

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
July 13, 2020
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 [June 1, 2020](#) UFS Minutes.

3. President's Report

- a. N/A

4. Guest Speakers

- a. Vice President Jeff Atwater (State Budget Summer Update)
 - We received \$11,146,000 for the Jupiter Life Science Building, \$15 million for AD Henderson Lab School and \$2 million in additional base funding.
 - In addition, Gov. DeSantis initiated a plan to hold back six percent of state agency allocations in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This holdback of state appropriations does include the State University System, which means a reduction of approximately \$13 million to FAU for the coming year.
 - The E&G budget went from \$333,893,800 in FY 2020 to 335,917,191 in FY 2021.
 - The total performance funding allocations from FY18 to FY20 was \$84,363,848. Academic Affairs accounts for 66.9% of the funding.
 - A \$1.7M growth in net tuition dollars from \$124.3M in FY17 to \$126M in FY19 has allowed the University to distribute additional tuition dollars in FY21 in the amount of \$1,917,167 to fund Summer FY21.
 - Much of our tuition revenue growth can be attributed to an increase in out-of-state students.
 - Covid-19 has a potential to decrease the number of out-of-state students enrolling at FAU for Fall 2020/Spring 2021.
- b. Vice President Stacy Volnick (Reopening Plan)
 - We are monitoring the data daily. Yesterday was the highest Covid-19 case increase.
 - We are communicating with the Director of the Palm Beach Health Department.
 - Also, we are working with Joel Herbst on the A.D. Henderson and FAU High School plan.
 - Face coverings are required on our campuses.
 - We are utilizing a portion of the CARES funding for testing for employees.
- c. Dr. Robert Zoeller (EOT Report)
 - The EOT are working with faculty in Henderson as well as the alternative work agreement for faculty.

- Also, they are discussing the issue of managing non-compliant students to the mandatory mask rule.
- d. Dr. Jesse Saginor (Academic Affairs COVID19 Recovery Planning Committee)
 - The committee are reviewing classrooms, labs and performing arts.
 - We are following CDC guidelines.
 - We are reviewing what other plans from universities in the SUS.
 - We are looking into promoting physical distancing for study rooms. This includes the roping of furniture and seating.
 - There will be an email going out to faculty on the types of rooms available.

5. Discussion Items

- a. Joint Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - The Office of the Provost and the University Faculty Senate will be forming the Joint Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The committee will consist of both administration and faculty. Faculty members interested in serving on the committee will contact Dr. Wagner and the Provost will appoint members as well. The committee will work on action items.

11. Open Forum with the Senate

- Provost Bret Danilowicz begins his open forum stating that Dr. Justin Perry is the new Dean of the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College.
- Dr. Teresa Wilcox is the new Interim Dean of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science.
- There is an additional committee working on implicit bias training. Deans are nominating individuals to join this committee.

12. New Business

- No Items.

13. Good of the Senate

- Dr. Bill Trapani discusses faculty involvement in the reopening plan.
- Dr. Chris Beetle discusses the face covering policy.
- Dr. Oliver Buckton discusses alternative work agreements for GTA's.

12. Meeting adjourned at 3:07pm.