



**University Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
September 8, 2025  
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 [April 21, 2025](#), UFS Minutes by unanimous consent.
3. President's Report
  - Dr. Trapani presented a brief overview of his President's Report and indicated that additional details would be shared via email. The report was displayed on screen during the meeting and is available for review [here](#).
4. Guest Speakers
  - A. Update on Student Government Activities – Darsham Gonzalez, FAU Student Body President and Board of Trustee member
    - a. The scheduled presenter was unable to attend.
  - B. Students in Distress and Disruptive Students Protocol – Dr. Laura Dipasquale, Chief Sean Brammer, and Dr. Pamela Malyk
    - a. The presenters shared a PowerPoint titled Students in [Distress and Disruptive Students Protocol](#), outlining procedures for supporting students in distress and managing disruptive behavior.
5. Open Forum with the Provost (moved up before guest speakers due to schedule conflict)
  - Provost Ivy welcomed attendees back and hoped everyone had a productive summer.
  - He announced that approximately 50 new faculty joined this year.
  - He also reported on the following:
    - Enrollment Update
      - Fall 2025 enrollment reached a record high of 32,268 students (25,644 undergraduates; 6,312 graduates; 312 medical students).
      - Largest FTIC (first-time-in-college) class: 4,326 students.
      - Undergraduate enrollment is 730 higher than last year.
      - Increases in transfer and second bachelor's students noted.
      - Freshman retention projected at 85.5% (highest to date).
      - Four-year graduation rate projected at 56% (record high).
    - Early Semester Progress Reports

- Faculty encouraged to submit reports not only on at-risk students but also on high-performing students.
    - Submissions are followed up through call centers and support staff for issues such as financial aid, academic coaching, and tutoring.
  - National Recognition
    - *Washington Monthly* ranked FAU #39 for value and upward mobility.
  - Accreditation Update
    - Current SACS accreditation through 2034.
    - FAU preparing to move to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).
    - Additionally, a new accrediting body, the Commission for Public Higher Education (CPHE), is forming (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas A&M).
    - FAU selected as one of two Florida institutions to participate in CPHE's pilot phase.
    - University will be managing compliance with three accreditors simultaneously (SACS, HLC, CPHE).
  - Compliance and Ethics
    - Introduced new Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Neil D'Arco.
6. Open Forum of the Senate  
None.
7. Committee Reports  
None.
8. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)
- CAI 4223 & CAI 4304 removed and moved to the UPC action agenda.
  - (The rest of the agenda moved) Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent** with the exception of CAI 4223 & CAI 4304.
9. [UPC Action Agenda](#)
- Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion to approve carries.**
10. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)
- Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion to approve carries.**
11. [UGC Action Agenda](#)
- College of Business: No recommendation from Steering. **Motion to approve carries.**
  - College of Medicine: Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion to approve carries.**
  - Graduate College: Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion to approve carries.**
12. Old Business

- Bylaws
  - Dr. Trapani discussed the following:
    - The effort to revise the faculty bylaws has been ongoing for several years with multiple chairs and committee members contributing.
    - The updated bylaws have been reviewed, clarified, and forwarded to the Steering Committee for consideration.
    - It is anticipated that the bylaws review package will appear on the agenda for the September or October Steering Committee meeting.
    - Faculty will have the opportunity to provide comments or questions once the package is distributed.
- Curriculum Process
  - Dr. Trapani discussed the following:
    - Over the past 6–8 months, efforts have been made to standardize university forms and transition them to an electronic format.
    - Goals include reducing inconsistencies across committees and improving clarity in processes such as course proposals and credit hour calculations.
    - The Registrar’s Office and OIT are coordinating this initiative alongside the Senate, with a longer-term integration into upcoming software updates for catalog and scheduling systems.
- Business Curriculum item: GEB6254: Intercultural Business Communications for a Global Economy Course
  - [New/Change Program Request Graduate Programs Form](#)
  - [New Course Proposal Graduate Programs Form](#)
  - **Motion:** Motion to approve changes. Motion carries.

### 13. New Business

- Informational Item: Reconciling the Academic Integrity Toolkit with Reg 4.001
  - [Faculty Template 1 - Instructor's Initial Request for Meeting DM2025](#)
  - [Faculty Template 2 - Instructor Notice Template DM2025](#)
  - [Faculty Template 3 - Instructor Notice Template Student Fails to Respond DM2025](#)
  - [Chair Template 4 - Summary of the Chair DM2025](#)
  - [Dean Template 5 - Findings of the Dean's Council DM2025](#)
  - [Template 6 - Letter to Registrar from Chair](#)
  - [Flowchart 2025](#)
- Dr. Trapani discussed the following:
  - New and updated templates, letters, and flow charts related to student violations (4.001 and 4.002) have been created to reflect recent policy changes.
  - These toolkits are intended as an informational update; no formal approval was required.
  - Templates are accessible via the Student Affairs page and the Provost’s office page.

- Updates aim to standardize processes across divisions and ensure all staff have access to consistent resources.

14. Good of the Senate

- Dr. Trapani wished senate members a productive academic year.

15. **Meeting adjourned at 2:46PM.**

**UFS Senator Attendance Roster**  
**Fall 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	8-Sep	6-Oct	3-Nov	1-Dec
Agapova	Anna	Senator	Business	x			
Almonte	Mauricio	Senator	Arts and Letters				
Arneklev	Bruce	Senator & Steering	SWCJ	x			
Atkin-Plunk	Cassandra	Senator	SWCJ	x			
Attonito	Jennifer	Senator	Business	x			
Baghersad	Milad	Senator	Business	x			
Balkan	Stacey	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
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			
Brown	Vicki	Senator & Policy and Procedures Chair	Education				
Calargé	Carla	Senator	Arts and Letters				
Darling	Sharon	Senator	Education	x			
DeGiorgio	Michael	Senator	EE&CS	x			
DeRigne	LeaAnne	Senator & Steering	SWCJ	x			
Dumbaugh	Eric	Senator	Science				
Dunn	Kim	Past-US President & APBC Chair	Business				
Eason	Shane	Senator & FA Chair	Arts and Letters				
Ellis	Meredith	Senator & Steering	Arts and Letters	x			
Ferguson	Michelle	Senator & FA Chair	Nursing	x			
Finnegan	Lisa	Senator	Education	x			
Fiorillo	Patricia	Senator & FA Chair	Library	x			
Gendler	Richard	Senator	Business				
Gosser	Mary Ann	Guest	Honors and Schoars Program, UGS	x			
Harrawood	Michael	Senator	Honors				
Harris	Mike	Senator	Arts and Letters				
Hasner	Adam	University President	Office of the President				

Hoffman	Fred	Senator	Science	x			
Ivy	Russ	Interim Provost	Office of the Provost				
Kaisar	Evangelos	Senator	EE&CS				
Lanning	Kevin	Senator	Honors				
Larson	Robin	Guest	Arts and Letters	x			
Leventouri	Theodora	Senator	Science	x			
Levy	Ting	Senator	Business	x			
Lewin	Phil	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Lin	Yundan	Senator	Science	x			
Locke	Stephen	Senator	Science	x			
Lu	Michael	Senator	Medicine	x			
Luck	George	Senator & FA Chair	Medicine				
MacDonald	Ian	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
McConnell	Will	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Mejia	Maria	Guest	Medicine	x			
Mello	Lawrence	Senator	Library	x			
Moslemian	Davood	Senator	EE&CS	x			
Mountford	Meredith	Senator	Education	x			
Newman	David	Senator & Steering	Nursing	x			
Nichols	Angela	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Nielsen	Sarah	Senator	Business				
Nikolova	Daniela	Senator	Science				
Penhollow	Tina	Research Chair	Science				
Quidley-Rodriguez	Narciso	Senator	Nursing	x			
Ramirez Agudelo	Andres	Senator	Education	x			
Reyes-Guerra	Daniel	Senator & FA Chair	Education				
Robé	Chris	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Rossow	Stacie	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Rothe	Dawn	Academic Freedom and Due Process Chair	SWCJ				
Rowell	Shaina	Senator & FA Chair	Honors				
Sacca	Lea	Senator	Medicine				
Sacks	Emily	Senator	Business				
Sarajedini	Vicki	Senator & FA Chair	Science	x			
Schmidmeier	Markus	Senator	Science				
Schoorman	Dilys	Senator	Education	x			
Shen	Wen	Senator	Medicine				
Sobhan	Khaled	Senator & Steering	EE&CS	x			
Sorge	Korey	UUPC Chair	Science	x			
TBD		Senator	Education				

Teegavarapu	Ramesh	Senator & FA Chair	EE&CS				
Terrell	Syvonne	Senator	Nursing	x			
Torres	Ayse	Senator	Education				
Trapani	William	UFS President	Arts and Letters				
Wagner	Kevin	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Wainberg	James	Guest	Business	x			
Wiggill	Sarah	Senator	Medicine	x			
Yin	Zhijun	Senator	Science	x			