



Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 23, 2025
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
ZOOM

Members Present: Kim Dunn, Bruce Arneklevn, Khaled Sobhan, Chris Beetle, and Meredith Mountford

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm by Past-President, Dr. Kim Dunn.
2. UFS Steering minutes
The UFS Steering minutes from [September 25, 2025](#), were **approved by the committee.**
3. President's Report
Dr. Dunn's Report Highlights:
 - Next Board of Governors meeting: November 5–6, 2025.
 - Next Board of Trustees meeting: November 18, 2025.
 - Proposed increase in out-of-state tuition fees was noted; any approved changes would take effect in 2026.
 - Provost search update: Two candidates have visited campus; a third is scheduled for October 30. Members were encouraged to provide feedback via paper forms or the online anonymous submission link.
 - Recognition: Florida Atlantic University was highlighted in the AERA Open Access journal as an "Equity Engine" for attracting and graduating Pell Grant students. Four Florida institutions were recognized, including FAU. Appreciation was extended to Dr. Capp and Dr. Ivy for their contributions to student success.
4. Guest Speakers (Speakers will present at Senate, not Steering)
 - Julie Golden-Botti, Assistant Provost Center for Online and Continuing Education to present on "Online Program Planning" & "Concierge Suite Support."
 - Christian Block, Assistant Vice President and Deputy CIO to share insights on "Tech Implementations" & "MultiFactor Authentication."
 - Joanne Julia, Director Instructional Technologies, to share insights on "Accessibility compliance."

Motion: A motion was made to approve adding these three speakers to the Senate agenda.
Motion carries.
5. Open Forum with the Provost
Provost Ivy reported on the following:

- **Program Productivity:** Efforts on low-productivity programs (as defined by the Board of Governors) continue, with corrective action plans being submitted. Progress noted as the list of programs is shrinking. Appreciation was expressed to all involved for the timely submission of reports.
- **Wish Lists and Compliance:** Summer submissions to the state were processed, and additional follow-up requests were received and completed. The office confirmed all submissions are compliant and on schedule.
- **Performance-Based Funding (PBF) Model Updates:**
 - The Board of Governors is proposing revisions (PBF 2.0) to funding metrics, to be voted on in November.
 - Next year's round (2026) will use the current model; PBF 2.0 will run concurrently but will hold institutions harmless initially.
 - Proposed changes include individualized benchmarks for each institution based on historical performance, adjustments for top-performing institutions, additional term for engineering bachelor's programs, and excluding SUS transfers from negatively impacting metrics 4 and 5.
 - Architecture programs with five-year degrees will need a separate review, as simply extending a semester is insufficient.

6. Committee Reports

- Academic Planning and Budgeting Committee Meeting, Kim Dunn
 - 26-27 ; Class Minutes 2026-2027
 - Proposed 27-28 ; Class Minutes 2027-2028
 - Academic Calendar Overview 26-27, 27-28
 - Summer 2026

Motion: A motion was made to send the proposed academic calendar back to the Academic Planning and Budget Committee for further review. **Motion carries.**

7. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)

Motion: A motion was made to move forward with positive recommendation by steering.
Motion carries.

8. [UPC Action Agenda](#)

Motion: A motion was made to move the UPC items forward with a positive recommendation from steering, with the College of Education – Combined Program (DA/EAA to MD in Elementary Education) pending catalog clarification, and with the exception of the Arts and Performance Entrepreneurship Minor and Certificate – Program Change, which was forwarded with no recommendation. **Motion carries.**

9. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)

Motion: A motion was made to move forward with positive recommendation by steering.
Motion carries.

10. [UGC Action Agenda](#)

- Business
 - Executive Ph.D. in Business Administration – Program Change & MAN 7918 Summer Paper New Course
 - **Motion:** A motion was made to bundle both items. Motion carries.
 - **Motion:** A motion was made to move forward with positive recommendation by steering. **Motion carries.**
- Education
 - B.A. in Elementary Education to M.Ed. in Elementary Education – New Combined Program
 - **Motion:** A motion was made to move forward with a positive recommendation with revisions. **Motion carries.**
 - Ph.D. in Educational Leadership (School Leaders K–12 Concentration) – Program Change
 - **Motion:** A motion was made to move forward with a positive recommendation. **Motion carries.**
- Engineering & Medicine
 - Graduate Certificate in AI in Medicine – New Program
 - **Motion:** A motion was made to move forward with a positive recommendation. **Motion carries.**
- Science
 - Three New Certificate Programs
 - **Motion:** A motion was made to bundle the three new certificates for consideration. **Motion carries.**
 - **Motion:** A motion was made to move forward with a positive recommendation. **Motion carries.**

11. Old Business

- [Bylaws Revisions](#)

Motion: A motion was made to return the proposed bylaw revisions to the Policies and Procedures Committee for further review and incorporation of Steering’s feedback and comments.

Motion carries.

12. New Business

None.

13. Good of the Steering Committee

None.

14. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.