

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
March 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 [February 1, 2021](#) UFS Minutes.

3. President's Report

- a. Dr. Kevin Wagner begins his report by stating that nominations are open for Steering, Academic Planning and Budget and Policy committee seats.
- b. Next, Dr. Wagner discusses the HEDS Survey that was sent out last week.
- c. Finally, Dr. Wagner presents the composition of the Faculty Senate. The report was sent to the Faculty Assembly Chairs.

4. Guest Speakers

a. Dr. James Capp - Research Space Committee Update

- Dr. James Capp presents the Research Space Committee Update.
- Research space is scarce at FAU (9% of Boca Raton campus footprint per 2019 report by the Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability)
- Florida Atlantic has some of the lowest utilization rates of research space compared to other state universities, according to multiple different measures
- The Legislature and the Board of Governors both recommend implementing accountability measures to promote productivity in research space
- Increased productivity is also essential to the FAU 2015-2025 Strategic Plan, which establishes aspirations to rank as a Top 100 public school in US News and World Report and become an R1 Carnegie-designated institution
- The Initial research space policy drafted by Division of Research in 2016
- The Draft presented to University Faculty Senate in 2019
- The Provost charged the committee to redevelop the framework in August 2020 with a deadline to share with UFS Steering by October 2020 and Full Senate by December 2020.
- Committee membership includes James Capp - Provost's Office, Donna ChamelyWiik - Chemistry and Undergraduate Research, Salvatore Lepore – Chemistry, Dan Meeroff - Civil, Environmental and Geomatics Engineering, Sarah Milton - Biological Sciences and Karin Scarpinato – Division of Research.
- The Initial report of opportunities and challenges shared at UFS Steering in December 2020.
- Currently, we are awaiting feedback on the new draft from Deans, Division of Research, and others.

b. Dr. Patricia Kollander – Academic Program Committee Update

- Dr. Patricia Kollander presents the Academic Program Committee Update.
- Full committee has met biweekly since January 15 to exchange ideas and come up with a set of metrics that may be used assess performance of degree programs.
- Co-chairs have made data requests from IEA and Burning Glass (an analytics software company that provides real-time data on job growth, skills in demand, and labor market trends)
- Co-chairs have met with Faculty Steering, Senate and SWAT research metrics committees for input regarding metrics. Will soon with Faculty Senate Budget and Planning and the Council of Deans.
- Recommendations include current status in BOG productivity threshold, current pipeline, job growth, research dollars and student accessibility of degree program.

5. UPC Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to remove FOL 1120, FOL 1121, FOL 2203, GER 2201, GER 1120, GER 1121, LAT 2220, LIT 3060 from Inactive Course Review Termination. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

6. UPC Action Items

- a. College of Social Work and Criminal Justice
- *Criminal Justice*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *Social Work Minor*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. College of Engineering and Computer Science
- *ABET Review Changes*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

7. UGC Consent Agenda

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

8. UGC Action Agenda

- a. College of Arts and Letters
- *Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. College of Education

- *M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education*
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- *M.Ed. in Social and Cultural Foundations of Education*
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- *MA in TESOL and Bilingual Ed*
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

c. College of Engineering and Computer Science

- *BS in Nursing/MS in Artificial Intelligence*
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- *BS in Nursing/MS in Bioengineering*
- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

9. Business Items

a. Bylaws Amendments

- [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Bylaws](#) and [Honors and Awards Bylaws](#) will be on the election ballot next month.

b. [Professional Doctor of Philosophy with Major in Computer Science](#)

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

c. [2022/2023 Academic Calendars](#)

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

d. [2021 Senate, Steering, and SPOTs Calendars](#)

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

10. New Business

- c. No items.

11. Open Forum with the Provost

- Provost Danilowicz states that we will be following CDC guidelines planning for fall.
- There will be a special CASA committee meeting on March 16th with the Board of Trustees. Topics will include the budget, eLearning, student mental health, and large research projects.

12. Open Forum with the Senate

- No Items.

13. New Business

- No Items.

14. Good of the Senate

- Dr. Donna Chamely-Wiik announces that student abstracts for OURI are due on April 9th.

15. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.