

**University Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**October 7, 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 September 9, 2019 UFS Minutes.

**3. President's Report**

- a. Dr. Kevin Wagner states that the Library Committee met and will be looking into the allocation of resources. The committee will issue a report to the library and steering committee.
- b. The Academic Freedom and Due Process Committee is in the final stages of being formed. They will look into a new title for faculty and faculty & student relations.
- c. Dr. Wagner proposes disassembling several committees that haven't met including the Admission and Retention Committee, Assessment Committee and Distance Education Committee and forming an Academic Policy Committee.
- d. Michael Turtz presents the master calendar, which allows everyone to add both the Steering and Senate dates directly to his or her calendar.
- e. Finally, Dr. Rose Sherman will be invited to Steering to discuss the changes to the Promotion and Tenure documents for this year.

**4. UPC Consent Agenda**

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

**5. UPC Action Items**

- a. College of Engineering and Computer Science
  - *Innovation Leadership Honors Program*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. College of Science
  - *Honors Program in Psychology*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

**6. UGC Consent Agenda**

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

**7. UGC Action Agenda**

- a. College of Medicine
  - *Genomics and Predictive Health Certificate*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

## 8. Business Items

### a. [Research Space Policy at FAU](#)

- Provost Danilowicz presents the Research Space Policy at FAU. Currently, we do not have a space policy for research. The draft was sent to the Steering committee after compositing information from Michigan State and FIU. After feedback at Steering, it was redrafted before the Senate today. Every university in the SUS has a policy. In order to be R1 Institution, we need to reallocate space to new researchers and those who are expanding their teams.
- Dr. Susannah Brown suggests adding a creative activity equivalency after publications and journals on Page 4, Section B1.
- Dr. Brian McConnell asks if space for Arts and Letters performances would be included on Page 4, Section B2. In addition, he asks about advanced graduate work as well as students from the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry. Provost Danilowicz discusses that there is a table for dry lab, computer, social sciences and Non-STEM as well as Annual FTE of Thesis of Dissertation credit of students using. This is for graduate students. Dr. James Capp also states that there was oversight in the paragraph regarding non-STEM students that Dr. McConnell was referring to.
- Dr. Robert Zoeller asks what is considered research space and what is not considered research space. Dr. James Capp states that the Board of Governors works with our office of Space Utilization. We have a regular survey process every 5-7 years and next year we will start the process on updating the data on how our space is being used.
- Dr. Mark Kantorow was concerned about smaller grants that do not qualify for larger grants as well as inquiring if there is a shortage of space right now. Provost Danilowicz states that this is an end guide. We are approximately at 48.5% F&A.
- Dr. Markus Schmidmeier suggests adding visiting faculty to the policy.
- Dr. Kathleen Guthrie emphasizes on adding students from the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry, especially for faculty that do not bring in a lot of funding.
- Dr. Michael Harris states that each program needs research for training and for research in general.
- Dr. Chris Beetle suggests adding a method of prioritizing research space. He suggests building a consultative process with a committee of faculty at both the College level and Provost/Vice President of Research level. The process would have faculty representations across sections.
- Dr. Wagner states that this policy will be sent to the University Undergraduate and Graduate Committees prior to Steering and Senate.

## 9. Open Forum with the Provost

- Provost Danilowicz begins his open forum by stating that we submitted an LBR to the Board of Governors. This year, rather than pre-eminent and pre-pre eminent universities, there are pre-eminent universities and universities of distinction proposals. Last year, we requested funding for our top 100 ranking initiative for the U.S. News and World Report.
- This year, we requested AI and Data Science. All 12 of our colleges work with AI. The idea is to turn A1 from a platform into a pillar. We requested 12.5 million recurring dollars and 6 million in one-time funding. The largest amount requested was for our graduate students,

turning masters student GA's to doctoral level positions and elevate the stipends. This will help retention and graduate rates. In addition, we will be giving students research topics for AI and hourly jobs. Students get to keep their loans.

- One-time funding included the technology cost to move the School of Communication and Multimedia Studies from the Davie to Fort Lauderdale campus.
- Next, the Academic Planning and Budget Committee Open Forum meeting will be held next Tuesday at 3:30pm in the Board of Trustees room. This meeting will discuss how a college budget works. The following meeting will discuss the department level budget and self-sustaining programs. The third meeting will look into expenditures on where the funding is going through time.

#### **10. Open Forum with the Senate**

- Dr. Daniela Nikolova inquires about student safety and the process for locking doors. Dr. Wagner will ask Vice President Stacy Volnick to present at a future senate meeting.
- Dr. Kim Dunn discusses ideas to disseminate information and build off the FAU Insider.
- Dr. Wagner discusses the BGS degree concerns. The upcoming policy committee could gather data on this degree. He will also discuss this with Dean Ed Pratt.

#### **11. New Business**

- No Items.

#### **12. Good of the Senate**

- No Items.

#### **13. Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm**







## UFS Attendance Sign-In

Admission & Retention	Rupert Rhodd	
Assessment	Nancey France	
Distance Education	Mary Cameron	
Graduate Council	Paul Peluso	<i>Paul Peluso</i>
Honors and Awards	Evangelos Kaisar	
Library Advisory	Victoria Thur	
P&T	Cynthia Wilson	
Research	Renat Shaykhutdinov	
UPC	Jerry Haky	<i>92</i>
GPC	Ken Dawson Scully	
<b>Past President</b>	Christopher Beetle	
<b>President</b>	Kevin Wagner	
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>		
President	John Kelly	
Provost	Bret Danilowicz	

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