

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
September 20, 2021
Webex, 1:00PM – 3:00PM

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kim Dunn at 1:00pm. The meeting was held on Webex.

2. **With positive approval**, the Senate approved [April 26, 2021](#) UFS Minutes.

3. President's Report

- a. Dr. Kim Dunn presents the UFS Meeting Protocols. Whenever possible, we will approve motions by unanimous consent. We will also no longer accept anonymous questions or comments.
- b. Dr. Dunn states that the vote passed for the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates Resolution.
- c. Crystal Barger will be contacting colleges and departments to assist with increasing the participation in Canvas Gradebook and midterm grade reporting. The goal is to improve students' success through early warning signals for underperforming students.
- d. The Academic Planning and Budget Committee Open Forum will be held on September 23rd at 1pm.

4. Speakers

- a. President John Kelly
 - o President Kelly discusses the 60th anniversary of FAU.
 - o We had a strong year for research with new records set.
 - o We are focusing on National Merit Scholars.
 - o Chris Delisio has joined FAU as Vice President for Institutional Advancement and CEO of the FAU Foundation.
 - o There are several new Deans vacancies – College of Medicine, College of Science, and FAU Libraries.
 - o FAU was chosen as an institution of distinction in artificial intelligence.
 - o Finally, President Kelly discusses the U.S. News and World Report rankings and University of Florida expansion into West Palm Beach.

5. Guest Speakers

- a. Board of Trustees Chair Abdol Moabery
 - o Chair Moabery discusses FAU's accomplishments in the SUS system including #3 in the metric and thanks the faculty.
 - o The Board of Trustees are appointed to look out for the best interests of FAU, including FAU faculty.
- b. Dr. Larry Faerman, Acting Vice President, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

- Dr. Faerman provides an overview of Covid Protocols.
- There were logistical concerns from faculty about weekend processes that he will look into.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Dr. Meredith Mountford, Chair, Policy and Procedures Committee
 - Dr. Mountford discusses the Policy Committee Recommendations on Reinvigorating Shared Governance.

7. UPC Consent Agenda

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

8. UPC Action Items

- a. Arts and Letters
 - *BA and BFA in Art Program Changes (Combined)*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
- b. College of Engineering and Computer Science
 - *Engineering Certificates (Combined)*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

9. UGC Consent Agenda

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

10. UGC Action Agenda

- a. College of Science
 - *BS to MS in Geosciences*
 - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

11. Old Business

- a. HB233
 - Dr. Kevin Wagner will be the main contact for the required survey.

12. New Business

- b. No items.

13. Open Forum with the Provost

- Provost Danilowicz states that the Planning and Budget Committee open forum is this Thursday.
- The Faculty Innovation Hub on the Davie Campus will be opening next week.
- There is a \$1.5 million proposal for new continuing education and self-sustaining programs.
- Finally, Breezeway dialogs are a new initiative to demonstrate the way to have dialog and debate over polarizing issues.

14. Open Forum with the Senate

- No Items.

15. Good of the Senate

- No Items.

16. Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.