



**University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
April 24, 2023
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. Senate approved [March 27, 2023](#) UFS Minutes by unanimous consent.
3. President's Report
 - Dr. Dunn reported on the elections results.
 - Steering Committee, 3 open slots, Bruce Arneklev, William Trapani, and Charles Dukes will be continuing in this role.
 - Academic Planning and Budget committee, 2 open slots, Hari Kalva and Meredith Mountford will be taking this role.
 - Diversity Equity and Inclusion committee, 4 open slots, Nicole Morse, Ceylan Isgor, and Angela Nichols. Please note that there were four slots but only three people were nominated so there is room for one more if anyone is interested.
 - Policies and Procedures committee, 4 open slots, Eric Dumbaugh, Vicki Brown, Lisa Finnegan and LeaAnne DeRigne were elected.
 - Dr. Dunn discussed the University of Miami letter of support from faculty, students and staff opposing Florida HB999 and supporting academic freedom in Florida higher education.
 - Dr. Dunn gave an update on HB999/SB266. After the legislative session ends on May 5 there will be more updates.
 - Dr. Dunn announced that the BOG passed the post tenure review regulation. More updates from Interim Provost Michele Hawkins during open forum with Provost.
 - BOG scheduled meetings, May 10 (conference call), June 21 and 22, and August 29 and 30.
 - Dr. Dunn gave an update the presidential search committee. At tomorrow's BOT meeting the presidential profile will come before the Board of Trustees for approval. If approved, the marketing plan will begin.
 - BOT scheduled meeting, June 19.
 - Dr. Dunn gave an update on the Provost search. President Volnick selected and charged the committee that is comprised of Bob Stackman, Charles Dukes, Steve Engle, and Kim

Dunn. A recommendation will be made and presented to President Volnick on May 3. The candidates for Provost are Stella Batalama, Daniel Gropper and Kevin Wagner.

4. Guest Speakers

None.

5. Committee Reports

- FAR report, Stephen Engle
 - Dr. Engle presented the Inter-College Athletics Committee annual report (2022).
 - Final Four! Coach Dusty May named CBS National Coach of the Year, Ranked #5 Nationally at the end of the Season.
 - FAU Athletics received a \$5 million gift commitment from Michelle and Michael Hagerty. In recognition of the gift, the areas housing the majority of the FAU athletics facilities will now be known as the Hagerty Family Athletics Village.
 - FAU Athletics received a \$7.5 million gift commitment from Eleanor R. Baldwin. In recognition of the gift, the FAU basketball and volleyball facility will now be known as the Eleanor R. Baldwin Arena.
- Academic Planning and Budget Committee, Kevin Wagner
 - SPOT Dates
 - i. Dr. Wagner discussed and requested that Senate review the 1st two intercession spot dates. Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion carries.**
 - Term End Dates
 - i. Dr. Wagner discussed the term end dates; current December 15, 2023, with a change to December 13, 2023. According to a federal regulation, the university end dates were not correct, and they need to be corrected. Furthermore, it does not change nothing about our semester other than the official end date. Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion carries.**
- Library Advisory Committee, Marianna Colvin, Chair
- University Undergraduate Programs Committee, Ethlyn Williams, Chair
- University Promotion and Tenure Committee, Mark Kohlbeck, committee member
- University Graduate Council, Paul Peluso, Chair
- Academic Planning and Budget Committee, Kevin Wagner, Chair
- Academic Freedom and Due Process Committee (not presented, please review presentation via link)
- University Research Committee (not presented, please review presentation via link)

Each committee reported on the following (this information may also be found in the bylaws):

- Meeting schedule
- Members of the Committee
- Charge
- Major Activities

- Election Process
6. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)
 - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
 7. [UPC Action Agenda](#)
 - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion carries.**
 8. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)
 - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
 9. [UGC Action Agenda](#)
 - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion carries.**
 10. Old Business
 - Update on reg 4.001, Dan Meeroff
 - Dr. Dunn introduced and briefly discussed the faculty toolkit flowchart 4.001.
 - Dr. Meeroff discussed, in detail, the faculty toolkit flowchart 4.001.
 - Role of advisors in student major changes
 - No major update other than conversations have been started regarding concerns addressed. Moved to the Fall 2023.
 - Graduate faculty requirement to serve on thesis committee.
 - No major update other than conversations have been started regarding concerns addressed. Moved to the Fall 2023.
 - Faculty participation in student recruiting events
 - No major update other than conversations have been started regarding concerns addressed. Moved to the Fall 2023.
 11. New Business
 - Resolution
 - Dr. Dunn presented and discussed the Faculty Resolution on the Presidential Search.
 - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion carries.**
 - Steering and Senate Dates 2023-2024
 - Dr. Wagner presented the steering and senate dates for 2023-2024. Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion carries.**
 - Resolution
 - Dr. Dunn presented and discussed a resolution regarding curriculum.
 - Resolution with amendment. **Motion carries.**
 12. Open Forum with the Provost
 - Interim Provost Hawkins announced that U.S. News and World Report will be coming out tomorrow with FAU news.

- Interim Provost Hawkins announced that there are two new degree programs, General Business and Global Studies, that Senate approved and will be going up to the Board of Trustees.
- Interim Provost Hawkins mentioned Honors Convocation that occurred a few weeks ago. In addition, she announcement that Dr. Lincoln Sloas from Social Work and Criminal Justice received this year's Distinguished Teacher of The Year and Isaac Elishakoff in the College of Engineering and Computer Science received the first President's Award for Career Achievement.
- Announcement: FAU is hosting the Hall of Fame & Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony & Reception this Thursday, April 27. Hope you can join; everyone is invited to attend.
- Announcement: Commencement is next week. Looking for faculty participation, please contact the Registrar's Office if you would like to attend.
- Announcement: Final Four pins available for faculty. Please see Taina as you leave.
- Interim Provost Hawkins reported that all is well in the areas of admissions; increase in student and graduate stipends, and our transfer program.

13. Open Forum of the Senate

- Dr. Dunn clarified Provost candidates open forum format.
- Final grades date discrepancy. Date falls after faculty contracts end. Added to the Academic Planning and Budget Committee agenda in the fall.
- Suggestion to have a committee/body in place to work with the new legislation that will be coming down the pipeline. If you are interested in participating in this conversation, please contact Dr. Dunn.

14. Good of the Senate

- Nicole Morse made an announcement regarding UFF.

15. **Meeting adjourned at 2:51pm.**