



**University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
April 29, 2024
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Engineering East Room 106**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kim Dunn at 1:02pm. The meeting was held in Engineering East Room 106.
2. Senate approved [March 25, 2024](#) UFS Minutes by unanimous consent.
3. President's Report
 - BOT updates
 - Dr. Dunn reported that the BOG approved new regulations for SUS presidential search committees. BOT Chair Bussani announced that he will bring additional information about the FAU Presidential Search to the BOT meeting on June 4. Furthermore, she has shared the importance of faculty involvement in the search process with BOT Chair Bussani. Other items on the BOT agenda can be viewed by visiting the BOT website.
 - Dr. Dunn announced that the BOT approved an honorary doctorate for Charna Larking.
 - Faculty Emeritus, John Reed, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute
 - Dr. Dunn announced that John Reed from Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute has been awarded Faculty Emeritus.
4. Guest Speakers
 - [Artificial Intelligence simple syllabus language](#), Dan Meeroff, Dean of Undergraduate Studies
 - Dean Meeroff reported the following: The AI task force started meeting in January and has developed a draft syllabus language regarding AI use in courses. This includes options for AI use: encouraged, flexible, or prohibited. The document also includes proper citation practices for AI tools in MLA, APA, and Chicago styles. Recent updates include a new section about failure to comply with academic integrity requirements. The revised language will be incorporated into the "Simple Syllabus" system, though the details are still being finalized.
 - Stay tuned for AI faculty training opportunities.

- Send questions and comments to Dan Meeroff, Dean of Undergraduate Studies.
- No recommendation from Steering. Motion to adopt the proposed syllabus language. **Motion carries.**

5. Committee Reports

- Committee Report, Honors and Awards Committee, Evangelos Kaisar

Committee Report Summary:

- Reviewed responsibilities, memberships, and the 2023-2024 meeting schedule.
- Discussed major activities and awards, including Excellence and Innovation, FAU Online Faculty, University Service, Community Engagement Presidential, Distinguished Mentor of the Year, and honorary degrees and faculty emeritus status.

- Committee Report, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Khaled Sobhan

Committee Report Summary:

- Reviewed responsibilities, memberships, and the 2023-2024 meeting schedule.

Discussed major activities:

- Evaluated all promotion and tenure applications and submitted a report to the Provost.
- Met with the Provost to discuss the UPT committee report.
- Conducted a University Open Forum on the P&T process and NTT promotion.

Mentioned other recent activities:

- Assisted with reviewing College P&T documents and made recommendations.
- Collaborated with the Provost on revising UPT documents.
- Conducted presentations and workshops for colleges, schools, and departments upon request.
- Provided presentations to Deans and Directors as requested.

- Committee Report, Library Advisory Committee, Caitlin Imgrund

Committee Report Summary:

- Reviewed responsibilities, memberships, and the 2023-2024 meeting schedule.

Discussed major activities and updates:

- Major Activities: Feedback on collections, consultant's report, and library's R1 role. LibQUAL+ updates expected in fall.
- General Updates: New hires, ASERL and ARL membership pursuits, University Research Commons launched.

- Facilities: Progress on Presidential Study, ADA ramp updates, Wimberly Library renovation proposal.
 - Collections: Added HeinOnline, Miami Herald Archives, SAGE Suite.
 - Events: Library Open House, Doughnuts with the Dean, Book Talks, and more.
- Faculty Athletics Representative Report, Stephen Engle
 - Oversight and Updates:
 - Expanded priority registration, compliance education, and mental health initiatives.
 - Monitored academic performance: Fall 441 athletes, APR 977, GPA 3.269, 89.9% graduation rate.
 - Development Highlights:
 - Record 31 six- and seven-figure gifts since June 2018.
 - Berman Law Group's \$300,000 gift for naming the Berman Zone.
 - Men's basketball team had 21 straight sellouts.
 - TV revenue increase from under \$500k to \$2.5M in year one, averaging \$3.8M annually.
 - Potential revenue growth in corporate sponsorships, ticket sales, fundraising, merchandise, parking, and concessions.
 - Team Highlights:
 - Volleyball: NIVC berth, 20-13 record.
 - Softball: 1st in ACC, top 25 ranking.
 - Men's Tennis: 3rd in ACC, No. 46 national ranking.
 - Women's Tennis: 4th in ACC, No. 58 national ranking.
- Academic Planning and Budget Committee, Kevin Wagner
 - Dr. Wagner presented the [proposed Senate/Steering dates for the 2024-2025 academic year](#).
 - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion carries.**

6. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)

- Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**

7. [UPC Action Agenda](#)

- Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion to approve carries.**

8. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)

- Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**

9. UGC Action Agenda

- None.

10. Old Business

- **Digital access for UFS Steering and Senate meetings**, Kim Dunn
 - Senate meetings are recorded and accessible for viewing with FAU credentials. Access is restricted to those within FAU; external parties cannot view or access the meetings. However, recordings can be requested through public records requests.
 - Steering meetings are not recorded and do not require FAU credentials for access. Effective Fall 2024, an FAU credential will be required to gain virtual access to UFS Steering Committee meetings. This is an informational item that does not require a vote.
- [ESHP - FLEX Foreign Language](#), Michael Zourdos
 - *For discussion and vote
 - Dr. Zourdos provided an update and presented the request to remove the Foreign Language Exit (FLEX) option from the B.S. in Exercise Science program.
 - Positive Recommendation from Steering. **Motion carries.**
- [Proposed bylaw revisions](#)
 - *For discussion and vote
 - Remove Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
 - Motion to delete the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as a standing UFS Committee. **Motion carries.**
 - Add Faculty Development, Success, and Retention Committee
 - Motion to add Faculty Development, Success, and Retention Committee. **Motion failed.**
- For Background Information see [Regulation 9.016](#)

11. New Business

- Dr. Dunn presented the [election results](#).
- Dr. Dunn presented the nominees for the one-year seat on steering and called for any other nominees.
 - Nominations:
 - Richard Gendler
 - Khaled Sobhan
 - Zhijun Yin
 - Eric Dumbaugh
 - Carol Mills
 - Mauricio Almonte
 - Voting opens 4/30/2024 until 5/6/2024

- Dr. Dunn presented a [Resolution Recognizing Dr. Kevin Wagner's Exemplary Leadership and Service in the Faculty Senate](#)

12. Open Forum with the Provost

Provost Ivy reported/announced the following:

- College of Engineering & Computer Science added a new department, Department of Biomedical Engineering
- SACSCOC accreditation visit went very well, and reaccreditation will become effective with SACSCOC annual meeting in December.
- FAU will be changing accreditors during the next cycle to comply with BOG regulations.
- Search updates on College of Medicine Dean and College of Nursing Dean and Associate Vice President of Broward Campuses provided.
- Updates on P&T and PTR updates provided – both processes are a little behind but nearing completion.
- Provost Office is working with Office of the General Counsel to develop guidance on prohibited expenditures – stay tuned for more information – work with your dean's office and elevate to James Capp when necessary.

13. Open Forum of the Senate

- Nicole Morse expressed concerns for Palestinians at FAU.

14. Good of the Senate

- None.

15. **Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.**