

**University Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**April 25, 2022**  
**Webex, 1:00PM – 3:00PM**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kim Dunn at 1:00pm. The meeting was held on Webex.

2. **With positive approval**, the Senate approved March 25, 2022 UFS Minutes.

**3. President's Report**

- a. Dr. Kim Dunn states the election results (please see attached).
- b. Dr. Dunn states that Dean George will be chairing the Provost Search Committee. She sent out an email that listed all of the committee members. Candidates won't be here until the fall semester. Faculty will have a voice in the Provost's search. Dr. Hawkins will be the Interim Provost. We will also be celebrating Provost Danilowicz.

**4. Speakers**

- a. Linda Johnson, Associate Vice President – Campus Realignment Task Force
  - The campus realignment task force was charged with:
    - A) Optimize programs, personnel, and space to enhance overall enrollment, research, and service to our region.
    - B) Recommend ways of increasing access to academic programs from any FAU campus.
    - C) Recommend which academic programs should be offered on which campus— primary and secondary location(s)
    - D) Recommend research programs and core facilities campus location—primary and secondary location(s)
    - E) Recommend student and campus services to be available on each campus and mechanism of delivery (e.g., in-person, remote, blended) as applicable.
    - F) Recommend which support services (back of the house) may relocate to a partner campus to free up space on the Boca Raton campus for instruction or research as/if needed.
  - They were organized into five committees: 1) Academic Programs – Linda K Johnson, Chair, 2) Research and Core Facilities – Dr. Karin Scarpinato, Chair, 3) Student and Campus Services – Tracy Boulukos, Chair, 4) Space Utilization – Dr. James Capp, Chair, and 5) Task Force Reporting and Branding.Findings were included in the presentation of each campus.
- b. Wendy Ash Graves and Jaeson Weber – Covid-19 Updates
  - Given the widespread availability of vaccines and treatments, and in consultation with public health officials, FAU is ending its COVID-19 protocols. The effective date of this change is Friday, May 6.

- **From this date, employees and students no longer need to report a positive test or symptoms to Student Health Services.** FAU will now treat COVID-19 similar to other contagious viruses while monitoring all public health concerns that might necessitate an immediate response.
- If you are sick, stay home ([COVID-19 symptoms](#)). Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 or is in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 should follow the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) quarantine and isolation guidelines or the advice of their treating physician. [Testing locations](#) remain available throughout the county and state of Florida.

## 5. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Planning and Budget Committee
  - Dr. Wagner discusses the committees charge including the academic programs, academic calendar and review new degree proposals. This year, the committee had a midterm grade discussion, syllabus template, and minimum headcount. There were 13 new programs this year.
  - [2022-2023 Senate and Steering Dates](#)
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - First Senate meeting in-person with a happy hour to follow
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - Determining meeting modalities for subsequent Senate meetings at the first Senate meeting of the year
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - Updated Mid-term Grade Deadlines
  - Fall 2022 – October 18th
  - Spring 2022 – March 13th
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
  - [Closed Captioning Resolution](#)
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- c. Honors and Awards Committee Report
  - The committee is responsible for making recommendations on honors and awards given to faculty, students and others, as directed by the UFS: Talon Awards, Emeritus Faculty Awards, Honorary Degrees, Faculty Honors and Awards.
  - This past academic year, the committee reviewed Excellence and Innovation in Teaching and Advising, University Service Award, Distinguished Mentor of the Year, and Presidential Awards for outstanding faculty-led community engagements for service, teaching, and research.
- d. [Promotion and Tenure Committee Report](#)
- e. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Report
  - accepted invitation to American Athletic Conference in 2023.

- There are three sub-committees: academic performance, institutional control and student-athlete welfare.
  - The average GPA for students in the fall was 3.0 and spring was 3.2. This was the 13<sup>th</sup> semester of over a 3.0 GPA.
- f. Wellness Committee
- Provost website includes all of the events.
  - We have health and wellness links on the MyFAU app and website and we will have a devoted link.
  - There were two faculty wellness events this past year
  - We have a therapy assistance resource called TAO.

## 6. UPC Consent Agenda

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

## 7. UPC Action Items

- a. No Items

## 8. UGC Consent Agenda

- o No objections from the Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

## 9. UGC Action Agenda

- a. College of Engineering and Computer Science
- *BA or BS in Biological & Physical Sciences/2<sup>nd</sup> BS in CEGE to MS in Civil Engineering*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. College of Science
- *BA with Major in Health Science to MS with Major in Exercise Science and Health Promotion*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - *BS to MS with Major in Exercise Science and Health Promotion*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - *MS in Exercise Science and Health Promotion, Exercise Physiology Concentration*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - *MS in Exercise Science and Health Promotion, Health Promotion Concentration*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- c. Additional Discussion Items
- *Proposal to extend the GRE/GMAT waiver*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - *Alternative Dissertation Format (Draft – Volume 2)*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

- *Undergraduate Enrollment in Graduate Courses (Registrar)*
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

#### **10. Old Business**

- a. No items.

#### **11. New Business**

- a. No items.

#### **12. Open Forum with the Provost**

- Provost Danilowicz announces that we hired a new Dean of the University Libraries – Dr. Linda Golian-Liu and a new Dean for the College of Science – Dr. Valery Forbes.
- Provost Danilowicz thanks Amy Kornblau and Teresa Wilcox for their help.
- We have an Associate Provost search that is continuing. The final interviews are occurring this week.
- House Bill 7 was passed two weeks ago and signed by the Governor – including the revised post-tenure review. We have had a joint committee to reviewing the current SPE process and created a series of recommendations.
- Finally, Provost Danilowicz congratulates Dr. Michele Hawkins as the Interim Provost.

#### **13. Open Forum with the Senate**

#### **14. Good of the Senate**

- No Items.

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