

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
April 1, 2019
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 [February 25, 2019](#) UFS Minutes.

3. President's Report

- a. Dr. Kevin Wagner begins his report by announcing that the Steering Committee elections have been decided – Dr. Bruce Arneklev, Dr. Kim Dunn, and Dr. Michael Harris. In addition, there are four candidates for three open seats on the Academic Planning and Budget Committee – Dr. Mort Levitt, Dr. Meredith Mountford, Dr. James Kumi Diaka and Dr. Terry Eggenberger. Elections will be open starting tomorrow for two weeks via email.

4. Speakers

- a. President John Kelly
 - o President John Kelly begins his statements by stating that the Choose FAU Day had a record number of students attend.
 - o The Florida Board of Governors approved new dorms on the Boca and Jupiter Campuses.
 - o FAU had no violations after reviewing every project built from appropriate funds.
 - o In addition, FAU is working towards a capital campaign. The goal is to have \$50 million raised by the end of the fiscal year in 3 months.
 - o President Kelly is also working with Governor DeSantis on the Lake Okeechobee project. He will also be traveling to Israel with Governor DeSantis to Israel on a trade mission with their universities.
 - o Next, President Kelly will be going to Washington D.C. this afternoon to discuss funding for individual projects including Artificial Intelligence and Big Data Analytics.
 - o Finally, President Kelly invites faculty to the FAU Gala this Saturday. This year, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science is being featured.

6. UPC Consent Agenda

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

7. UPC Action Items

- a. College of Arts and Letters
 - o *B.A. in Political Science*
 - o Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. College of Business
 - o *Leadership and Human Resource Development Minor*
 - o Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

- c. College for Design and Social Inquiry
 - *B.S.E.E. in Electrical Engineering*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

- d. College of Engineering and Computer Science
 - *Honors in the Major in Urban and Regional Planning and in Urban Design*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

- e. Honors College
 - *Data Analytics concentration for B.A. or B.S. in Liberal Arts and Sciences*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

- f. College of Science
 - *B.A. in Geosciences with Geography Focus*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *B.S. in Geosciences with Geography Focus*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *B.A. in Psychology*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

8. UGC Consent Agenda

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

9. UGC Action Agenda

- a. College of Arts and Letters
 - *Ph.D. in Comparative Studies (1)*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *Ph.D. in Comparative Studies (2)*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

- b. College of Business
 - *Business Analytics Concentration for MBA*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

- c. College of Education
 - *Graduate Certificate in Environmental Education*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

10. Business Items

- a. Review of SPOTS Policy
 - Dr. Bruce Arneklev presents the review of SPOTS Policy.

- FAU's SPOT Survey went on-line in the spring of 2014. In the fall of 2015 the 21 item on-line survey was reduced to six questions in an effort to increase response rates.
- Data was collected from an OIT request and IEA data.
- The first research question: Did reducing the on-line SPOT Survey from 21 multiple choice items to six questions increase response rates? Answer: No
- The second research question: Are the chosen five items from the longer 21 item SPOT survey reliably related to one another (and do they account for a single SET construct)? Answer: Yes
- The third research question: Is the new sixth item reliably related to the first five (and do they all still account for a single SET construct)? Answer: Yes
- The discussion is: Technically means are inappropriate for single ordinal (and nominal) level variables (Stevens, 1946; Forrest and Anderson, 1986; Babbie, 2013; Gass, 2001).
- A potential solution is: In addition to reporting the mean for item 6, also report a mean-of-means for items 1 through item 5 (which would reflect what the instructor actually did in the classroom).

11. Open Forum with the Provost

- Provost Danilowicz begins his open forum by announcing the Promotion and Tenure letters went out earlier.
- Next, Christa Eitel introduced the new Assistant Vice President of Academic Finance and Administration.
- The College for Design and Social Inquiry is having a faculty led discussion on the structure of their college will come back together this October.
- In conclusion, Dr. Ron Nyhan will have the Carnegie classification submitted in a few weeks. Provost Danilowicz thanks the faculty and staff that worked on the project.

11. Good of the Senate

- No items.

12. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

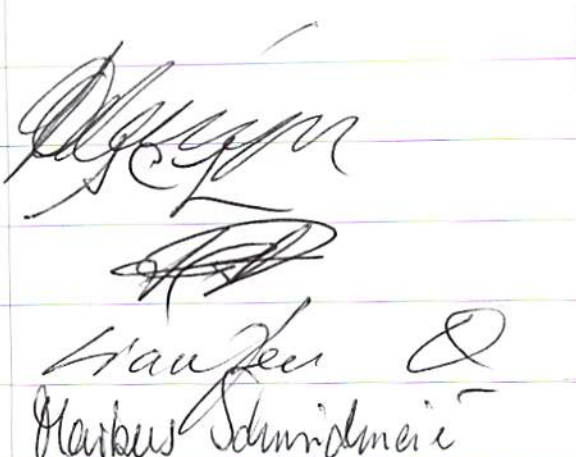
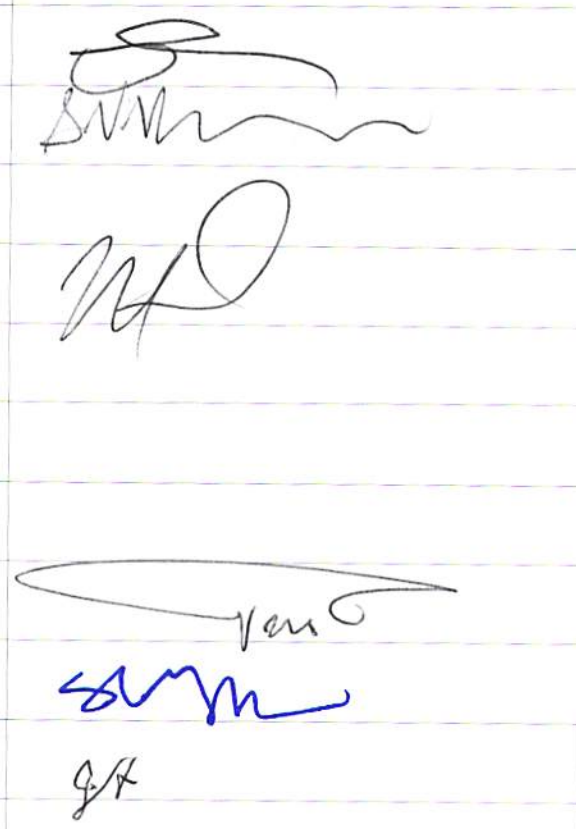
UFS Attendance Sign-In

College	Name	Signature
Arts & Letters	1) Mauricio Almonte	Mauricio Almonte
	2) Stacey Balkan	
	3) Adam Bradford	Adam Bradford
	4) Marshall De Rosa	
	5) Tiffany Frost	Tiffany Frost
	6) Barbara Ganson	
	7) Michael Harris	Michael Harris
	8) Jacob Henson	
	9) Max Kirsch	
	10) Brian McConnell	Brian McConnell
	11) Chris Robe	
	12) David Williams	David Williams
	Dawn Shamburger	
Business	1) Patrick Bernet	
	2) Anil Bilgihan	
	3) Gary Castrogiovanni	Gary Castrogiovanni
	4) Kim Dunn	Kim Dunn
	5) Jim Han	Jim Han
	6) Anita Pennathur	Anita Pennathur
Design & Social Inquiry	1) Bruce Arneklev	Bruce Arneklev
	2) LeaAnne DiRigne	LeaAnne DiRigne
	3) Wendy Guastafarro	Wendy Guastafarro

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Education	1)	Maysaa Barakat	Maysaa Barakat
	2)	Susannah Brown	Susannah Brown
	3)	Valerie Bryan	
	4)	Rangasamy Ramasamy	R. Rangasamy
	5)	Robert Zoeller	Robert Zoeller
Engineering	1)	Evangelos Kaisar	
	2)	Hari Kalva	
	3)	Davood Moslemain	Davood Moslemain
Honors College	1)	Veljko Dragojlovic	
	2)	Byron McCane	
Medicine	1)	Kathleen Guthrie	
	2)	Rainald Schmidt-Kastner	
	3)	Morton Levitt	Morton Levitt
Nursing	1)	Terry Eggenberger	Terry Eggenberger
	2)	Joy Longo	Joy Longo
	2)	Shirley Gordon	Shirley Gordon
Library	1)	Bruce Barron	
	2)	Sheri Edwards	
Science	1)	Fred Hoffman	Fred Hoffman

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	2)	James Kumi-Diaka		
	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		Meredith Mountford		
ENG		Richard Granata		
HBOI		Nicholas Dickens		
HON COL		Rachel Luria		
MED		Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi		
NUR		Shirley Gordon		
SCI		Jerry Haky		
LIB		Thomas O'Brien		
Committee Chairs				
AFDPC		Marshall De Rosa		
APBC		Kevin Wagner		

UFS Attendance Sign-In

Admission & Retention	Rupert Rhodd	
Assessment	Nancey France	
Distance Education	Mary Cameron	
Graduate Council	Paul Peluso	<i>PP</i>
Honors and Awards	Evangelos Kaisar	
Library Advisory	Victoria Thur	
P&T	Cynthia Wilson	
Research	Renat Shaykhutdinov	
UPC	Jerry Haky	<i>JH</i>
GPC	Ken Dawson Scully	
Past President	Christopher Beetle	<i>CB</i>
President	Kevin Wagner	
Non-Voting Members		
President	John Kelly	
Provost	Bret Danilowicz	

