

**University Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**September 14, 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 [August 10, 2020](#) UFS Minutes.

**3. President's Report**

a. N/A

**4. Guest Speakers**

- a. President John Kelly & Vice President Stacy Volnick
- President Kelly states that we moved up from number 140 to number 136 in the U.S. News and World Report. This is largely due to a 9.5% increase in our graduation rate. Students are entering the work force with less debt.
  - We also moved up in social mobility from number 45 to number 33 in country. We helped students with limited resources graduate from college.
  - There is \$270 million in construction planned or completed.
  - The Schmidt Family Complex is now open.
  - Dr. Kelly sends his condolences to the Gelb family. Dr. Ira Gelb passed away today. We will have a service for Dr. Gelb in the near future.
  - Stacy Volnick states that the Covid cases are tracked on campus. The website is updated every 30 minutes.
  - We have received 500 emails from the Covid website, mostly on the Cares funding.
  - Finally, as of now, we had 1,700 Covid tests on campus and 12,000 Covid tests at tech runway.
- b. Maura Flaschner, Executive Director of Undergraduate Admission
- FAU raised admissions standards for FTIC applicants.
  - FAU's 4-year graduation rate for 2016 cohort was 47%.
  - 2020 Cohort is 3.85 GPA, 1190 SAT and 25 ACT.
  - 2020 Engineering Bridge Program is 3.53 GPA, 1140 SAT, 23 ACT.
  - 2020 Academic Success Pathway is 3.22 GPA, 1060 SAT, 21 ACT.
  - We had 31,304 applications, 18,960 admits and enrolled approximately 4,000 students.
  - Our Fall 2021 targets include full-time cohort requires a GPA higher than 3.3. We will have 2,400 FTIC full-time students, 1,600 Pathways students which will total 4,000 students. We are also targeting an 83% full-time retention rate, 1180 full-time

SAT, 1130 SAT (FTIC & Pathway) and 15% of our students (FTIC & Pathway) from the top ten in their class.

## 5. UPC Consent Agenda

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

## 6. UPC Action Items

- a. College of Arts and Letters
  - *BA in Sociology*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

## 7. UGC Consent Agenda

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

## 8. UGC Action Agenda

- a. College of Engineering and Computer Science
  - *CAP6616: Applied Machine Learning*
  - Tabled until the next senate meeting. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - *Minor in Artificial Intelligence*
  - Tabled until the next senate meeting. **Approved by majority vote.**

## 9. Business Items

- a. Clinical Research Faculty Policy
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. Temporary Waiver of GRE and GMAT
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- c. Steering Committee Election
  - Nominations are open until the next Senate meeting for Dr. Chris Beetle's seat.

## 10. Open Forum with the Provost

- Provost Danilowicz is working with UUPC on a recommendation for diversity, equity and inclusion in the curriculum. There will be a recommendation by November.
- We have a 10-year reporting cycle for SACS called the QEP led by Dean Ed Pratt and Dr. Russ Ivy. They will receive feedback from Colleges and Departments around campus. The next SACS report is due in 2023.

## 11. Open Forum with the Senate

- No Items.

**12. New Business**

- No Items.

**13. Good of the Senate**

- No Items.

**12. Meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.**