



**University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
February 24, 2025
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Engineering East Room 106**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kim Dunn at 1:00PM. The meeting was held in Engineering East Room 106.
2. Senate approved [January 27, 2025](#), UFS Minutes by unanimous consent.
3. President's Report
Dr. Dunn reported the following:
 - Senate attendance records will be distributed on a monthly basis.
 - The Steering Committee has reordered the Senate agenda:
 - The Open Forum with the Provost and the Open Forum with the Senate will follow the guest speakers.
 - Curriculum action items will be presented only upon request from a Senator.
 - Updates to the curriculum forms are currently in process, and we anticipate distribution to university curriculum committees in March.

Presidential Search Update

- **New President:** Mr. Adam Hasner was unanimously selected by the Board of Trustees as the next president of Florida Atlantic University and has been confirmed by the Florida Board of Governors. His term begins on March 10, 2025.
- **Dr. Dunn's Suggestions During Deliberations:**
 - Retain Dr. Stacy Volnick in a key administrative role.
 - Initiate a national search for a new provost, with Dr. Ivy continuing in the role until the search concludes.
 - Implement initiatives to create a campus environment where all students feel safe and welcome.
- **Upcoming Addresses:**
 - Mr. Hasner is scheduled to address the UFS Steering on March 13 and is tentatively scheduled for the Senate on April 21.
 - UFS sessions are available for viewing with an FAU email address.
- **UFS Senate Elections**
 - **Nominations** for Senate Committees opened on February 24 and will close on March 24.
 - **Available Seats:**
 - Steering: 3 seats
 - Academic Planning and Budget: 2 seats
 - Policies and Procedures: 4 seats
 - Please submit your nominations to Kim Dunn and Taina Teran, or at the next Senate meeting.

- **UFS Committee Reports**
 - Reports are scheduled for February, March, and April.
4. Guest Speakers
- **Dr. Stacy Volnick, President**
 - President Volnick shared an update, expressing her deep gratitude for the FAU community and the experiences she has had during her time here.
 - Dr. Volnick was presented with a resolution in recognition of her outstanding leadership and service.
5. Open Forum with the Provost
- The Provost reported on the following:
- **Promotion and Tenure Process:** An update was provided on the current status.
 - **Post-Tenure Review:** An update was shared regarding the review process.
 - **Course Material Review:** We have complied with the Board of Governors' (BOG) requirement for reviewing course materials.
 - None of our materials were found to have any problematic areas.
 - **CIP Codes and Regulations:** Some CIP codes will be excluded from the countries of concern regulation.
 - More information will be provided soon.
 - **College of Education Dean Search:** The search has been paused.
 - Faculty expressed concerns about losing qualified candidates and requested more information.
 - Faculty believe the candidates are well-qualified.
 - **Incoming Freshman Applications:** We've received more than 50,000 applications for the incoming freshman class.
6. Open Forum of the Senate
- General Education Curriculum:**
- Adapting to recent changes.
 - Process for adding courses that comply with the new General Education Curriculum guidelines.
7. Committee Reports
- **Research Committee** (Tina Penhollow, Chair):
Dr. Penhollow provided an update on the committee's activities, including:
 - Sabbatical Awards
 - Researcher of the Year
 - Scholar of the Year
 - **Academic Planning and Budget Committee** (Bill Trapani, Chair):
Dr. Trapani reported on the following:
 - The role of the Academic Planning and Budget Committee in the curriculum process.
 - A proposal to revise the bylaws to clarify the process is forthcoming.
 - New budget model information session:
 - Well-attended

- Questions and comments were submitted via the portal and forwarded to the CFO.

8. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)

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

9. [UPC Action Agenda](#)

- Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion to approve carries.**

10. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)

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

11. [UGC Action Agenda](#)

- Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion to approve carries** with the exceptions of the items listed below which were tabled until our next meeting.
 - EDA 6053 Contemporary Trends in Education
 - Education Specialist (EDS) Concentration: School Leaders (K-12)
 - Master's (MED) Concentration: School Leaders (K-12)
 - M.Ed. in Special Education ABA Concentration

12. Old Business

None.

13. New Business

- Order for Senate Agenda
 - Reordering Senate agenda as discussed above

14. Open Forum of the Senate

None.

15. Good of the Senate

- **Senate Leadership:** Bill Trapani will preside over the Senate in March while Dr. Dunn attends a meeting in Tallahassee.
- **State-Level DOGE:** A state-level DOGE is being proposed.
- **Higher Education Advocacy:** Strategies are being developed to advocate for higher education.

16. **Meeting adjourned at 2:57PM.**

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	27-Jan	24-Feb	24-Mar	21-Apr
Agapova	Anna	Senator	Business	x	x		
Almonte	Mauricio	Senator	Arts and Letters				
Arneklev	Bruce	Senator, Steering	SWCJ		x		
Atkin-Plunk	Cassandra	FA Chair	SWCJ		x		
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	x		
Berlatsky	Eric	UGC Co-	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	x		
Buteau	Stephan	Senator	Medicine				
Calargé	Carla	Senator	Arts and Letters				
Castrogiovanni	Gary	Senator	Business	x	x		
Chamely-Wiik	Donna	Guest	Undergraduate Studies and Chemistry				
Darling	Sharon M.	Senator	Education	x	x		
DeGiorgio	Michael	Senator	ECS	x	x		
DeRigne	LeaAnne	Senator, Steering	SWCJ	x	x		
Dukes	Charles	Senator, Steering	Education	x	x		
Dumbaugh	Eric	Senator	Science				
Dunn	Kim	President	Business				
Eason	Shane	FA Chair	Arts and Letters				
Ellis	Meredith	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x		

Ferguson	Michelle	Guest	College of		x		
Ferrara	Zachary	Senator	Honors	x	x		
Finnegan	Lisa	Senator	Education	x	x		
Follin	Tiffany	FA Chair	Library				
Gendler	Richard	Senator	Business				
Gosser	Mary Ann	Guest	University Honors	x	x		
Hanne	Eric	Guest	Arts and Letters	x			
Harrawood	Michael	Senator	Honors				
Harris	Mike	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	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	ECS	x			
Kharlamov	Viktor	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x		
Kohlbeck	Mark	Senator	Business	x	x		
Larson	Robin	Guest	Arts and Letters				
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Leventouri	Theodora	Senator	Science		x		
Lin	Yuandan	Senator	Science	x	x		
Locke	Stephen	Senator	Science		x		
Lu	Michael	Senator	Medicine				
Luck	George	FA Chair	Medicine				
MacDonald	Ian	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x		
McClellan	Joy	Guest	SWCJ				
McConnell	Will	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Mello	Lawrence	Senator	Library	x	x		
Miller	Katie	Senator	Education		x		
Moslemian	Davood	Senator	ECS	x	x		
Mountford	Meredith	Steering, FA Chair	Education	x	x		
Newman	David	Senator	Nursing	x	x		
Nichols	Angela	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x		
Nikolova	Daniela	Senator	Science	x	x		
O'Brien	William	Senator	Honors	x			
Penhollow	Tina	Research Chair	Science				
Quidley-	Narciso	Senator	Nursing				
Ramirez Agudelo	Andres	Senator	Education	x	x		
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Robé	Chris	Senator	Arts and Letters				

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