University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
February 1, 2021
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 December 7, 2020 UFS Minutes.

3. President's Report

    a. Dr. Kevin Wagner begins his report by stating that the composition of the faculty senate will be presented at the next meeting.
    b. Dr. Wagner and Dr. Dunn are members of the Covid Fiscal Task Force. If any Senator has ideas, please send them to Dr. Wagner or Dr. Dunn.

4. Guest Speakers

    a. Vice President Stacy Volnick
- There are currently 42 active Covid-19 cases.
- We have been requesting 750-800 random testing per week. Currently, we have a 28% participation rate.
- Department of Health sent us 1,000 vaccinations for 500 people. Following the Governor's executive order, vaccines were distributed to student health care workers, medical students and first responders. As of now, there are no more vaccinations available.

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
       ○ *BA in Multimedia Studies: Multimedia Journalism Concentration*
       ○ Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

    b. College of Engineering and Computer Science

       ○ *BSCS in Computer Science and Second Bachelor's*
       ○ Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

    c. Honors College

       ○ *Digital Game Development*

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

7. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)

    o   Motion to move CAP5615: Introduction to Neural Networks, CAP6315: Social Networks and Big Data Analytics, CAP6619: Deep Learning, CAP6640: Natural Language Processing, CAP6673: Data Mining and Machine Learning, CAP6776: Information Retrieval, CAP6777: Web Mining, CEN5035: Software Engineering, CEN5086: Cloud Computing and CEN6405: Computer Performance Modeling to the action agenda. No objections from the Senate. **Approved by majority vote**.

8. UGC Action Agenda

a. College of Engineering and Computer Science

    o   *CAP5615: Introduction to Neural Networks, CAP6315: Social Networks and Big Data Analytics, CAP6619: Deep Learning, CAP6640: Natural Language Processing, CAP6673: Data Mining and Machine Learning, CAP6776: Information Retrieval, CAP6777: Web Mining, CEN5035: Software Engineering, CEN5086: Cloud Computing and CEN6405: Computer Performance Modeling*

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

9. Business Items

a. UGC Memo on Dissertation (Informational Item)
[December 2020 Memorandum](#)
[August 2020 Memorandum](#)
[Data](#)
[Discussion Notes](#)

    o   There was a discussion compensation for dissertation work as well as valuing master's thesis work.

b. [Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Bylaws (Informational Item)](#)

    o   The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Bylaws were presented and will be voted on at the next Senate meeting.

10. New Business
b. No items.

11. Open Forum with the Provost

    o   Provost Danilowicz thanks faculty for attending the Diversity Symposium.
    o   Dr. Laura Vernon will have Thrive Talks the week after Coffee with the Provost.

- o Provost Bret Danilowicz discusses having Canvas mandatory for faculty. As of now, Canvas is mandatory for Adjuncts. There have been issues in reporting financial aid on the federal level.
- o Finally, Provost Danilowicz established an Academic Program Committee that will meet bi-weekly to review academic program metrics.

12. Open Forum with the Senate

- o No Items.

13. New Business

- o No Items.

14. Good of the Senate

- o No Items.

15. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.