

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
February 25, 2019
EE 106, 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Members and Guests Present: *See Appendix A* for attendance sheet.

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kevin Wagner at 1:00pm. The meeting was held in room EE 106 on the Boca Raton Campus and was video conferenced to Davie (DW 108), Fort Lauderdale (HEC 608), Harbor Branch (LE 206G, Jupiter (SR 200), and Sea Tech (ST 250)

2. **With positive approval**, the Senate approved [January 28th, 2019](#) UFS Minutes.

3. President's Report

- a. Dr. Kevin Wagner begins his report by announcing President Kelly will be the speaker on April 1st.
- b. Next, Fernando Cuevas from Follett was scheduled to be a guest speaker for this meeting but will attend a future meeting.
- c. Finally, nominations are open for the spring UFS elections including three open seats on the Steering committee and three open seats on the Academic Planning and Budget committee.

5. Speakers

- a. Jeff Atwater, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Chief Financial Officer
 - o Jeff Atwater begins discussing the E&G Budget increasing from \$314.6 million in FY 2017-18 to \$318.0 million in FY 2018-19.
 - o Next, exemptions and waivers have been steadily growing, and negatively impact the revenues. A total of \$94.4 million in 4 years.
 - o State mandated waivers the main driving force for increasing waivers.
 - o Tuition revenue is increasing, but so are waivers.
 - o Out-of-state credit hours have grown while in-state credit hours have held constant.
 - o Out-of-state credit revenues are growing as in-state revenues remain unchanged.
 - o FTIC cohorts and transfers in fall have been consistently declining.
 - o Performance funding went from \$28,066,081 in FY 2017-18 to \$27,242,903 in FY 2018-19.
 - o Total salary and benefit spending from E&G has increased by \$13.3 million from FY 2015-16 to FY 2017-18.
 - o Total amount of foundation dollars went from a 7-year average of \$14.1 million from FY 2007-08 to 2013-14 to \$33.8 million from 2014-15 to 2017-18.
 - o Finally, total amount of research dollars rewarded at FAU went from a 3-year average of \$33.9 million from FY 2012-13 to FY 2014-15 to \$44.3 million from FY 2015-16 to 2017-18.
- b. Dean Carol Hixson, University Libraries
 - o Dean Carol Hixson begins discussing the facilities issues on the east side of Wimberly. There was HVAC and plumbing issues but Special Collections are secure.
 - o Next, the microfilm collections are deteriorating due to "vinegar syndrome". The libraries have analyzed the collection to determine what is available electronically and are working to determine what is available.
 - o The FAU Libraries have reduced the amount spent on monographs, supplementing the collections budget with salary savings and supplementing the collections budget with technology fee proposals.

- Finally, the FAU Libraries will continue to lobby for budget increase in support of scholarly content, raise money through development, pursue grants, and explore more cost-sharing with Colleges. In addition, they will Continue to utilize supplemental funding as possible to fill gaps, Continue to meet with faculty to raise awareness and gather input, and The Collections Advisory Committee recommends that FAU follow examples set nationally and cancel one of our six most expensive journal package bundles for FY20, using a portion of the package's price to subscribe to only the most essential journals à la carte.

6. UPC Consent Agenda

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

7. UPC Action Items

- a. College of Arts and Letters
 - *B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *Honors Program in Political Science*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *B.A. in Theatre*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - Dr. Chris Beetle motions to package *the B.F.A. in Theatre Core Courses, B.F.A. in Theatre with Concentration in Music Theatre, and B.F.A. in Theatre with Concentration in Performance.* Dr. Robert Zoeller seconds.
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *Entire section of Theatre and Dance*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

- b. College of Business
 - *Casino and Gaming Management Certificate*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

8. UGC Consent Agenda

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

9. UGC Action Agenda

- a. College of Business
 - *Master of Science – International Business*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *MS in Information Technology Management (MSITM)*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

- b. College of Medicine
 - *Medical Doctorate*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
 - *Foundations of Medicine 3 (BMS 6017)*

- Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- c. College of Science
 - *Environmental Restoration Certificate*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

10. Business Items

- a. Start and end dates for the Academic Year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021
 - [Academic Year 2019-2020](#)
 - [Academic Year 2020-2021](#)
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. Proposed Fall 2019 UFS (Steering) Dates
 - Mon Sep 9 (Thur Aug 29)
 - Mon Oct 7 (Thur Sep 26)
 - Mon Nov 4 (Thur Oct 24)
 - Mon Dec 2 (Thur Nov 21)
 Proposed Spring 2020 UFS (Steering) Dates
 - Mon Jan 27 (Thur Jan 16)
 - Mon Feb 24 (Thur Feb 13)
 - Mon Mar 30 (Thur Mar 19)
 - Mon Apr 27 (Thur Apr 16)
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- c. [Mini-Term Scheduling](#)
 - Dr. Chris Beetle discussed the Mini-Term Scheduling as an informational item. No action was taken with this item.
- d. [Graduate Students Resolution](#)
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

11. Open Forum with the Provost

- Provost Danilowicz updates the Faculty Senate on the Dean Searches for the Graduate College, the College of Nursing, and College of Education. In addition, there is an open position for Associate Vice President on the Jupiter Campus.
- Next, Dean Wes Hawkins will be returning to faculty on June 30th and there will be an interim Dean for the College for Design and Social Inquiry.
- The Provost will be working with the colleges on a contingency plan to prepare for a budget reduction or budget growth if one ever occurs.
- Finally, Academic Affairs is allocating 1.6 million dollars to the Police Department.

11. Good of the Senate

- Dr. Daniela Nikolova announces that AWIS is an official chapter.

12. Meeting adjourned at 3:02pm.