



**University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
September 18, 2023
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Engineering East Room 106**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kim Dunn at 1:07 pm. The meeting was held in Engineering East Room 106.
2. Senate approved [April 24, 2023](#) UFS Minutes by unanimous consent.
3. President's Report
 - Dr. Dunn announced Faculty Emeritus from the following colleges:
 - Dr. Kenneth Orbach – College of Business
 - Dr. Jerome Haky – College of Science
 - Dr. Carol McGuirk – Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters
 - Dr. Charles Carraher – College of Science
 - BOG Updates
 - Dr. Dunn announced that the in-person BOG meeting scheduled for August 29 was canceled due to the hurricane.
 - BOG met on September 8 and will have their next meeting on September 20.
 - The next in-person BOG meeting will be on November 8 and 9 at the University of Central Florida.
 - Dr. Dunn announced that there are numerous proposed regulation changes on the BOG website available for public comment.
 - BOT Updates
 - Dr. Dunn announced that The Board of Trustees held a meeting on August 15 in which they voted to amend FAU Regulation 5.002, Faculty Evaluations, to comply with recently enacted Board of Governors' (BOG) Regulation 10.003.
 - Dr. Dunn reported that The BOT approved our legislative budget requests:
 - Artificial Intelligence Across The Community Health Continuum / Enrollment Expansion totals \$30.6 million (\$23.8 million in recurring operational funds and \$6.8 million in nonrecurring funds).
 - College of Dentistry: \$113M total (\$32.8M recurring, \$80.4M in nonrecurring)
 - Dr. Dunn announced that The BOT retreat scheduled for September 11 was postponed. The next BOT meeting is scheduled for September 26.
 - Committees

- Dr. Dunn reported that the Policies and Procedures is reviewing our bylaws and is charged with bringing proposed changes to Steering.
- Dr. Dunn reported that the Academic Freedom and Due Process was charged with reviewing PTR.
- Student Government Initiatives
 - Dr. Dunn discussed about emulating Student Government's support of the FAU Food Pantry; possibly explore how faculty can assist the FAU Food Pantry was given. Stay tuned for updates.
- Old Business Updates
 - Faculty role in recruiting events.
 - Deans are given information about recruiting events and are responsible for selecting faculty to participate. Contact your Dean if you are interested.
 - Role of advisors in student major changes
 - The student initiates the conversation about change of major with an advisor (either the current major or the receiving major). The advisor facilitates the financial aid check so that the student's courses can be reviewed for degree applicability, timely graduation, and financial aid implications. To give context, in one month, approximately 900-1000 change of majors are processed.
 - Graduate faculty requirement to serve on thesis committee.
 - Bob Stackman, our dean of the graduate college, is looking into the issue and ways to streamline the process.
 - Human social factors outside STEM not included in course work
 - The committee met on May 3, 2023 and consists of Charles Dukes, William Trapani, Fred Bloetscher, Tony Ambrosio, and Dan Meeroff. The Committee is actively soliciting any additional members. The committee discussed options for institutionalizing this initiative and we look forward to a more complete report later in the academic year.

4. Speakers

Dr. Stacy Volnick, FAU Interim-President

- President Volnick reported that we welcomed the largest class ever with 4,400 joining us as freshmen.
- President Volnick announced that Washington Monthly has ranked Florida Atlantic University as the No. 46 university in the nation – among both private and public universities.
- President Volnick reported that we continue to improve in the rankings with FAU raising 19 points in U.S. News and World Reports from 131 to 112 in the rankings.
- President Volnick reported that we achieved record breaking donations and earned media; we raised \$68.1 million last year and our goal for this year is even higher; we saw a 27% increase in unique donors as well as a 36% increase in alumni donors.
- President Volnick reported that in March and April our earned media was \$1.9 billion.
- President Volnick was recently appointed to the CareerSource Broward board which will provide FAU an opportunity to really understand that the employment needs, in addition to employment needs in Broward County, and how we can match internships and other opportunities for our students.
- President Volnick gave an update on the budget redesign process.

- President's Office is providing funding for commencement programs and will print dissertation titles in the programs.

Dr. Steve Engle, Associate Provost for Academic Personnel

- Dr. Engle provided an update on the status of Post Tenure Review; included a timeline for moving forward through shared governance, selection of faculty for post-tenure review, and operation details for first year of implementation.
- Dr. Engle announced that a PTR webpage on the Office of the Provost website will be created with a tool kit for faculty.
- The Provost's Office will hold an open forum to allow for adequate time to discuss this very important topic.

5. Committee Reports

- Academic Planning and Budget, Kevin Wager, Chair
 - Dr. Wagner was unable to attend, the discussion was led by Dr. Dunn.
 - SPOT dates were submitted and considered.
 - Motion to change the proposed Fall 2023 full-term dates from 21 days to 7 days. **Motion carries.**
 - Motion to approve the modified SPOT dates. **Failed motion.**
 - Motion to send the item back to Academic Planning and Budget committee with Senate recommendation to reconsider the expanded window and Senate will receive a call to vote electronic. **Motion carries.**

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

None.

11. New Business

None.

12. Open Forum with the Provost

- Interim Provost Ivy reported on fall recruitment efforts; largest FTIC class this fall over 4400; fall graduate student population over 5500 (new and returning).
- Interim Provost Ivy gave an update on Housing.
- Interim Provost Ivy reported on fall retention; 84% it's the highest that we've ever had.

- Dr. Capp briefly commented on student feedback requests, pre-midterm early check on students.
- Interim Provost Ivy announced FAU's Amazon Career Choice program partnership.
- Interim Provost Ivy gave an update on the SACSCOC reaffirmation report, first week of April site visit.
- Interim Provost Ivy gave an update on SB 266.
- Interim Provost Ivy gave an update on PTR.

13. Open Forum of the Senate

- Dr. Dunn have an update on the presidential search; the search is paused. Opened for senate to discuss presidential search.
- Motion to direct President Kim Dunn to recommend at the next BOT meeting to the Board of Trustees to explore extending a multi-year contract to now Interim President Volnick to be President Volnick. **Motion carries.**

14. Good of the Senate

- Nicole Morse made an announcement regarding UFF.

15. **Meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.**