



**University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
September 14, 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
Dr. Trapani welcomed senators and provided updates on university, state, and Board of Governors matters.
 - An update was provided on the University Strategic Plan, including faculty participation in future working groups addressing strategic plan metrics and key performance indicators. He also discussed the upcoming Board of Trustees retreat and routine Board of Trustees matters.
 - Updates were provided regarding several Board of Governors initiatives, including institutional neutrality, artificial intelligence, degrees with fewer than 120 credit hours, and Board of Trustees compliance with Board of Governors policies. He noted that FAU's existing student AI disclosure framework is being viewed as a model and that additional requirements concerning faculty disclosure of AI use are anticipated.
 - He also reported on the Board of Governors' approval of the development of degree programs with fewer than 120 credit hours, subject to additional requirements and guidance. The Senate will continue to monitor developments as state guidance becomes available.
 - Additional updates included student success initiatives, university research priorities, and opportunities related to artificial intelligence and emerging technologies.
4. Guest Speakers
Wendy Hinshaw, Chair - University AI Task Force
[Presentation](#)
Wendy Hinshaw, Chair of the University AI Task Force, provided an overview of the Task Force's work and accomplishments.
 - The presentation included updates on the AI and FAU website and resources, AI-related revisions to the Code of Academic Integrity, AI categories in Simple Syllabus, the faculty AI survey, and proposed AI critical literacy learning outcomes.
 - She also provided information on the development and implementation of foundational AI literacy modules addressing technology and ethics. The proposed AI learning outcomes address five areas: technology, ethics, evaluation, application, and impact, with foundational, proficient, and advanced levels.

5. Open Forum with the Provost

Provost Ken Dawson-Scully provided updates on enrollment, student success, faculty development, artificial intelligence, transfer pathways, online programs, and implementation of the University Strategic Plan.

- He reported approximately 4,800 first time-in-college students and approximately 52,000 completed applications, representing significant growth for the University. He also reported strong summer enrollment growth and increased transfer enrollment.
- Updates were provided on Simple Syllabus compliance, the search for the Dean of Academic Success, faculty development initiatives, and the development of additional transfer and articulation pathways. The new online B.A. in Psychology was also highlighted.
- He discussed implementation of the University Strategic Plan, including development of an implementation plan and key metrics for measuring progress.
- Department Name Changes – Informational:
Associate Provost for Academic Affairs Dr. Julie Earls provided information on two approved department name changes:
 - Department of Exercise Science and Health Promotion to Department of Exercise and Health Sciences
 - Department of Population Health to Department of Preventive Medicine and Health Sciences

The changes were presented as informational items following the established university process.

- Quantum Computing Update
An update was provided on FAU's developing quantum computing initiative, including the appointment of Robert Loredó as Executive Director for Quantum Computing. The University is developing quantum-related certificates, courses, and programs and is coordinating efforts across colleges. Updates were also provided on facility renovations, faculty and student training, and opportunities to connect quantum computing with artificial intelligence and interdisciplinary research.

6. Open Forum of the Senate

- Faculty members raised questions and comments regarding academic policies, student success initiatives, and faculty responsibilities. The discussion included early student engagement and the balance between additional academic requirements and existing faculty and student workloads.
- An update was also provided on the early semester progress report and midterm grading schedule. The early semester progress report was scheduled to close September 20, midterm grades were scheduled for October 5–20, and the end-of-semester progress report was scheduled for November 2.

7. Committee Reports

None.

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.**
12. Old Business
None.
13. New Business
None.
14. Good of the Senate
 - The Senate President expressed appreciation to senators for their continued service and contributions to the University and wished everyone a successful academic term.
15. **Meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM.**

UFS Senator Attendance Roster
Fall 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

Last Name	First Name	Role	College	14-Sep	12-Oct	9-Nov	7-Dec
Agapova	Anna	Senator	Business	X			
Alexandre	Pierre	Senator	Business	X			
Arneklev	Bruce	Senator & Steering	SWCJ	X			
Baghersad	Milad	Senator	Business				
Balkan	Stacey	Senator	Arts & Letters				
Banerjee	Kuntal	Faculty Assembly Head	Business				
Beetle	Christopher	Senator & Steering	Science				
Bennett	Evan	Faculty Assembly Head	Arts & Letters	X			
Broderick	Amy	Senator	Arts & Letters	X			
Brown	Victoria	Policy & Procedures Chair	Education				
Burnett	Craig	Guest	Arts & Letters	X			
Calargé	Carla	Senator & Steering	Arts & Letters	X			
Darling	Sharon M.	Guest	Education	X			
Dawson-Scully	Ken	Provost	FAU	X			
DeGiorgio	Michael	Senator	EE&CS	X			
DeRigne	LeaAnne	Senator & Steering	SWCJ	X			
Duboué	Erik	Senator	Honors College				
Dumbaugh	Eric	Senator	Science				
Dunn	Kim	Steering Committee & APBC Chair	University Faculty Senate	X			
Earles	Julie	Office of the Provost	Office of the Provost	X			
Eason	Shane	Senator	Arts & Letters				
Ellis	Meredith	Senator	Arts & Letters	X			
Emelianchik-Key	Kelly	Senator	Education				
Evans	Kara	Guest		X			
Ferguson	Michelle	Faculty Assembly Head	Nursing	X			

Finnegan	Lisa	Senator	Education	X			
Gendler	Richard	Senator	Business				
Gosser	Mary Ann	Guest	Arts & Letters & Honors	X			
Groton	Danielle	Faculty Assembly Head	SWCJ	X			
Harris	Mike	Senator	Arts & Letters	X			
Hasner	Adam	President	FAU				
Hoffman	Fred	Senator	Science	X			
Kaisar	Evangelos	Senator & Honors & Awards Chair	EE&CS				
Kaye	Suzie	Library Advisory Chair	Libraries				
Lanning	Kevin	Senator	Honors College				
Leventouri	Theodora	Senator	Science	X			
Levy	Ting	Senator	Business	X			
Lewin	Phil	Senator	Arts & Letters	X			
Lin	Yundan	Senator	Science	X			
Locke	Stephen	Senator	Science	X			
Lu	Michael	Senator	Medicine				
McConnell	Will	Senator	Arts & Letters				
Mello	Lawrence	Senator & Faculty Assembly Head	Library	X			
Miller	Timothy	Guest	Arts & Letters	X			
Moslemian	Davood	Senator	EE&CS	X			
Mountford	Meredith	Senator & Steering	Education	X			
Newman	David	Senator & Steering	Nursing	X			
Nichols	Angela	Senator	Arts & Letters				
Nielsen	Sarah	Senator	Business				
Nikolova	Daniela	Senator	Science				
Penhollow	Tina	Research Chair	Science				
Prentice	Howard	Faculty Assembly Head	Medicine				
Prescott	Kyle	Senator	Arts & Letters				
Ramirez Agudelo	Andres	Senator	Education	X			
Reyes-Guerra	Daniel	Faculty Assembly Head	Education				
Robé	Chris	Senator	Arts & Letters				
Rogers	Jennifer	Senator	Education				

Rossow	Stacie	Senator	Arts & Letters	X			
Rothe	Dawn	AFDP and P&T Chair	SWCJ	X			
Rowell	Shaina	Faculty Assembly Head	Honors College				
Sacca	Lea	Senator	Medicine				
Sacks	Emily	Senator	Business	X			
Sarajedini	Vicki	Faculty Assembly Head	Science	X			
Schmidmeier	Markus	Senator	Science				
Schoorman	Dilys	Senator	Education	X			
Sementelli	Art	UGC Chair	Arts & Letters				
Shaw	Hope	Senator	Nursing	X			
Shen	Wen	Senator	Medicine	X			
Sorge	Korey	UGPC Chair	Science	X			
Teegavarapu	Ramesh	Faculty Assembly Head	EE&CS				
Terrell	Syvonne	Senator	Nursing	X			
Toledo	Christine	Senator	Nursing				
Torres	Ayse	Senator	Education				
Trapani	William	Steering Committee	University Faculty Senate	X			
Wiggill	Sarah	Senator	Medicine				
Wilt	Kevin	Senator	Arts & Letters	X			
Yin	Zhijun	Senator	Science				