



**University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
April 27, 2026
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Engineering East Room 106**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. William Trapani at 1:00PM. The meeting was held in Engineering East Room 106.
2. Senate approved [March 30, 2026](#), UFS Minutes by unanimous consent.
3. President's Report
Due to a full agenda, Dr. Trapani deferred his report until the end of the meeting.

Recognition of Faculty Emeriti

The Senate recognized faculty members receiving emeritus status and acknowledged their years of service and contributions to the university. The following faculty members were recognized:

- Linda Johnson – Arts & Letters
- Alan Berger – Arts & Letters
- Michael Kane – Social Work & Criminal Justice
- Nurgon Erdol – Engineering & Computer Science
- Oge Marques – Engineering & Computer Science
- Shirley Pomponi – Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI)
- Jang-Yen Wu – Medicine
- Nwadiuto Esiobu – Science

The Senate expressed appreciation for their commitment, service, and contributions to Florida Atlantic University.

4. Guest Speakers

President Adam Hasner

- President Hasner provided updates on legislative priorities, institutional initiatives, and university progress. He noted that the state legislature had not finalized the state budget during the regular session and would reconvene later in a special session. University funding priorities remain focused on the Multidisciplinary Health Services Building, Office of Ocean Economy initiatives, AD Henderson priorities, and operational support requests.
- President Hasner also reported positive developments regarding Performance-Based Funding (PBF) metrics and upcoming changes associated with PBF 2.0. The revised model shifts emphasis toward continuous institutional improvement rather than direct comparison with peer institutions. He highlighted advocacy efforts that resulted in

institutions no longer being penalized when students transfer within the State University System.

- Updates were also provided on university priorities established during his first year, including completion of the Provost search, hiring of a Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and development of the university's strategic plan.
- Additional updates included student success initiatives, including the President's Internship Program for Community Impact, along with updates on research initiatives and future university opportunities.

Gregg Fields, Vice President of Research – Updates on the Quantum Computing Acquisition

- Vice President for Research Gregg Fields provided an overview of the university's planned acquisition of a D-Wave Advantage2 quantum computer and related quantum initiatives. The update included information on the university's participation in statewide quantum efforts, plans to establish a Center for Quantum Computing, and the anticipated impact on research, faculty recruitment, industry partnerships, and interdisciplinary collaboration opportunities. The initiative was presented as a strategic investment intended to expand FAU's research capabilities and support future innovation.

5. Open Forum with the Provost

Provost Dawson-Scully reflected on his first semester in the role and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to return to FAU. He emphasized the importance of shared governance and collaboration and acknowledged the support received from faculty, Senate leadership, and university administration during his transition into the role.

6. Open Forum of the Senate

Faculty members participated in an open forum discussion on academic affairs topics, including syllabus expectations, grading scales, and faculty resources. The Provost responded to questions and provided clarification on current university practices.

7. Committee Reports

- Academic Planning and Budget Committee, Kim Dunn
 - [Senate/Steering Dates 2026-2027](#)
Motion: A motion was made to approve the Faculty Senate and Steering Committee meeting dates for the upcoming academic year. **Motion carries.**
 - [SPOT dates](#)
Motion: A motion was made to continue the current SPOT evaluation schedule. **Motion carries.**
- [Intercollegiate Athletics Committee](#), Steve Engle
 - Updates were provided regarding student-athlete academic performance, student support initiatives, and recent athletics accomplishments.
- [Promotion and Tenure Committee](#), Dawn Rothe
 - The committee provided an overview of the promotion and tenure review cycle and announced upcoming information sessions and workshops.

- [Academic Freedom and Due Process Committee](#), Dawn Rothe
 - The committee shared updates regarding ongoing committee activities and faculty support efforts related to academic freedom and due process matters.
 - [Honors and Awards Committee](#), Evangelos Kaisar
 - The committee provided updates regarding faculty honors, awards, and recognition activities.
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. **Motion:** A motion was made to approve the UGC Consent Agenda, with the quantum computing courses removed and added to the UGC Action Agenda. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
 11. [UGC Action Agenda](#)
 - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion to approve carries.**
 12. Old Business
None.
 13. New Business
None.
 14. Good of the Senate
 - The Provost congratulated faculty members receiving promotion and tenure and shared plans for a future recognition event. Appreciation was also expressed to faculty members completing Senate service and to all faculty for their contributions throughout the academic year.
 - The Senate President thanked faculty and staff for their continued dedication and wished everyone a productive summer and safe travels.
 15. **Meeting adjourned at 2:46 PM.**

UFS Senator Attendance Roster
Spring 2026

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

Present =x Note: Feb 2 special meeting

Last Name	First Name	Role	College	26-Jan	2-Feb	23-Feb	30-Mar	27-Apr
Agapova	Anna	Senator	Business	x		x	x	x
Almonte	Mauricio	Senator	Arts and Letters					
Arneklev	Bruce	Senator & Steering	SWCJ	x	x	x	x	x
Atkin-Plunk	Cassandra	Senator	SWCJ	x	x	x	x	x
Attonito	Jennifer	Senator	Business	x	x	x	x	
Baghersad	Milad	Senator	Business				x	
Balkan	Stacey	Senator	Arts and Letters					
Banerjee	Kuntal	Senator & FA Chair	Business					
Beetle	Chris	Senator	Science					
Berlatsky	Eric	Senator & UGC Chair	Arts and Letters					
Broderick	Amy	Senator	Arts and Letters			x	x	x
Brown	Vicki	Senator & Policy and Procedures	Education	x				
Burnett	Craig	Guest	Arts and Letters	x		x		x
Calargé	Carla	Senator	Arts and Letters	x				
Darling	Sharon	Senator	Education	x	x	x	x	x
Dawson-Scully	Ken	Provost	Academic Affairs	x		x		x
DeGiorgio	Michael	Senator	EE&CS	x		x	x	x
DeRigne	LeaAnne	Senator & Steering	SWCJ	x		x	x	x
Dumbaugh	Eric	Senator	Science	x			x	x
Dunn	Kim	Past-US President & APBC Chair	Business	x		x	x	
Eason	Shane	Senator & FA Chair	Arts and Letters			x	x	x

Ellis	Meredith	Senator & Steering	Arts and Letters	x	x	x	x	x
Ferguson	Michelle	Senator & FA Chair	Nursing	x		x	x	
Finnegan	Lisa	Senator	Education	x	x	x	x	x
Fiorillo	Patricia	Senator & FA Chair	Library		x			
Furner	Joseph	Guest	Education	x				
Gendler	Richard	Senator	Business					
Gosser	Mary Ann	Guest	Honors and Schoars Program, UGS	x		x	x	x
Harrawood	Michael	Senator	Honors					
Harris	Mike	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x	x	x	x
Hasner	Adam	University President	Office of the President					x
Hoffman	Fred	Senator	Science	x	x	x	x	x
Kaisar	Evangelos	Senator	EE&CS				x	x
Lanning	Kevin	Senator	Honors	x				
Leventouri	Theodora	Senator	Science	x		x	x	x
Levy	Ting	Senator	Business	x			x	
Lewin	Phil	Senator	Arts and Letters	x		x	x	x
Lin	Yuandan	Senator	Science	x	x	x	x	x
Locke	Stephen	Senator	Science			x	x	
Lu	Michael	Senator	Medicine				x	
Luck	George	Senator & FA Chair	Medicine		x			
MacDonald	Ian	Senator	Arts and Letters		x	x	x	x
McConnell	Will	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x	x		x
Mello	Lawrence	Senator	Library			x	x	x
Moslemian	Davood	Senator	EE&CS	x	x	x	x	x
Mountford	Meredith	Senator	Education		x	x	x	x
Newman	David	Senator & Steering	Nursing	x	x	x	x	x
Nichols	Angela	Senator	Arts and Letters		x	x		
Nielsen	Sarah	Senator	Business					

Nikolova	Daniela	Senator	Science	x	x	x	x	x
Penhollow	Tina	Research Chair	Science					
Quidley-Rodriguez	Narciso	Senator	Nursing	x	x	x	x	x
Ramirez Agudelo	Andres	Senator	Education		x	x		x
Reyes-Guerra	Daniel	Senator & FA Chair	Education					
Robé	Chris	Senator	Arts and Letters					
Rossow	Stacie	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x	x	x	x
Rothe	Dawn	Academic Freedom and Due Process Chair	SWCJ	x		x	x	x
Rowell	Shaina	Senator & FA Chair	Honors					
Sacca	Lea	Senator	Medicine				x	
Sacks	Emily	Senator	Business	x	x	x		x
Sarajedini	Vicki	Senator & FA Chair	Science	x		x	x	x
Schmidmeier	Markus	Senator	Science					
Schoorman	Dilys	Senator	Education	x	x	x	x	x
Shen	Wen	Senator	Medicine	x				
Sorge	Korey	UUPC Chair	Science	x	x	x	x	x
TBD		Senator	Education					
TBD		Senator	EE&CS					
Teegavarapu	Ramesh	Senator & FA Chair	EE&CS					
Terrell	Syvonne	Senator	Nursing	x		x	x	x
Torres	Ayse	Senator	Education					
Trapani	William	UFS President	Arts and Letters	x	x		x	x
Wagner	Kevin	Senator	Arts and Letters	x				x
Warsi	Salwa	Guest	Registrar's Office	x				
Wiggill	Sarah	Senator	Medicine	x				
Yin	Zhijun	Senator	Science	x	x	x		x
Miller	Katie	Guest	Medicine		x			

Kharlamov	Viktor	Guest	Arts and Letters			x		
Duboue	Erik	Guest	Honors			x		
Larson	Robin	Guest	Arts and Letters				x	x
Kelly	Kearney	Guest	Education				x	
Hane	Eric	Guest	Arts and Letters					x
Kharlamov	Viktor	Guest	Arts and Letters					x