

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
April 2nd, 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 February 26th, 2018 UFS Minutes.

3. President's Report

- a. Dr. Kevin Wagner begins his report by announcing that the nominations for the University Faculty Senate elections are closed. The nominee for UFS President-Elect is Dr. Kevin Wagner. The nominees for UFS Steering Committee are Dr. Mauricio Almonte, Dr. Morton Levitt, Dr. Meredith Mountford, Dr. Paul Peluso and Dr. Teresa Sakraida. The nominees for UFS Academic Planning and Budget Committee are Dr. Kim Dunn, Dr. Jerry Haky, Dr. Anita Pennathur, and Dr. Rose Sherman.

4. Speakers

- a. [Dr. Kim Dunn, Faculty Athletic Representative, Head Football Coach Lane Kiffin, and Swimming and Diving Coach Lara Preacco.](#)
 - o NCAA 6.1.3 states that a member institution shall designate an individual to serve as faculty athletics representative. The Faculty Athletics Representative's general responsibilities are academic integrity, institutional control, and student-athlete welfare.
 - o Intercollegiate Athletics Committee consist of faculty, students, Office of the Provost Staff, Office of the General Counsel Staff, Office of Undergraduate Admissions staff, and Presidential Appointees.
 - o The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee major activities include:
 - o 1) Academic Performance: grade change review, qualifications of incoming student-athletes, Canvas observer role, communication with faculty, and medical absence documentation.
 - o 2) Institutional Control: results of external compliance review, new legislation, and infractions investigation protocol.
 - o 3) Student Athlete well-being: student-athlete exit interviews, student-athlete handbook, and mental health resources and protocol.
 - o 4) Full Committee: faculty and staff appreciation games, student-athlete advisory committee reports, and subcommittee reports.
 - o Compliance Education includes: Hold student-athletes to the same academic rigor as all other students. Do not provide student-athletes with any academic benefits that are not available to other students in similar situations. Do not provide anything of monetary value to student-athletes. Do not accept calls from coaches about academic matters. Do follow University policy on approved absences. Contact the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative (Dr. Kim Dunn, 561.297.4177 or kdunn@fau.edu) with questions or concerns.
 - o Almost 500 students complete on 19 FAU intercollegiate teams.
 - o 30% of students who receive full athletic scholarship.
 - o 35% of students who receive no athletic aid.

- Finally, the Class of 2017 includes 76 graduates, an average GPA of 3.22, 51 graduates with a GPA over a 3.0, and 8 aspiring physicians.
- b. [Dean Phillip Boiselle, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine – The Provost Search Update](#)
- The website for the provost search is www.fau.edu/provost-search/.
 - The Provost Search Advisory Committee consists of 15 members.
 - In March, the nominations and applications are open. In April, the candidates review the nominations and applications and have first round interviews. In late spring, there will be on campus engagement with the final candidates. Finally, in early summer, the final candidate will be selected.
 - Search Committee members developed initial listing of ideal experiences, knowledge and characteristics. Faculty were surveyed in mid-March to rank these qualities. There were 288 respondents (12%).
 - Experience: Leadership ≥ level of dean for ≥ 5 years, distinguished academic record, diverse, engaged, multi-campus public university, building novel academic programs, earned doctorate and credentials meriting full professor.
 - Knowledge and Skills: Knowledge of trends and issues in higher education, outstanding communication skills, ability to build and sustain effective teams, emotional intelligence and budgetary and financial management skills.
 - Characteristics: Student- and faculty-focused, committed to excellent teaching, research & service, transparent, collaborative, and effective decision maker.
 - For any questions, please contact FAUProvostSearch@health.fau.edu.
- c. [Dean Carol Hixson, Dean of University Libraries and Dr. Victoria Brown, Assistant Provost for eLearning](#)
- Dean Hixson and Dr. Brown discuss the Affordable Curriculum Today.
 - The Student Public Interest Research Group calculated that over the past twenty years textbook costs have increased at a rate four times higher than inflation.
 - Soaring prices are a consequence of two key factors:
 - Lack of competition: Five publishers control 80 percent of the market.
 - No consumer choice in this purchase: Students must buy assigned materials.
 - ACT Grants Available Up To \$3000.00.
 - FAU's ACT initiative is a partnership between the Center for eLearning and the FAU Libraries.
 - Mission Statement:
 - ACT is committed to: Increasing access to education, improving student learning outcomes.
 - Developing and implementing affordable instructional materials.
 - The Three A's of Affordability:
 - 1) Adopt - Replacement of high-cost instructional materials with freely available (open) or library owned or licensed content.
 - 2) Adapt - Modifying existing or creating new content to fill the gaps that are not available through library or web resources.
 - 3) Author – creating an e-Textbook.
 - FAU Libraries & Affordable Resources:
 - FAU library faculty and staff are equipped and prepared to assist faculty in their search for affordable course resources.
 - FAU Libraries have a large selection of library owned or licensed content available for adoption.
 - FAU Libraries can assist with identifying open resources for adaptation.

- Finally, the Available ACT Awards are:
- 1) Author – grants up to \$3,000 per course.
- 2) Adapt – grants up to \$1,500 per course.
- 3) Adopt – affordability seal.

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
 - *English B.A.*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *Peace, Justice and Human Rights*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *Honors Program in Sociology*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

- b. College of Science
 - *Environmental Science Certificate*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *FAU Max Planck Honors Program*
 - 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. College of Medicine
 - *Doctorate of Medicine*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. Office of the Provost/Center for Global Engagement
 - *Graduate International Admission Policy on 3+1 year or 3+2 year Degree*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

9. Business Items

- a. Procedures for Selecting Textbooks and Instructional Materials for Affordability
[Memorandum](#)
[Form](#)

The Procedures for Selecting Textbooks and Instructional Materials for Affordability was discussed on the floor of the Senate.

b. [ASL Courses](#)

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

10. Open Forum with the Provost

- Provost Perry begins his open forum by thanking Dean Boiselle and the search committee for moving the search forward. The search committee is working with Witt/Keiffer.
- Next, Provost Perry has hired Dr. Khalid Sobhan as the Interim Dean of the Graduate College. Provost Perry thanked Dr. Alperin for serving as the Interim Dean of the Graduate College.
- Last week, Provost Perry was at the Board of Governors meeting in Jacksonville. \$400 million dollars was appropriated by the State of Florida for mental health initiatives. Next, the metric was moved from a 6 year graduation rate to a 4 year graduation rate. The access rate was also changed.
- Finally, Provost Perry will be meeting with Promotion and Tenure candidates this week.

11. Good of the Senate

- No items.

12. Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.