the request of a member from that school. See the UFC charter. In addition, the UFC may play a role in supporting faculty at a school as they seek to participate meaningfully in shared governance.]
9. Other matters.
10. Adjourn by 3pm.