

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
January 28, 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 [December 10, 2018](#) UFS Minutes.

3. President's Report

- a. Dr. Kevin Wagner begins his report by announcing that the spring UFS elections have three open seats on the Steering committee and three open seats on the Academic Planning and Budget committee.
- b. Next, the Steering meeting in February has been moved from February 14th to February 18th.
- c. Finally, Dr. Wagner will be forming a committee on reinvigorating faculty governance.

4. Guest Speakers

- a. Dr. Larry Faerman, Dean of Students
 - Dr. Larry Faerman presents Kognito software to the Faculty Senate.
 - Dr. Faerman states that Kognito integrates several evidence-based models, tactics, game mechanics, and learning principles integral to structuring conversations that lead to measurable change.
 - Key models and tactics include: Motivational interviewing, Shared decision-making, Mentalizing, Emotional self-regulation, Empathy / empathic accuracy, and Reappraisal strategy.
 - Key learning principles include: Hands-on-practice, Self-directed (DIY) approach, Effective and ineffective navigational choices, Contextual learning, Personalized feedback, Storytelling, and Case-based approach.
 - Studies show: statistically significant increases in mental health skills that remain significant at a 3-month follow-up and 2) statistically significant increases in the number of students that educators connect with, discuss concerns, and if necessary, refer to support.
 - As of today, 487 Faculty and Staff members have completed the training.
 - To access Kognito, log in to MyFAU and click on the Faculty & Staff lounge. From there, you click Kognito and it will ask you to create your account.
 - Finally, in the simulation model, faculty will be asked to take a pre and a post simulation survey. This is important to complete as it aggregates into the Evidence of Effectiveness research shared with you previously. A short follow-up survey will be sent via e-mail after 90 days of completion of the post-survey.

5. Speakers

- a. Dr. Kim Dunn, NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative Report
 - Dr. Kim Dunn presents the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative Report to the Faculty Senate.

- The Faculty Athletics Representative General Responsibilities include 1) academic integrity, 2) institutional control, and 3) student-athlete welfare.
- The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee includes faculty, students, Office of the Provost representative, Office of the General Counsel representative, Office of Undergraduate Admissions representative, and Presidential Appointees.
- Julia Higgs leads the Academic Performance subcommittee, Dennis Crudele leads the Institutional Control subcommittee, and Bruce Arneklev leads the Student-Athlete Well-Being subcommittee.
- Compliance education includes: holding student-athletes to the same academic rigor as all other students, not providing student-athletes with any academic benefits that are not available to other students in similar situations, not providing anything of monetary value to student-athletes, not accepting calls from coaches about academic matters, following University policy on approved absences, and contacting the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative with questions or concerns.
- FAU won the Conference-USA SAAC Cup for 1) academic performance, 2) financial literacy, 3) professional development, and 4) community service.
- Finally, Dr. Steve Engle from the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters will be the new NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative. Dr. Kim Dunn suggests items for continued review: graduate admissions process, accuracy and timing of financial aid distributions to student-athletes, independent Compliance Review recommendations, procedure for investigating potential infractions and policy on Athletic Department (e.g., coaches) communication with Academic Affairs (e.g., faculty, advisors) and Student Affairs (e.g., Admissions, Financial Aid).

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
 - *B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. College of Education
 - *Bachelor's in Elementary Education with Honors in Environmental Education*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- c. Honors College
 - *Honors College STEM programs*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *Data Science Minor*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

8. UGC Consent Agenda

- MS in Comp. Sci, Comp. Eng, Electrical Eng., Bioengineering PhD in Comp Sci., Comp. Eng., Electrical Eng., 2) MS Bioengineering, PhD Computer Science, PhD Computer Engineering,

PhD Electrical Engineering, 3) MS Civil Engineering, 4) Ocean and Mechanical Engineering PhD Programs, 5) Ocean and Mechanical Engineering MS and PhD Programs, and 6) Master of Music were moved from the consent agenda to the action agenda.

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

9. [UGC Action Agenda](#)

a. College of Arts and Letters

- *Master of Music*
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

b. College of Business

- *Doctor of Philosophy with Major in Business Administration: Executive*
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- *Transportation, Logistics and Supply Chain Management Graduate Certificate*
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

c. College of Engineering and Computer Science

- *MS in Comp. Sci, Comp. Eng, Electrical Eng., Bioengineering PhD in Comp Sci., Comp. Eng., Electrical Eng.*
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- *MS Bioengineering, PhD Computer Science, PhD Computer Engineering, PhD Electrical Engineering*
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- *MS Civil Engineering*
- Motion to approve. One objection from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- *Ocean and Mechanical Engineering PhD Programs*
- Motion to approve. Two objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- *Ocean and Mechanical Engineering MS and PhD Programs*
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- *Transportation, Logistics and Supply Chain Management Graduate Certificate*
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

10. Business Items

a. [Textbook Issue](#)

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

b. Open forum of the Senate

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

c. New Business

- Motions must be made on the floor of the Senate not already from the agenda.
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

11. Open Forum with the Provost

- Provost Danilowicz updates the Faculty Senate on the Dean Searches. As of now, the Graduate College search is for internal candidates, the College of Nursing search is ready to bring finalists to campus, and the College of Education is working on the advertisement.
- Next, the legislature will make a decision on the funding for the College of Science building on the Jupiter campus and two dorm projects on the Boca Raton and Jupiter campuses.
- In addition, the legislature will make a decision on the \$16.3 million in recurring funds request for the goal to become a top 100 public university.
- The next Executive S.W.A.T. meeting will discuss retention rates.
- Finally, Provost Danilowicz is supportive of the open forum of the Senate.

11. Good of the Senate

- Dr. Simon Glenn discusses academic standards and a future proposal.

12. Meeting adjourned at 3:01pm.