

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
February 26, 2018
EE 106, 1:00PM – 3:00PM

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

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kevin Wagner at 1:00pm. 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 206G, Jupiter (SR 200), and Sea Tech (ST 250)

2. **With positive approval**, the Senate approved [January 29, 2018](#) UFS Minutes.

3. President's Report

- a. Dr. Kevin Wagner begins his report by announcing that the Office of the Provost is working on the textbook affordability memorandum and should have an update soon.
- b. Next, nominations for the following University Faculty Senate positions are now open – President-Elect, 3 Steering Committee seats, and 3 Academic Planning and Budget Committee seats.
Dr. Paul Peluso nominates Dr. Kevin Wagner for President-Elect.
Dr. Robert Zoeller nominates Dr. Meredith Mountford and Dr. Mauricio Almonte for Steering Committee seats.
- c. Finally, Dr. Kevin Wagner announces that the University Faculty Senate Happy Hour will be on April 2nd immediately following the University Faculty Senate meeting in the Atrium.

4. Speakers

- a. [Chief Sean Brammer, FAU Police](#)
 - o Chief Brammer begins his presentation by discussing the Active Shooter “EVENT” where victims are selected at random, the event is unpredictable and evolves quickly, and law enforcement is usually required to end an active shooter situation.
 - o An “active shooter” is an individual who is engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearms(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.
 - o Potential behavior indicators are strange, paranoia, violence and cruelty, acting out, prior police contact, mental health history, expressionless face, unusual interest in police/military/terrorism activities and materials, and use of alcohol and drugs.
 - o There are Mental Health issues at Universities. 45% of college students felt so depressed at times it was difficult to function. 9% had seriously considered suicide. 1.5% admitted to having attempted suicide.
 - o How to respond – “Run”. Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life. Remember that students are likely to follow the lead of employees and managers during an active shooter situation. Have an escape route and plan in mind. Help others escape, if possible. Leave your belongings behind.
 - o How to respond – “Hide Out”. Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction (i.e., an office with a closed and locked door). Hide in an area out of the shooter’s view. Block entry to your hiding place with heavy furniture. Silence your cell phone and/or pager. Turn off any source of noise (i.e., radios, televisions). Hide behind large items (i.e., cabinets, desks).

Remain quiet & calm. Dial 911, is possible, to alert police to the active shooter's location. If you cannot speak, leave the line open and allow the dispatcher to listen.

- Provide information including the location of the active shooter, number of shooters, physical description of shooters, number and type of weapons held by shooters, and number of potential victims at the location.
- When law enforcement arrives, remain calm and follow instructions, keep hands visible at all times, avoid quick movements toward officers such as holding on to them for safety, avoid pointing, screaming or yelling, and do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating.
- Finally, you can do this! Remember, because active shooter situations are often over within 10 to 15 minutes, before law enforcement arrives on the scene, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation. The shooter wants to kill as many as possible and will shoot everyone in the room unless you stop them!

b. [Joe Murray, Assistant Dean of University Advising Services & Evonne Rezler, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science](#)

- University Advising Services offers first and second year students under 45 hours academic advising & coaching, University Honors Program, foster youth/homeless student support, starfish, pre-law, first generation students, and undecided/undeclared students.
- Students with a term GPA of 2.0 or above in the beginning of the semester in year 1 was 13% and at the end of the year was 67%. In year 2, the beginning of the semester was 32% and at the end of the semester was 67%. In year 3, the beginning of the semester was 39% and at the end of the semester was 68%. In year 4, the beginning of the semester was 35% and at the end of the semester was 71%. In year 5, the beginning of the semester was 32% and at the end of the semester 66%. Finally, in year 6, the beginning of the semester was 30% and at the end of the semester was 71%.
- The Success Network includes an Academic Advisor, Academic Coach (spring assignment based on GPA), Career Consultant as well as Financial Aid Counselor. The Academic Advisor provides proactive outreach, appreciative advising, and first year academic support. The Academic Coach provides specialized success coaching, and workshops such as time management, study skills, test taking, and financial literacy. The Career Consultant provides major selection, major knowledge assessment, and interest inventory and discussion. Finally, the Financial Aid Counselor provides targeted financial aid, proactive grant and scholarship information, and individualized financial aid.
- Pre Law resources include Philosophy Course Cluster, Ethics, Law & Society certificate, Law & Society concentration (Honors College), Pre-Law society (PAD), Undergraduate Law Journal, Business Law minor, and Advisors in UAS, Career Center, Arts & Letters, College of Business, and the Honors College.
- The transition to College Advising are for students with 45 hours. This includes a welcome letter and the advisor contacts student as soon as possible to make an appointment. College advisors help students navigate curriculum/rules toward timely graduation. College advisors connect students to: tutoring (SI), financial aid, career advising (Career Center/embedded Career Liaisons), faculty mentors, and undergraduate research opportunities.
- Finally, the faculty connection includes using Canvas grade book to enter progress grades, entering mid-semester grades for your students, visiting your College Advising team, and referring students to your College Advising Office or UAS.

c. [Dean Carol Hixson, Dean of University Libraries](#)

- Dean Hixson presents Florida Atlantic University Libraries Library Collections.
- Rate of Inflation for Library Collections (Print & Electronic) - 7-10% annually & 83.8% over last ten years.
- FAU Libraries Budget for Collections in 2008 is \$3 million and in 2017 was \$3 million.
- The Libraries have been coping by:
 - 1) Reducing the amount spent on monographs.
Since FY 13/14: 47% less spent on print books, 86% less spent on e-books, 69% less spent on books overall
 - 2) Supplementing the collections budget with salary savings.
Already used \$144,000 to keep Taylor & Francis going this year
Allocated \$150,000 before the end of this fiscal year for print books
Asked to keep aside \$300,000 to put into collections next year
 - 3) Supplementing the collections budget with Technology Fee proposals.
This year, 10 of 19 Tech Fee proposals were requests to purchase scholarly content, for a total of \$715,859
Last year, we were awarded \$159,889 for four proposals to purchase scholarly content.
- Currently the Libraries are requesting more funding from University, working with Division of Research to increase support, get grants, raise money through development, student fees ideas, looking at cost-sharing with Colleges, continuing to utilize supplemental funding as possible to fill short-term gaps, continuing to meet with faculty, and develop criteria and process for making cuts with College faculty input.
- Finally, a Collections Advisory Committee is being formed. As of now the following members are Clifford Brown (Arts & Letters), Don Neubaum (Business), Rebel Cole (Business), Cristobal Salinas (Education), Hongbo Su (Engineering), Tsung-Chow "Joe" Su (Engineering), Deanna Gray-Miceli (Nursing), Salvatore Lepore (Science), and Tiffany Briggs (Science).

5. UPC Consent Agenda

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

6. UPC Action Items

- a. College of Arts and Letters
 - *Counseling and Psychological Services – Statement on Syllabi*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

7. UGC Consent Agenda

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

8. UGC Action Agenda

- a. No Items.

9. Business Items

- a. 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Academic Calendars
[2018-2019 Academic Calendar](#)
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

- b. [2019-2020 Academic Calendar](#)
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- c. Steering Committee meeting dates for 2018-2019 - August 30th, September 27th, October 25th, November 29th, January 17th, February 14th, March 21st, and April 18th.
Senate meeting dates for 2018-2019 - September 10th, October 8th, November 5th, December 10th, January 28th, February 25th, April 1st, and April 29th.
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

10. Open Forum with the Provost

- Provost Perry begins his open forum by echoing Chief Brammer's remarks on "see something, say something". He takes time to reflect on the Marjory Stoneman Douglas tragedy. CAPS has opened their door for our students in need.
- The Board of Governors have a new regulation – 8.006 which will require civics literacy as a graduation requirement.
- Next, Dean Valerie Bristor from the College of Education and Dean Marlaine Smith from the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing have agreed to continue to serve as Deans until the new Provost arrives.
- Dean Deborah Floyd from the Graduate College has resigned. Dr. Diane Alperin is currently the Interim Dean until Provost Perry assigns a new Interim Dean. Applications are currently open.
- The Provost Search committee will be using Witt/Kieffer as the executive search firm.
- Finally, every Faculty member is required to take the Title 9 training by the Office of Equity and Inclusion.

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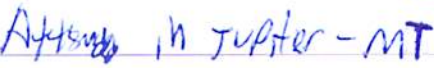




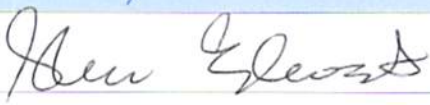

- Dr. Kevin Wagner will find out about the ASL course list from Dr. Ron Nyhan.

12. Meeting adjourned at 2:57pm

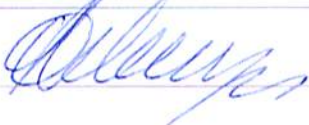


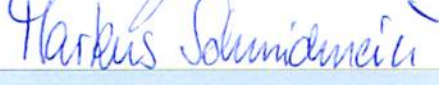




UFS Attendance Sign-In

College	Name	Signature
Arts & Letters	1) Mauricio Almonte	Mauricio Almonte
	2) Adam Bradford	
	3) Marshall De Rosa	
	4) Mike Harris	
	5) Jacob Henson	Jacob Henson
	6) Max Kirsch	
	7) Brian McConnell	Brian McConnell
	8) Manjunath Pendakur	
	9) Chris Robe	
	10) Kevin Wagner	
	11) David Williams	David Williams
Business	1) Patrick Bernet	Attended in Davie - MT
	2) Anil Bilgihan	
	3) Gary Castrogiovanni	Gary Castrogiovanni
	4) Kim Dunn	
	5) Jim Han	
	6) Anita Pennathur	
Design & Social Inquiry	1) Bruce Arneklev	
	2) LeaAnne DiRigne	Lea Anne DiRigne
	3) Wendy Guastaferrro	Wendy Guastaferrro
Education	1) Maysaa Barakat	Maysaa Barakat

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	2)	Susannah Brown	
	3)	Valerie Bryan	
	4)	Meredith Mountford	
	5)	Robert Zoeller	
Engineering	1)	Evangelos Kaisar	
	2)	Hari Kalva	
	3)	Davood Moslemain	
Honors College	1)	Veljko Dragojlovic	
	2)	Kevin Lanning	
Medicine	1)	Kathleen Guthrie	
	2)	Xupei Huang	
	3)	Morton Levitt	
Nursing	1)	Sareen Gropper	
	2)	Joy Longo	
	2)	Teresa Sakraida	
Library	1)	Sheri Edwards	
	2)	Ethan Fenichel	
Science	1)	Fred Hoffman	
	2)	James Kumi-Diaka	

UFS Attendance Sign-In

	3)	Theodora Leventouri	
	4)	Steve Locke	
	5)	Daniela Nikolova	
	6)	Lian-fen Qian	
	7)	Markus Schmidmeier	
Faculty Assembly Heads			
A&L		Bill Trapani	
BUS		Sharmila Vishwasrao	
D&SI		Cliff McCue	
EDU		Rangasamy Ramasamy	
ENG		Richard Granata	
HBOI		James Sullivan	
HON COL		Rachel Luria	
MED		Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi	
NUR		Shirley Gordon	
SCI		Jerry Haky	
LIB		Lawrence Mello	
Committee Chairs			
AFDPC		Marshall De Rosa	
APBC		Kevin Wagner	
Admission & Retention		Rupert Rhodd	

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Assessment	Nancey France	
Distance Education	Mary Cameron	
Graduate Council	Paul Peluso	<i>Paul Peluso</i>
Honors and Awards	Evangelos Kaisar	
Library Advisory	Victoria Thur	
P&T	Cynthia Wilson	
Research	Arlene Fradkin	
UPC	Jerry Haky	<i>JH</i>
GPC	William McDaniel	
Past President	Christopher Beetle	<i>CB</i>
President	Kevin Wagner	<i>KW</i>
Non-Voting Members		
President	John Kelly	
Provost	Gary Perry	<i>G</i>

