

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
December 12, 2016
EE 106, 1:30PM – 3:30PM

Members and Guests Present: *See Appendix A* for attendance sheet.

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Chris Beetle at 1:30pm. The meeting was held in room EE 106 on the Boca Raton Campus and was video conferenced to Davie (DW 108), Fort Lauderdale (HEC 608), Harbor Branch (LE 235), Jupiter (SR 200), and Sea Tech (ST 209)

2. **With positive approval**, the Senate approved [November 14, 2016](#) UFS Minutes.

3. President's Report

- a. Dr. Chris Beetle begins his report by addressing the proposal to the Steering committee regarding a resolution for FAU campuses becoming a sanctuary for students. The Steering committee did not come to a consensus on how to proceed. Dr. Beetle presents the Statement in Support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) signed by President John Kelly. The statement is on the front page of President Kelly's website. Second, Dr. Beetle will convene an Ad-Hoc committee to advise the Steering committee on proposing a statement reiterating the values of Florida Atlantic University with regard to free speech, diversity, and the freedom to express ideas and engage in civil debate.

4. Speakers

- a. President John Kelly
 - o President John Kelly begins his presentation by addressing the "Race to Excellence Strategic Plan 2015-2025" emphasis to honor and protect the diversity on campus as well as the need for Globalization. President Kelly signed onto the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) because it reflected the Strategic Plan.
 - o Moving forward, Metric #3 was changed by the Board of Governors. The average cost per Bachelor's Degree will change from the cost of the system to the cost of the student.
 - o This year, FAU not only finished in first place in the Metrics with 84 points but also have a contract with the Union for Faculty salaries and provide Graduate Student bonuses.
 - o There is an opportunity to recruit more out of state students. Academically, there was a minimum admission of students with a 3.0 GPA in 2014, 3.3 in 2015, and 3.6 in 2016. This past year, the mean GPA of admitted students was a 3.96, and 189 students enrolled in FAU above a 5.0 GPA.
 - o Lane Kiffin was hired as the new Head Football Coach for Florida Atlantic University. Lane Kiffin's goal is to build FAU into a top 25 program that will create a national brand. The #1 current trend on social media is about Lane Kiffin.
 - o The Majestic Owls had a recent reception comprised of individuals that graduated from Florida Atlantic University 50 years ago. Last year was the first reception with the Class of 1965. This year, out of the 608 graduates in 1966, 55 Alumni attended the Majestic Owls reception.
 - o The past two years have been the largest fundraising years in the history of Florida Atlantic University. In Fiscal Year 2015, FAU raised almost 30 million and 28 million in Fiscal Year

2016. FAU has hired Danita Nias who comes from the University of Florida to serve as the new Vice President of Advancement. Vice President Danita Nias will be working with the Deans as FAU moves toward to a capital campaign.

- This year, FAU is required to work on a new master plan for the Boca Raton Campus. There will be an expansion of the Student Union. Currently, 4,100 students live on campus. When President Kelly started at FAU, the dorms had an 83% occupancy rate, now the dorms are at full capacity. FAU has met with the Mayor of Boca Raton about the possibility to have 20th street home for more student occupancy. Dr. Corey King is working on a strategy on expanding 5,900 units in years to come.
- Moving forward, FAU's College of Business received \$5 million from Phil Smith.
- FAU just became a Spanish serving institution and received a \$4.4 million dollar grant in Computer Science. President Kelly thanks James Capp for his research on allowing FAU to become a Spanish serving institution.
- This past week, FAU was rewarded a \$1.4 million grant for the current fiscal year and \$10 million in total to research Freight Mobility. Over 200 proposals were submitted and only 20 projects were rewarded.
- Alumni Eduardo Padron was selected to receive a 2016 Presidential Medal from President Barack Obama.
- President Kelly congratulates Dean Deborah Floyd on the success of the Three Minute Thesis competition.
- Dr. Jeffrey Morton led FAU to 2nd place out of 80 Universities in the Model United Nations competition.
- One month ago, the Associated Press had a reporter come to FAU High School and wrote a story that reached across the world including a family in Africa asking if they could move to Palm Beach County.
- Finally, President Kelly shares his gratitude for all of the faculty and wishing Dean Heather Coltman well as she will become the new Provost for James Madison University.

5. UPC Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

6. UPC Action Items

a. **College of Engineering and Computer Science:**

- Ocean Engineering
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

7. UGC Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

8. UGC Action Agenda

- a. No items.

9. **Business Items**

- a. No items.

10. **Open Forum with the Provost**

- Provost Perry begins his announcement by congratulating the College of Design and Social Inquiry and College of Engineering and Computer Science for receiving a 15 million dollar grant from the Department of Transportation.
- Next, Provost Perry congratulates Dean Heather Coltman, as she will become the new Provost for James Madison University. There will be a national search for the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters along with the College of Design and Social Inquiry and College of Engineering and Computer Science. FAU will be using the Witt/Kieffer search firm for all three Dean Searches. Library Dean Carol Hixson will chair the search committee for the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters Dean search.
- The Provost office has received 29 portfolios as of now for Professors seeking promotion and tenure.
- Finally, Florida Atlantic University's Brain Institute in Jupiter is now home to a Nikon Center of Excellence.










11. Good of the Senate

- Dr. Kevin Lanning respectfully gives his opinion regarding the resolution for FAU campuses becoming a sanctuary for students.
- Dr. Sareen Gropper presents the Healthy Owl Challenge, which is a three-part social media challenge that encourages all Owls to energize their life with one nutritious meal, being physically active and getting restful sleep. The challenge helps FAU reach the National Healthy Campus 2020-2025 health objectives.

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.



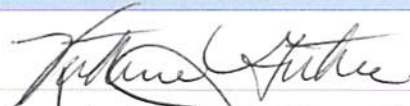


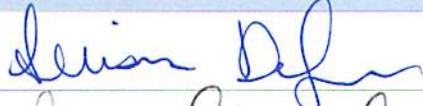



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College	Name	Signature
Arts & Letters	1) Mauricio Almonte	
	2) Adam Bradford	
	3) Marshall De Rosa	
	4) Mike Harris	
	5) Jacob Henson	
	6) Max Kirsch	
	7) Brian McConnell	
	8) Manjunath Pendakur	
	9) Chris Robe	
	10) Kevin Wagner	
Business	1) Patrick Bernet	
	2) Bill Bosshardt	
	3) Gary Castrogiovanni	
	4) Kim Dunn	
	5) Anita Pennathur	
	6) Jim Han	
Design & Social Inquiry	1) Bruce Arneklev	
	2) LeaAnne DeRigne	
	3) Hugh Miller	
Education	1) Yash Bhagwanji	
	2) Susannah Brown	

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	3)	Valerie Bryan	
	4)	Meredith Mountford	
	5)	Dilys Schoorman	
	6)	Robert Zoeller	
Engineering			
	1)	Evangelos Kaiser	
	2)	Hari Kalva	
	3)	Davood Moslemain	
Honors College			
	1)	Kevin Lanning	
	2)	Veljko Dragojlovic	
Medicine			
	1)	Kathleen Guthrie	
	2)	Xupei Hung	
	3)	Morton Levitt	
Nursing			
	1)	Susan Dyess	
	2)	Cynthia Archibald	
Library			
	1)	Allison DeLuca	
	2)	Sheri Edwards	
Science			
	1)	Fred Hoffman	
	2)	James Kumi-Diaka	
	3)	Steve Locke	
	4)	Daniela Nikolova	
	5)	Lian-fen Qian	


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	6)	Evonne Rezler	
	7)	Markus Schmidmeier	<i>Markus Schmidmeier</i>
Faculty Assembly Heads			
A&L		Kevin Wagner	
BUS		C.M. Sashi	
D&SI		Cliff McCue	
EDU		Philomena Marinaccio	<i>Philomena Marinaccio</i>
ENG		Amir Abtahi	
HBOI		Laurent Cherubin	
HON COL		Veljko Dragojlovic	<i>Veljko Dragojlovic</i>
MED		Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi	<i>Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi</i>
NUR		Shirley Gordon	
SCI		Jerry Haky	<i>Jerry Haky</i>
LIB		Joanne Parandjuk	
Committee Chairs			
AFDPC		Marshall De Rosa	
APBC		Kevin Wagner	
Admission & Retention		Rupert Rhodd	
Assessment		Nancey France	
Distance Education		Mary Cameron	
Graduate Council		Paul Peluso	<i>Paul Peluso</i>

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Honors and Awards	Evangelos Kaisar	
Library Advisory		
P&T	Cynthia Wilson	
Research	Arlene Fradkin	
UPC	Jerry Haky	
GPC	William McDaniel	
Senate President	Christopher Beetle	
President-Elect	Kevin Wagner	
Non-Voting Members		
President	John Kelly	
Provost	Gary Perry	

Guest Sign-In Sheet - December 12, 2016

Dept.	Name	Signature
grad. college	Deborah Floyd	
Anthropology	Meredith Ellis	
Provost	Michelle Hunter	
Govt Inst	Suzanne	

