

**University Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**September 12, 2022**  
**Engineering East Room 106, 1:00PM – 3:00PM**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kim Dunn at 1:05pm. The meeting was held in Engineering East Room 106.

2. **With positive approval**, the Senate approved [April 25, 2022](#) UFS Minutes.

**3. President's Report**

- A. Dr. Kim Dunn welcomes everyone back to the fall semester.
- B. Dr. Dunn speaks on Faculty Emeritus Announcements & Key Administrative Changes.
- C. Steering committee voted to meet in-person for the foreseeable future. However, will allow remote participation if representing a proposal, curriculum change or asking general questions.
  - Members of Steering is asked to be in in person to vote, but guests can tune in remotely.
  - Senate has agreed to meet in person but will be live streamed. Agreed not to offer remote participating for future meeting. Senate will vote.
- D. BOT Updates: Brad Levine became Chair of FAU's Board of Trustees and Barbara Feingold as Vice Chair.
  - For reference, Board of Trustees meetings and agendas is posted on FAU BOT's website. Next BOT meeting is scheduled for Nov 15<sup>th</sup> on Boca's Campus.
  - Dr. Kim Dunn announces BOG Chancellor Kaiser has submitted his resignation.
  - BOG established a committee to replace Chancellor Kaiser. Committee recommended Senator Ray Rodriguez.
  - BOG issued a document on the post-tenure review asked for feedback. BOG released Intellectual Freedom Viewpoint Diversity Survey; results of survey posted on BOT website.
- E. The Board of Governors recommends that leadership from each university including faculty senate reviews and endorse BOG statement of free expression and commit to the principles of civil discourse.
  - Steering committee recommends that Faculty Senate, Academic Freedom, and Due Process Committee is charged with reviewing and making recommendations on proceeding the BOG requirements.
  - Board Chair Brad Levine had an open forum on 08/29 and his discussed his support for academic freedom, tenure and shared governance.
- F. Dr. Dunn discusses Senate will vote on the College of Dentistry special meeting and having an expedited approval process.

**4. Speakers**

- No Speakers.

**5. Committee Reports**

- No Committee Report.

**6. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)**

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

## 7. UPC Action Items

- a. No Items

## 8. UGC Consent Agenda

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

## 9. UGC Action Agenda

- NO UGC Action Agenda.

## 10. Old Business

- A. Senate Meeting Modality: Motioned future senate meetings held in person with remote participation from only our partner campuses. However, meeting will be live streamed, able to view but not participate. **Approved by majority vote.**

### **Follow up**

- Inquire shuttle doing a loop for the senate meetings
- Instituted live stream prior but will continue; will now implement taking attendance.
- B. Meetings will continue being held in Engineering East Room 106 **Approved by majority vote.**

## 11. New Business

- A. FAU Health Network and College of Dentistry Presentation (Dr. Julie Pilitsis, Dean and Vice President of Medical Affairs)
  - FAU Health strategic vision to bring premier academic medicine to Southeast Florida, driving the community forward and improving the lives of the citizens.
  - Dean Pilitsis discusses that Florida ranks 41 out of 50 states in access to healthcare, 18 in healthcare quality and 13 in public health. However, ranks 25<sup>th</sup> overall in the country.
  - 63 out of 67 counties in Florida suffer a dental shortage affecting 5 million citizens, approximately 25% of third graders have untreated cavities.
  - Florida only has one public dental school, which limits the pipeline of dental providers.
  - The acceptance rate is 6% for Dental Schools in Florida.
  - FAU reputation provides FAU Health with a foundation of success and minimizes the risk of investments.
  - FAU College of Dentistry Building legislative budget request is \$54.7M and the College of Dentistry Operations request is \$123M which is a separate budget line that doesn't affect the ongoing university budget line.

- B. Faculty Governance-Requested Timeline
  - On September 21st, the University Graduate Programs Committee and Graduate Council will vote.
  - On September 22nd, the Academic Planning and Budget Committee and Steering Committee will vote.
  - On September 23rd, the entire Senate will vote.
- C. College of Dentistry first class anticipated by 2025, with up to 90 seats per class. With shared resources that can be allocated in the first two years of the dental school.

## 12. Open Forum with the Provost

- A. Provost Hawkins announces FAU moved up in the *U.S. News & World Report* list of “Top Public Schools,” to No. 132 from No. 140 in this year’s ranking of the nation’s best universities. This marks the largest rise out of all public universities in the state of Florida.
- B. FAU also ranked No. 41 in the *U.S. News & World Report* “Social Mobility” ranking.
- C. FAU is the No. 1 public university in Florida for campus ethnic diversity in the state of Florida.
- D. Concluding, Provost Hawkins speaks about the largest number of incoming students in Fall 22.
  - Hired almost 100 new faculty that are filling spots of retired people or resignations.
  - Starting in January new Interim President.
  - Provost Hawkins will stay Interim Provost until July 1, or if they find a permanent hire.
  - Over 4,400 students Fall 22. Freshman to Sophomore retention rate is 81%.

## 13. Open Forum with the Senate

- Vote on timeline No objections from the Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

## 14. Good of the Senate

- B. No Items.

## 15. Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.