



**University Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
October 7, 2024  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Engineering East Room 106**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kim Dunn at 1:00pm. The meeting was held in Engineering East Room 106.
2. Senate approved [September 9, 2024](#) UFS Minutes by unanimous consent.
3. President's Report  
Dr. Dunn reported on the following:
  - **New Senator Orientation:**
    - A PowerPoint for new senators was created and is available on the Senate website.
    - Dr. Dunn hosted first new senator orientation and lunch which included discussions on new senators' concerns and priorities.
  - **Board of Trustees Update:**
    - The Board met on September 30, focusing on oversight, the Sunshine Law, and budget redesign.
    - The budget redesign is still open for suggestions, and an invitation will be extended to the CFO for a future meeting on this topic.
    - Approvals were made regarding fixed capital outlay and the President's contract extension, pending ratification by the Board of Governors.
  - **Presidential Search Update:**
    - New regulations regarding the presidential search process were discussed, including changes in finalist selection and review.
    - The presidential profile is now available for feedback until October 14. Comments can be submitted anonymously.
  - **Future Senate Speakers**
    - Discussions on future speakers scheduled for November were mentioned, with potential rescheduling due to time constraints.
4. Guest Speakers
  - **President's Welcome, Stacy Volnick, President**
    - President Volnick expressed gratitude for the contributions of faculty, staff, and students, highlighting the university's recent ranking improvement (up 29 spots to 103rd in U.S. News and World Report).
    - Discussed the impending impact of Hurricane Milton, currently a Category 5. The campus is experiencing rain and power outages affecting buildings.
    - Announced operational changes; classes from 5:00 PM onwards will be canceled starting tomorrow. Operations will shift to a limited schedule on Wednesday and

Thursday, with a reassessment on Thursday regarding Friday's classes. Communication regarding class cancellations and operational changes to be sent out soon.

- Emphasized prioritizing safety over class schedules, acknowledging the challenges posed by the storm. All online classes will be suspended to accommodate potential internet outages for students.
- Encouraged faculty to prepare their students and ensure safety.
- Looked forward to returning next month for an update on the strategic plan.

- **Post Tenure Review, Steve Engle**

- Associate Provost Engle was unable to attend. The presentation will be rescheduled for a later date.

5. Committee Reports

- None.

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](#)

- Program Change from Education, Ed.S. in Educational Leadership
  - No recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
- Program Change from Education, Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) Counselor Education
  - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
- New Program from Arts and Letters, Graduate Certificate in Environmental Studies
  - Positive recommendation from Steering.
  - An amendment to the motion was proposed to ensure a letter of support from the ECOS is included before final approval. **Motion carries.**
  - The main motion, as amended, was proposed. **Motion carries.**

10. Old Business

**General Education, Kim Dunn**

- Discussion resumed on the previously tabled update to the General Education (Gen Ed) curriculum.
- Dr. Dunn emphasized that changes were required to comply with Board of Governors regulations to avoid potential funding loss and curriculum decertification. The need for timely approval was highlighted.
- A motion was made to take the item off the table. **Motion failed.**
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## 11. New Business

- **Teaching Materials Survey, Kim Dunn**
  - Dr. Dunn addressed BOG Regulation 8.003, which requires institutions to attest each semester that all materials assigned to students have been reviewed.
  - The regulation has completed its public comment period.
  - Conversations with the Provost's office are underway to involve faculty governance in developing a compliance process.
  - A survey was created to gather faculty feedback on the regulation. Currently, only one response has been received. The survey link was shared with all academic affairs staff. Concerns were raised about the anonymity of responses, and it was agreed to make the survey anonymous.
  - The feedback period will remain open until Monday, allowing faculty a week to contribute.

## 12. Open Forum with the Provost

- Updates on the following were provided by Provost Ivy:
  - **Attestation Update:**

The Board of Governors has shifted the responsibility for attestation to individual universities. Kim Dun, UFS President, and Jason Ball, Associate Provost and Chief Information Officer, will meet this Friday to discuss potential options for implementing this at FAU.
  - **Anti-Semitism Review Process:**

The review of the anti-Semitism word search involved collaboration with OIT. FAU submitted 61 unique course sections, resulting in seven courses requiring further material review.

The Board of Governors is currently processing a large volume of course materials from multiple institutions, which has been overwhelming.
  - **Course Materials:**

The flagged courses predominantly include Political Science and one from Jewish Studies, identified based on specific keywords related to anti-Semitism.

Other:

### **AED Availability:**

- A faculty member raised concerns to the Provost about the lack of AEDs in the College of Science and Behavioral Sciences buildings, noting that having AEDs readily available is crucial for safety, especially in areas serving older adults.

## 13. Open Forum of the Senate

None.

## 14. Good of the Senate

- [Photovoice Exhibit Invitation: Wed. Oct. 16 Noon SO-44](#)
  - Dr. Dunn announced "Housing Insecurities in Paradise" on Wednesday, October 16th, at noon in the Social Work building, SO-44. This art exhibit features photographs by five students who have faced housing insecurity while attending FAU. They'll share their stories and actionable solutions for support.
  - Announcement from Chris Robe: UFF Bowling event scheduled for October 26 at Bolero from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Faculty encouraged to participate.

15. Meeting adjourned at 2:49pm.

## UFS Senator Attendance Roster

Fall 2024

Senators include College representatives, faculty assembly heads, steering committee, standing committee chairs, elect/past president, and non-voting members President and Provost.

Present =x

Last Name	First Name	Role	College	9-Sep	7-Oct	4-Nov	2-Dec
Johnson	Geoffrey	Guest	Academic Affairs	x			
Almonte	Mauricio	Senator	Arts and Letters				
Balkan	Stacey	Senator	Arts and Letters		x		
Berlatsky	Eric	UGC Co-Chair	Arts and Letters	x			
Branaman	Ann	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x		
Calargé	Carla	Senator	Arts and Letters				
Chapman	DaLaine	Guest	Arts and Letters	x			
Eason	Shane	FA Chair	Arts and Letters	x			
Ellis	Meredith	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x		
Harris	Mike	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x		
Kharlamov	Viktor	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x		
MacDonald	Ian	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x		
McConnell	Will	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Nichols	Angela	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x		
Robé	Chris	Senator	Arts and Letters				
Rossow	Stacie	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Sementelli	Art	UGC Co-Chair	Arts and Letters				
Trapani	Bill	Steering, APBC Chair, President-	Arts and Letters	x	x		
Wagner	Kevin	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x		
Agapova	Anna	Senator	Business				
Baghersad	Milad	Senator	Business	x	x		
Banerjee	Kuntal	FA Chair	Business				
Bilgihan	Anil	Senator	Business				
Castrogiovanni	Gary	Senator	Business	x	x		
Dunn	Kim	President	Business	x	x		
Gendler	Richard	Senator	Business				
Kohlbeck	Mark	Senator	Business	x	x		
Sacks	Emily	Senator	Business	x			
Bloetscher	Fred	Guest	Engineering and computer science	x			
Graves	B. Sue	Guest	Department of Exercise Science and Health Promotion	x			
DeGiorgio	Michael	Senator	ECS	x			
Kaisar	Evangelos	Senator, Honors and Awards Chair	ECS	x			

Moslemian	Davood	Senator	ECS	x	x		
Sobhan	Khaled	Senator, Steering, Promotion and	ECS	x			
Brown	Vicki	Policy and Procedures	Education				
Darling	Sharon M.	Senator	Education	x	x		
Dukes	Charles	Senator, Steering	Education	x	x		
Finnegan	Lisa	Senator	Education	x	x		
Miller	Katie	Senator	Education	x	x		
Mountford	Meredith	Steering, FA	Education				
Ramirez Agudelo	Andres	Senator	Education	x			
Schoorman	Dilys	Senator	Education	x	x		
Floyd	Deborah	Guest	Educational Leadership	x			
Assis	Raquel	Guest	Engineering and Computer Science	x			
Steppe	Stephen	Guest	Graduate College	x			
Beckler	Jordon	Guest	HBOI	x			
Bernot	Kelsie	FA Chair	Honors				
Ferrara	Zachary	Senator	Honors	x	x		
	TBD	Senator	Honors				
Follin	Tiffany	FA Chair	Library				
Mello	Lawrence	Senator	Library				
Buteau	Stephan	Senator	Medicine				
Lu	Michael	Senator	Medicine	x			
Sacca	Lea	Senator	Medicine				
Wu	Jang-Yen	Senator	Medicine				
Wyatt	Adam	FA Chair	Medicine				
Butcher	Howard	Senator	Nursing	x	x		
Newman	David	Senator	Nursing	x	x		
Quidley- Rodriguez	Narciso	Senator	Nursing	x	x		
Wiese	Lisa	FA Chair	Nursing	x	x		
Volnick	Stacy	President	Office of the President		x		
Ivy	Russ	Provost	Office of the Provost	x	x		
Ball	Jason	Guest	OIT	x			
Szabo	Debra	Guest	Provosts Office	x			
Claire DeMassi	Marie	Guest	Registrar	x			
Beetle	Chris	Senator, Steering	Science		x		

Dumbaugh	Eric	Senator	Science				
Hoffman	Fred	Senator	Science	x	x		
Leventouri	Theodora	Senator	Science	x	x		
Lin	Yuandan	Senator	Science	x	x		
Locke	Stephen	Senator	Science	x	x		
Nikolova	Daniela	Senator	Science	x			
Penhollow	Tina	Research Chair	Science				
Sarajedini	Vicki	FA Chair	Science				
Schmidmeier	Markus	Senator	Science				
Sorge	Korey	Undergraduate Programs Chair	Science	x	x		
Yin	Zhijun	Senator	Science	x	x		
Arneklev	Bruce	Senator, Steering	SWCJ	x	x		
Atkin-Plunk	Cassandra	FA Chair	SWCJ	x	x		
DeRigne	LeaAnne	Senator, Steering	SWCJ	x	x		
	TBD	Library Advisory	TBD				
	TBD	Academic Freedom and Due Process	TBD				
Nettles	Aidan	Guest	Theatre and Dance	x			
Gosser	Mary Ann	Guest	UHC	x			
Meeroff	Dan	Guest	Undergraduate studies	x			
Bebergal	Jennifer	Guest	Undergraduate Studies and QEP	x			
Olarte	Juanita	Guest	Univerisity Press	x			