



**University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
January 27, 2025
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Engineering East Room 106**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kim Dunn at 1:04PM. The meeting was held in Engineering East Room 106.
2. Senate approved [December 2, 2024](#) UFS Minutes by unanimous consent.
3. President's Report
 - Dr. Dunn reported on the following:
 - **UFS Standing Committees**
 - Some committees face participation challenges.
 - Committee reports scheduled for February, March, and possibly April.
 - Senate elections: Nominations in March, results announced in April.
 - **Board Meetings & Governance**
 - Board of Governors (BOG) Meeting – Scheduled for Thursday.
 - Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting – Set for February 4.
 - Trustee Changes:
 - Four new trustees appointed by the governor, two by the BOG.
 - Trustee Ellison resigned to join the BOG at FMU.
 - Trustee Feingold, Trustee Kane, and Trustee Morris are departing.
 - Trustee Sherry Murphy will continue.
 - **Presidential Search Update**
 - Three finalists: **Michael Hartline, Adam Hasner, and John Volin.**
 - Presidential salary range approved: **\$1M–\$1.5M** (not binding for BOT).
 - **Campus forums** for candidates scheduled for early February, with opportunities for stakeholder feedback.
 - **BOT interviews and vote** on finalists set for February.
 - Final **confirmation by BOG** (date TBD, possibly March).
4. Guest Speakers
 - AI and Syllabi, Dan Meeroff

Dr. Meeroff reported the following:

 - **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Syllabus Selection Process**
 - Faculty must choose one of three AI policies for their syllabus: **Encourage AI, Flexible AI, or AI Prohibited.**
 - The AI Faculty Task Force is analyzing selection data to refine policy and improve professional development.
 - Currently, **more than half of faculty have not made a selection.**

- Faculty encouraged to complete the selection process to help track AI integration in coursework.

5. Committee Reports

- **Academic Planning and Budgeting Committee Meeting, Bill Trapani**

Dr. Trapani reported the following:

- **Budget Forum Update**
 - APB hosted **CFO Jayson Iroff** and **Deloitte & Touche** for a discussion on the proposed budget model.
 - Initial forum planned before winter break was delayed due to technical issues.
 - A **feedback portal** was opened, increasing responses from ~6 to nearly three dozen.
 - Faculty are encouraged to continue submitting input.
 - No certainty on how the **presidential search** may impact budget decisions.
 - APB will compile feedback, present it to Deloitte & Touche, and engage with leadership.
 - Next **public forum likely in early fall** due to timeline constraints.
- **Academic Calendar Update**
 - APB oversees academic calendar approval per state regulations.
 - [25-26](#) and proposed [26-27](#) calendars
 - [Academic Calendar Overview](#)
 - New **calendars approved through Summer 2027**. Motion to approve the academic calendar was made. **Motion carries.**

6. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)

- Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**

7. [UPC Action Agenda](#)

- Arts and Letters, Minor in History: Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
- Business, College of Business Core Curriculum: Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
- Business, Entrepreneurial Management Certificate: Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
- Business, Leadership and Human Resource Development Certificate: Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
- Engineering and Computer Science, Civil Engineering bachelor's program: Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
- Engineering and Computer Science, Engineering and Computer Science, Civil Engineering bachelor's program: Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
- Engineering and Computer Science, Geomatics Engineering bachelor's program: Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
- Science, Introduction to Biological Networks: No recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**

- Science, Pharmaceutical Technology Certificate: Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
8. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)
- Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
9. UGC Action Agenda
- Positive recommendation from Steering.
 - [M.S. in Biomedical Engineering catalog changes](#)
 - [BME 5065 Advanced Finite Element Analysis in Biomedical Engineering](#)
 - [BME 5205 Advanced Orthopedic Biomechanics](#)
 - [BME 5313 Biomedical Engineering Cell Biology & Physiology](#)
 - [BME 5365 Advanced Neuromechanics](#)
 - [BME 5905 Advanced Methods of Biomedical Engineering Research](#)
 - [Statement from the Academic Planning and Budget Committee](#)
 - Motion to remove BME 5313 Biomedical Engineering Cell Biology & Philosophy for separate discussion.
 - A motion was made to approve the course. **Motion carries.**
 - A motion was made to approve the rest of the 4 courses and catalog changes with positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion carries.**
10. Old Business
- None.
11. New Business
- None.
12. Open Forum with the Provost
- The Provost reported on the following:
- **Board of Governors Meeting (Thursday)**
 - Final approval of General Education (Gen Ed) revisions.
 - Amendment period for Fall 2025 (Jan 31 – Feb 14) to align with other institutions.
 - **Academic Affairs Updates**
 - New Deans: Dr. Lewis Nelson (College of Medicine) & Dr. Cameron Duncan (Nursing).
 - College of Education Dean search in final stages.
 - Textbook review process completed; no violations found.
 - 98% of course sections completed attestations; there is a 2nd phase since 12% of the sections indicated someone else selected some or all the materials.
 - **Admissions & Recruitment**
 - Record-breaking ~50,000 applications for Fall 2025.
 - Target enrollment: ~4,400 students.
 - Faculty encouraged to participate in recruitment events (Feb, March, July).
 - **Research & Funding Concerns**
 - Possible pauses on NIH and other research grants due to administrative changes.
 - Ongoing discussions with SUS and state officials.

13. Open Forum of the Senate
None.

14. Good of the Senate
None.

15. **Meeting adjourned at 2:28PM.**

UFS Senator Attendance Roster
Spring 2025

Senators include College representatives, faculty assembly heads, steering committee, standing committee chairs, elect/past president, and non-voting members President and Provost.

Present =x

Last Name	First Name	Role	College	Jan-27	24-Feb	24-Mar	21-Apr
Agapova	Anna	Senator	Business	x			
Almonte	Mauricio	Senator	Arts and Letters				
Arneklev	Bruce	Senator, Steering	SWCJ				
Atkin-Plunk	Cassandra	FA Chair	SWCJ				
Baghersad	Milad	Senator	Business				
Balkan	Stacey	Senator	Arts and Letters				
Ball	Jason	Guest	OIT	x			
Banerjee	Kuntal	FA Chair	Business				
Beetle	Chris	Senator, Steering	Science	x			
Berlatsky	Eric	UGC Co-Chair	Arts and Letters				
Bernot	Kelsie	FA Chair	Honors				
Bilgihan	Anil	Senator	Business				
Bloetscher	Fred	Guest	college of engineering and computer science	x			
Branaman	Ann	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Brown	Vicki	Policy and Procedures Chair	Education				
Butcher	Howard	Senator	Nursing	x			
Buteau	Stephan	Senator	Medicine				
Calargé	Carla	Senator	Arts and Letters				
Castrogiovanni	Gary	Senator	Business	x			
Chamely-Wiik	Donna	Guest	Undergraduate Studies and Chemistry				
Darling	Sharon M.	Senator	Education	x			
DeGiorgio	Michael	Senator	ECS	x			
DeRigne	LeaAnne	Senator, Steering	SWCJ	x			
Dukes	Charles	Senator, Steering	Education	x			
Dumbaugh	Eric	Senator	Science				
Dunn	Kim	President	Business				
Eason	Shane	FA Chair	Arts and Letters				
Ellis	Meredith	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			

Ferrara	Zachary	Senator	Honors	x			
Finnegan	Lisa	Senator	Education	x			
Follin	Tiffany	FA Chair	Library				
Gendler	Richard	Senator	Business				
Gosser	Mary Ann	Guest	University Honors	x			
Hanne	Eric	Guest	Arts and Letters	x			
Harrawood	Michael	Senator	Honors				
Harris	Mike	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Hoffman	Fred	Senator	Science	x			
Ivy	Russ	Provost	Office of the Provost	x			
Johnson	Geoffrey	Guest	Academic Affairs	x			
Kaisar	Evangelos	Senator, Honors and Awards Chair	ECS	x			
Kharlamov	Viktor	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Kohlbeck	Mark	Senator	Business	x			
Larson	Robin	Guest	Arts and Letters				
Leventouri	Theodora	Senator	Science				
Lin	Yuandan	Senator	Science	x			
Locke	Stephen	Senator	Science				
Lu	Michael	Senator	Medicine				
Luck	George	FA Chair	Medicine				
MacDonald	Ian	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
McClellan	Joy	Guest	SWCJ				
McConnell	Will	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Mello	Lawrence	Senator	Library	x			
Miller	Katie	Senator	Education				
Mostemian	Davood	Senator	ECS	x			
Mountford	Meredith	Steering, FA Chair	Education	x			
Newman	David	Senator	Nursing	x			
Nichols	Angela	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Nikolova	Daniela	Senator	Science	x			
O'Brien	William	Senator	Honors	x			
Penhollow	Tina	Research Chair	Science				
Quidley-Rodriguez	Narciso	Senator	Nursing				
Ramirez Agudelo	Andres	Senator	Education	x			
Robé	Chris	Senator	Arts and Letters				
Rossow	Stacie	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Rothe	Dawn	Academic Freedom and Due Process Chair	SWCJ				

Sacca	Lea	Senator	Medicine				
Sacks	Emily	Senator	Business	x			
Sarajedini	Vicki	FA Chair	Science	x			
Schmidmeier	Markus	Senator	Science	x			
Schoorman	Dilys	Senator	Education	x			
Sementelli	Art	UGC Co-Chair	Arts and Letters				
Shen	Wen	Senator	Medicine				
Sobhan	Khaled	Senator, Steering, Promotion and Tenure Chair	ECS				
Sorge	Korey	Undergraduate Programs Chair	Science	x			
Trapani	Bill	Steering, APBC Chair, President-elect	Arts and Letters	x			
Volnick	Stacy	President	Office of the President				
Wagner	Kevin	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Wiese	Lisa	FA Chair	Nursing				
Williams	Ethlyn	Guest	COB. MANAGEMENT	x			
Yin	Zhijun	Senator	Science				
	TBD	Library Advisory Chair	TBD				