



**University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
January 29, 2024
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Engineering East Room 106**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kim Dunn at 1:08 pm. The meeting was held in Engineering East Room 106.
2. Senate approved [December 4, 2023](#) UFS Minutes by unanimous consent.
3. President's Report
 - Dr. Dunn announced that Reg 4.001 Faculty Toolkit is posted in two places. Please refer to these resources as needed.
 - [Academic Integrity | Florida Atlantic University \(fau.edu\)](#)
 - [Memoranda and Policies | Florida Atlantic University \(fau.edu\)](#)
 - Dr. Dunn announced that the university food pantry was in growing need and encouraged faculty to contribute.
 - BOG updates by Dr. Dunn.
 - Presidential Search Update
 - Must restart after BOG updates the presidential search regulation. BOG discussed regulation at the January meeting but did not vote or post for public comment. As a result, the regulation could not be effective until after the BOG meets at least two more times; 1 – notice of intent and post for public comment, and 2 – vote to amend.
 - BOG concluded that the contract for interim president Volnick was not posted 7 days prior to the BOT vote and tabled voting on the interim president contract until the BOT issue could be remedied.
 - BOG passed a vote of no confidence in our BOT Chair, Brad Levine.
 - With the delay in resuming our presidential search, we have an opportunity to make a request related to timeline and any other issues we would like to have considered. Faculty Senate supported having Dr. Dunn bring the following requests to the BOT.
 - Recruiting for president done during contract period.
 - Seek and incorporate faculty input in executive profile.

- Increase faculty representation on the search committee; Faculty Assemblies will be asked to make recommendations for one or two potential faculty members to serve on the search committee. Stay tuned.
 - Dr. Dunn announced that Interim Provost Ivy will report on BOG academic related matters as he and his team have regular meetings related to academic issues and can provide more insights.
 - Dr. Dunn announced that Interim Provost Ivy and she have also discussed the need for faculty collaboration with the implementation of new regulations.
- Dr. Dunn discussed Speakers/Activities for Senate during Spring 2024
 - QEP, February
 - Budget Model, February
 - Yearly Committee Reports, including Faculty Athletics Representative Report
 - 3 to 4 committees to report starting in February.
- Dr. Dunn discussed Senate elections timeline including President-elect.
 - Announce in January & February
 - Nominations close March
 - Results in April
- Dr. Dunn discussed other future agenda items:
 - Sunshine Laws with David Kian.
 - Human Factors in STEM, AI, SPOT with Dan Meeroff in April.
 - Automating curriculum change workflow; delayed.
- BOT updates by Dr. Dunn.
 - Meeting originally scheduled for January 30 has been delayed.

4. Guest Speakers

- Jayson Iroff, FAU Budget Model
- Rescheduled for February

5. Committee Reports

- Policy and Procedures Committee, Meredith Mountford - [Bylaws](#)
 - Dr. Mountford discussed 2 sections in Article VI. Committees in the Senate Bylaws:
 - Section A. UFS Standing Committees
 - 1. Steering Committee, Memberships
 - Dr. Mountford announced that the Policy and Procedures Committee be seeking input from Senate regarding bylaw amendments via a survey:
 - Who should be members of Senate?
 - Should Senators be able to serve on more than one of the following committees (UFS Steering, Academic Planning & Budget, and Policies I Procedures)?

6. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)

- Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
7. [UPC Action Agenda](#)
 - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion to approve carries.**
 8. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)
 - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
 9. [UGC Action Agenda](#)
 - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion to approve carries.**
 10. Old Business
 - None.
 11. New Business
 - None.
 12. Open Forum with the Provost
 - Interim Provost Ivy designee, Dr. James Capp reported/discussed on the following:
 - We continue to receive recognition for our extraordinary achievements; achieved top 26 designation for social mobility (both private and public schools).
 - FAU enrollments are growing, and we are achieving record levels of retention (95% this spring).
 - Student Success Initiatives; faculty surveys for feedback.
 - Request for academic support for graduate students was made.
 - Providing financial support for faculty is being prioritized.
 - Our current strategic plan was written as aspiring R1 institution. Next strategic plan should be written recognizing we are R1 institution.
 - Dr. Dan Meeroff reported on the following:
 - Professional English Language Services (a partnership between the College of Engineering and Undergraduate Studies) free workshop for students who are working on their thesis or dissertations.
 - BOG regulation 8.005 related to core courses was approved. FAU is participating in webinars and meetings to develop a plan to implement this new regulation.
 - Dr. Nicole Morse asked the following question during Open Forum with Provost, “in October, on the 9th and the 11th, FAU took public positions supporting the actions of the State of Israel. Following the International Court of Justice's ruling that Israel may be committing genocide in Gaza, will FAU be updating that statement and perhaps publicly express care and concern for Palestinian students, staff, and faculty at FAU?”
 13. Open Forum of the Senate
 - Discussion of Simple Syllabus
 - Submit a Ticket technical issues with Simple Syllabus.

- Dr. Dunn will speak with Interim Provost Ivy about ways to collect and address concerns related to Simple Syllabus.
- FAQ: https://www.fau.edu/canvas/additional_tools/simple-syllabus/
- Discussion of Activity Reporting
 - We are moving toward completing activity reports in one system.
- Discussion of Faculty receiving State Grants

14. Good of the Senate

- Opportunities to support our students in theater and dance; Dr. Dunn will share events link.
- Exercise is Medicine is on Campus - contact Sue Graves (sgraves@fau.edu) for more information.
- Discussion on the challenges related to the foreign influence regulation. Dr. Dunn to touch base with the Office of Compliance & Ethics to clarify guidelines.

15. **Meeting adjourned at 2:41pm.**