

**Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 17, 2020 (1pm – 3pm)**  
**BOT Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Kevin Wagner, Bruce Arneklev, Chris Beetle, Kim Dunn, Michael Harris, Meredith Mountford and Paul Peluso.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Chair, Dr. Kevin Wagner
2. Change the Provost's report wording from "faculty" to "some faculty". The UFS Steering minutes from [January 16, 2020](#) were approved by the committee.
3. **President's Report:**
  - a. Dr. Kevin Wagner announces that President Kelly will be speaking at the next Faculty Senate meeting to congratulate the faculty about the Carnegie 1 classification.
  - b. After discussion, Dr. Meredith Mountford **motions to have the Policy Committee review the role of faculty in academic hiring decisions**. Dr. Paul Peluso seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
  - c. Finally, Dr. Wagner reports general dissatisfaction of SPOT and involving student government more at the last Advisory Council of Faculty Senates meeting.
4. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)
  - There are no objections. The consent agenda stands **approved**.
5. [UPC Action Agenda](#)
  - **College of Arts and Letters**
    - *Art Minors in General and Art History Minor*
    - Dr. Michael Harris motions to move Art Minors in General and Art History Minor with **no recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Paul Peluso seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
    - *BFA Core Courses*
    - Dr. Paul Peluso motions to move BFA Core Courses with **a positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Meredith Mountford seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
    - *BFA in Theatre: Design and Technology Concentration*
    - Dr. Michael Harris motions to move BFA in Theatre: Design and Technology Concentration with **a positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Paul Peluso seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
  - **College of Business**
    - *BBA/BS in Accounting*
    - Dr. Michael Harris motions to move BBA/BS in Accounting with **a positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Paul Peluso seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

- **College of Engineering and Computer Science**
  - *BSGE in Geomatics Engineering*
  - Dr. Paul Peluso motions to move BSGE in Geomatics Engineering with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Bruce Arneklev seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
  - BSME in Mechanical Engineering
  - Dr. Paul Peluso motions to move BSME in Mechanical Engineering with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Bruce Arneklev seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

#### 6. UPC Discussion Items

- After discussion, Dr. Michael Harris motions to move the Research Intensive Course Designation Process with a **positive recommendation from Steering pending updates to the process**. Dr. Bruce Arneklev seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

#### 7. UGC Consent Agenda

- There are no objections. The consent agenda stands **approved**.

#### 8. UGC Action Items

- No Items.

#### 10. Business Items

- UFS Resolution
  - After discussion, Dr. Paul Peluso motions to **amend the UFS Resolution to the following: "The UFS strongly recommends the timely and meaningful inclusion of the faculty in planning and negotiating their research and teaching and instructional space allocations."** and move with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Meredith Mountford seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
- Academic Year 2020-2021 & Academic Year 2021-2022
  - After discussion, Dr. Paul Peluso motions to move the Academic Year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Meredith Mountford seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
- SPOTS dates
  - After discussion, Dr. Paul Peluso motions to move the SPOTS dates with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Kim Dunn seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
- 2020 Senate & Steering Dates
  - After discussion, Dr. Meredith Mountford motions to **amend the Steering meeting from November 26 to November 23 at 1pm**. Dr. Paul Peluso seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
- Annual Course Review Process

- After discussion, Dr. Kim Dunn motions to move the Annual Course Review Process with a **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Paul Peluso seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
- **Senate Library Advisory Committee Resolution**
  - After discussion, Dr. Chris Beetle motions **amend the Senate Library Advisory Committee Resolution to remove the last two paragraphs from the resolution and move with a positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Paul Peluso seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.

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

- Provost Bret Danilowicz that starting on July 1, 2020, the new name of the College for Design and Social Inquiry will be the College of Social Work and Criminal Justice.
- Provost Danilowicz will give a presentation at a later Academic Planning and Budget Committee meeting to review the \$1.5 million reallocated from Academic Affairs to graduate student health insurance.

#### **10. Good of the Steering Committee**

- Dr. Kevin Wagner is working on creating an ad-hoc committee on the space policy. The committee will consist of Dr. James Capp, Dr. Karin Scarpinato and faculty.
- Dr. Kevin Wagner will circulate the amended bylaws to the senate.

#### **11. Meeting adjourned at 3:04pm.**