



**University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
September 9, 2024
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Engineering East Room 106**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kim Dunn at 1:03pm. The meeting was held in Engineering East Room 106.
2. Presidential Search Listening Session, Sherry Murphy, Trustee & Chair of Presidential Search Committee
 - Sherry Murphy, Trustee and Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, led a listening session in the Senate to gather input from faculty on the qualities and experience they are looking for in the next FAU president.
3. Senate approved [April 29, 2024](#) UFS Minutes by unanimous consent.
4. President's Report
 - **Welcome**
 - Dr. Dunn commenced the meeting with a welcome message.
 - **Board of Trustee Updates**
 - The Board of Trustees approved changes to the following regulations: Regulation 4.001 and Regulation 4.007.
 - **Presidential Search Update**
 - Timeline: A timeline for the presidential search was shared.
 - Faculty Advisors: Information on faculty advisors involved in the process.
 - Listening Sessions: Details on upcoming listening sessions for faculty input.
 - Online Feedback: Opportunities for providing feedback online were discussed.
 - Submit Nominations: Members were encouraged to submit nominations for candidates.
 - **Automated Sign-In**
 - The Senate has implemented an automated sign-in system for Senators and guests participating on campus. Those viewing via live stream do not need to sign in.
 - **Website Updates**
 - Numerous updates were made over the summer to enhance the functionality and usefulness of the Senate website.
 - **Senate Calendar**
 - A Senate Calendar is in the works to include all Senate meetings and Senate Committee meetings. Further updates will be provided.

- **Faculty Emeritus**
 - William Hopwood from the College of Business has been recognized as Faculty Emeritus.
- **Future Senate Speakers**
 - Upcoming speakers include:
 - Audrey Pusey, Dean of Students – October
 - Julie Golen-Botti, Associate Provost for Center for Online and Continuing Education – TBD
 - Student Government President – TBD
 - Jayson Iroff, CFO – TBD
 - Athletics representative – TBD

5. Guest Speakers

- **President’s Welcome, Stacy Volnick, President**
 - President Volnick was unable to attend in person due to illness and sent her regrets. She will send a welcome letter through Dr. Dunn's University Faculty Senate President Update email.
- **Post Tenure Review, Steve Engle**
 - Associate Provost Engle was unable to attend in person due to illness. The presentation will be rescheduled for a later date.
- **General Education Update, James Capp**
 - [Presentation](#) by Dr. Capp.
 - Dr. Capp provided the following updates:
 - Updates to General Education to comply with BOG Regulation 8.005 were approved by the UFS Steering Committee. This action was taken in accordance with the bylaws, which grant the UFS Steering the authority to act on behalf of the Senate on time-sensitive issues.
 - These changes have been approved by the FAU Board of Trustees and will be submitted to the Board of Governors for final approval.
- The item was tabled and will be added to the October Senate agenda.
- Students with questions about the changes to the General Education requirements are encouraged to contact University Advising Services.

5. Committee Reports

- **Academic Planning and Budget Committee, Bill Trapani**
 - Dr. Trapani reported on the following:
 - Jayson Iroff, FAU CFO, will be invited to provide an update on the revised budget model. The date for this presentation will be confirmed soon.
 - The committee has begun discussions on SPOTs, with further details and insights to be shared in future meetings.

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
 - None.
9. UGC Action Agenda
 - None.
10. Old Business
 - None.
11. New Business
 - **Textbook Regulations and Data Requests**, Kim Dunn
 - Dr. Dunn provided update on three separate issues related to textbooks and data requests.
12. Open Forum with the Provost
 - Updates on the following were provided by Provost Ivy:
 - Enrollment and Retention Update
 - 4,232 first-time-in-college students, including summer pathway students.
 - 2,557 transfer students, reflecting a 4% increase.
 - An improved retention rate of 84.49%, the highest to date.
 - A total student population of 31,615, the largest in FAU's history.
 - Financial Aid Support
 - Addressed concerns about financial aid issues, mentioning the establishment of an FAU Cares account, which assisted 449 students with over \$420,000 in aid.
 - International Student Enrollment
 - Noted a continuing international student population of 1,897, with over 1,100 from study group programs.
 - Rankings and Recognition
 - 41st in Washington Monthly for social mobility and research.
 - Notable placements in Wall Street Journal rankings and Forbes' top colleges.
 - AI Initiatives
 - Discussed ongoing efforts to address AI in education, including a dedicated website with resources and policy considerations.
 - Accreditation Updates
 - Confirmed the completion of the SACSCOC accreditation process, with reaffirmation expected in December.
 - Plans to apply for HLC accreditation are underway, with the current SACS reaffirmation set for 10 years.
13. Open Forum of the Senate
 - None.

14. Good of the Senate

- New Senators were welcomed and invited to lunch and new senator orientation.

15. **Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.**