

**University Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**March 30, 2020**  
**Webex, 1:00PM – 3:00PM**

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

2. **With positive approval**, the Senate approved [February 24, 2020](#) UFS Minutes.

### 3. President's Report

- a. Dr. Kevin Wagner begins his report by announcing the Faculty Senate nomination results. Dr. Kim Dunn has been elected as president-elect. Dr. Meredith Mountford, Dr. Joy Longo and Dr. Paul Peluso have been elected to the Steering Committee. We will have an election on the Academic Planning and Budget Committee for the following candidates: Dr. Evangelos Kaisar, Dr. Fred Hoffman, Dr. LeaAnne DeRigne, Dr. Anita Pennathur and Dr. Paul Peluso.

### 4. Guest Speakers

- a. President John Kelly, Provost Bret Danilowicz, Vice President Stacy Volnick, Vice President Jeff Atwater and Acting Vice President Larry Faerman
  - President Kelly thanks the faculty for the smooth transition to online courses.
  - The focus is on retaining our students.
  - There have been innovative ideas from faculty including Dr. Peter Ricci's free online certificate from FAU Hospitality. Over 10,000 students from all over the world have registered.
  - There are currently 420 cases of CoVid19 in Palm Beach County. Vice President Stacy Volnick will share the number of cases at FAU with Dr. Wagner.
  - There is no decision yet on next year's budget.
  - We are still collecting contracts for summer.
  - FAU Medicine will offer telehealth.
  - We are also working with students that need psychological assistance. Provost Bret Danilowicz is working with Dr. Laura Vernon and THRIVE.
  - The campus is currently open. Faculty have access to their offices.
  - We have set up an FAU Cares fund for students in need during CoVid19.
  - We have postponed yield admission events that were going to take place in March and April.
- b. Dean Ed Pratt, Undergraduate Studies
  - Dean Ed Pratt presents the IFP redesign.
  - There was a discussion of piloting existing courses.
  - Dean Pratt has offered to meet with departments.

- The IFP redesign will be voluntary.

## 5. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)

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

## 6. [UPC Action Items](#)

- a. College of Business
  - *Cybersecurity Minor and Certificate (replaces Information Security Minor and Certificate)*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. College of Engineering and Computer Science
  - *Preprofessional Program*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - *Computer Engineering, Computer Science and Electrical Engineering bachelor's programs*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - Ocean Engineering
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- c. College of Science
  - *BS in Chemistry, Biochemistry Concentration*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - *BS in Neuroscience and Behavior*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - *BA in Psychology*
  - 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. No Items.

## 9. Business Items

- a. Policy Committee – Syllabus
  - [Guidelines for Course Syllabi proposed by UFS Policy Committee](#)
  - [Guidelines for Course Syllabi](#)
  - [Syllabi Summary](#)

### [Syllabi Template Revised](#)

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

#### **b. [Bylaws Changes](#)**

- Motion to add the Bylaws to the voting ballot. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

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

- Provost Danilowicz thanks the faculty for the smooth transition to online courses.
- The University has decided on a pass/fail option for students. the Pass/Fail option that will become available to all students for a two-week period beginning April 8. Provost Danilowicz worked with the Faculty Senate Steering meeting prior to the announcement.
- The withdrawal date has been moved to April 10th.

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

- No Items.

#### **12. New Business**

- No Items.

#### **13. Good of the Senate**

- No Items.

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