



**University Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
November 7, 2022  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Engineering East Room 106**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kim Dunn at 1:01 pm. The meeting was held in Engineering East Room 106.
2. The UFS Steering minutes from October 10, 2022, were **approved, with the following amendment in #13, B.:**

*Multiple faculty members expressed concerns regarding partisan political comments made by the University of Florida presidential finalist Ben Sasse, and a general climate of suppression of academic freedom in the SUS.*
3. President's Report
  - a. BOG Updates
    - BOG will be meeting to discuss tropical storm/hurricane; not sure if the meeting will be impacted due to incoming tropical storm/hurricane. The BOG agenda for the meeting includes a regulation on post tenure review.
    - Please contact Kevin Wagner if you are interested in putting together a resolution or other faculty governance statement to respond to the BOG policy during the public comment period.
    - University regulations are on the FAU website; to receive email notifications of new, amended or repealed regulations, please sign up on the FAU website; this will give you an opportunity to comment.
  - b. BOT Updates
    - FAU has hired the Presidential search consulting firm.
  - c. Regulation 4.001 Update
    - As a follow up to the last meeting, the university is creating template notifications as well as updating the student Canvas module and potentially developing a faculty canvas module. Flow chart coming soon.
  - d. Other items
    - Faculty Club to open spring 2023
    - The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) names FAU 2022 Degree Completion Award Winner

- FAU-Well Program. The Department of Exercise Science & Health Promotion offers a well-rounded health-fitness program as a Free Community Service for faculty, staff, and the public. Students majoring in exercise science and health promotion participate by taking blood pressure and heart rates and leading some small groups in exercises. Lastly, the students present research in their area of study. The schedule for this program is Monday and Wednesday from 8am-9:30am.
- Announcement: Breezeway dialogues are starting back up; faculty are encouraged to attend. Please contact Nicole Morse if you would like to propose a future topic.

#### 4. Guest Speakers

##### a. FAU 100 – James Capp

- The FAU100 initiative came from the 2018 update to our strategic plan.
- *U.S. News and World Report*: Florida Atlantic University is ranked as a #132 top public school in the nation. We are ranked #41 for social mobility among both public and private schools. We are ranked # 93 when it comes to our undergraduate nursing programs among both public and private schools. This comes from the success of our Pell students compared to our overall student body and the fact that our Pell students outpace the overall completion rates.
- Highlight: year after year FAU is ranked as the #1 most diverse public university in the state of Florida. This means that our students are more likely than any other SUS school to encounter somebody that comes from a different racial or ethnic background from themselves.
- In the last 6-8 years, FAU has increased its graduation rate by 20 percentage points, and we've increased our four year graduation rate by 30 percentage points.
- How this is accomplished at FAU is via team based analytics, SWAT (strategic work group for ascending to the top) team and VP meetings to discuss, build dashboards to retrieve information and make policy decisions.
- The analytics helps us understand what initiatives would benefit which students the most.
- *Success for All* website ([fau.edu/success](http://fau.edu/success)) was launched with a downloadable white paper that discusses the analytics. For more information, please contact James Capp.

#### 5. Committee Reports

##### a. Policies & Procedures Committee Chair: Meredith Mountford

- Call for anyone interested in participating and revising the Senate bylaws.
- Faculty members are also invited to submit written comments to Meredith Mountford or/and participate in the policies and procedures committee in its discussion and deliberation of the proposed revisions.
- For more information, please contact Meredith Mountford.

6. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)
  - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by consent agenda.**
7. [UPC Action Agenda](#)
  - a. College of Arts and Letters
    - i) Science Pre-Law concentration in Political Science*
      - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - b. College of Business
    - ii) Investment Management minor and certificate*
      - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by majority vote.**
    - iii) Honors Program in International Business*
      - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - c. College of Engineering and Computer Science
    - i) Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering (BSBME)*
      - Positive recommendation from Steering.
      - Moved to remove Nursing from #4 Bioimaging/ Nursing Technologist and replace with Bioimaging/Technologist. **Approved by majority vote.** **Approved by majority vote.** Moved to strike nursing from the proposed by biomedical engineering degree program. Motion carries.
      - **Approved, as modified, by majority vote.**
8. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)
  - Positive recommendation from Steering.
  - Moved to remove COT 6455 Convex Optimization. **Approved by majority vote.** Moved to approve UGC consent agenda as modified. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - Moved to return COT 6455 Convex Optimization to graduate council for discussion with the department of mathematics. Approved by majority vote.
9. UGC Action Agenda
  - a. No items.
10. Old Business
  - a. No items.
11. Business Items
  - a. No items.
12. Open Forum with the Provost
  - No updates.

13. Open Forum of the Senate
  - Hurricane updates.
  - Definition of social mobility measure shared. For more information, please email James Capp.
  - Announcement from Nicole Morse encouraging faculty and students to vote.
14. Good of the Senate
  - a. No items.
15. **Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.**