



**University Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
November 3, 2025  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Engineering East Room 106**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. William Trapani at 1:01PM. The meeting was held in Engineering East Room 106.
2. Senate approved [October 6, 2025](#), UFS Minutes by unanimous consent.
3. President's Report  
Dr. Trapani reported the following:
  - The Dr. Trapani thanked everyone who participated in the candidate visits; whether by attending in person, watching online, or submitting comments. The President also expressed gratitude to the search committee and to Dean Forbes for their strong work in securing qualified candidates and ensuring access for the campus community. All feedback submitted by faculty and staff is currently being reviewed and compiled by the Office of the President. Although the search committee met with the President earlier that morning, no final decision timeline has been provided. The Senate will be informed as soon as an update is announced.
4. Guest Speakers
  - A. Julie Golden-Botti, Assistant Provost Center for Online and Continuing Education to present on ["Online Program Planning" & "Concierge Suite Support."](#)
    - E-Learning & Instructional Design
      - COCE provides centralized support for online teaching at [fau.edu/e-learning/faculty](http://fau.edu/e-learning/faculty), including e-design/redesign of courses, templates, and faculty/TA training for online instruction.
    - AI Playground & Canvas Resources
      - The AI Playground offers every-other-Friday sessions and recorded content to help faculty explore AI in teaching.
      - Related assignments and templates are available in Canvas Commons under the FAU Playground filter.
    - Online Student Support
      - Online students are supported through welcome materials, an online advisory board, a developing online success module, and access to virtual tutoring, coaching, and workshops via the eSuccess Center and CLASS.

- B. Christian Block, Assistant Vice President and Deputy CIO to share insights on ["Tech Implementations" & "Multi-Factor Authentication."](#)
- C. Joanne Julia, Director Instructional Technologies, to share insights on ["Accessibility compliance."](#)

OIT Division presented the following:

- Accessibility & Compliance
  - April 2026 is the federal deadline for all course and digital materials to be accessible.
  - FAU is using Blackboard Ally, Adobe Acrobat Pro, SAS tools, and college-based support (including GA assistance) to help faculty remediate content.
- Catalog & Curriculum (CourseDog)
  - FAU is implementing CourseDog as the new catalog and curriculum management system, replacing PDF/manual processes with an online approval workflow.
- Microsoft Authenticator Transition
  - FAU is transitioning from Duo to Microsoft Authenticator to meet cybersecurity requirements, with Duo fully phased out by early next year.
  - Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to use the mobile app rather than SMS for stronger security.
- AI Tools
  - Institutionally supported AI tools include Owl One (CloudForce), Google AI, and Microsoft 365 Copilot, with information and workshops available at [fau.edu/AI](http://fau.edu/AI).

## 5. Open Forum with the Provost

The Provost reported on the following:

- H1B / International Policy Updates
  - Recent federal H1B policy changes remain unclear; details are shifting daily.
  - Mihaela Metian, Assistant Vice-President for Global Engagement and International Services is tracking updates closely and compiling a list of potentially impacted faculty.
  - FAU is coordinating with other SUS institutions to ensure consistent interpretation of the new rules.
  - Some pending H1B cases may be paused until further clarification is received.
  - Proposed \$100,000 fee is still uncertain; may only apply to certain immigration categories.
  - Departments conducting searches should consult Mihaela directly for guidance.
- Broward Health Clinical Placement Disruption
  - Students from several programs, including Social Work, were briefly displaced after the Broward Health agreement fell through.

- Nearly all students were re-placed within 24 hours, as partner hospitals quickly offered additional slots.
  - Financial and negotiation details were not discussed.
  - Board of Governors (BOG) PBF “2.0 Model” Proposed Changes
    - Metrics 1 & 2 remain mostly unchanged; benchmarks will adjust.
    - Metric 3 now split:
      - 3A: Cost of Attendance
      - 3B: % of resident undergraduates with no student loans (benchmark proposed at 85%)
    - Metric 4 becomes more favorable for Engineering: an extra semester added before penalty.
    - FAU will now get credit when a student begins at FAU, transfers within SUS, and graduates in four years.
    - Metrics 5 & 6 stay consistent; PSE benchmarks adjusted due to reduced PSE list.
    - Metric 7 split into:
      - 7A: Pell recipients
      - 7B: Pell graduation rate (formerly Metric 9B)
    - Metric 10: FAU may retain research expenditures but must raise benchmarks.
    - Benchmarks will now be institution-specific, comparing FAU to its own historical performance.
    - Next cycle: SUS will fund using the old model but run the new model parallel for analysis.
  - Global Travel Policy Update
    - The Global Travel Safety Committee includes multiple stakeholders, including police and security, who assess conditions in each country.
    - The policy was revised to clarify that all international travel must be approved before reimbursement, due to past instances of unapproved travel.
    - Some travel may require OIT-related conditions, such as using a blank laptop.
6. Open Forum of the Senate  
None.
7. Committee Reports  
None.
8. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)
- Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
9. [UPC Action Agenda](#)
- **Motion:** A motion was made to table the Peace, Justice & Human Rights Certificate.
    - Motion did not pass.

- 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

A concern was raised about increasing “unfriendliness” on campus, including:

- Parking barriers restricting access to a previously open lot without advance notice.
- Summer dining operations structured in a way that felt unfavorable to faculty/staff on campus.
- Dr. Trapani noted the concern.

15. **Meeting adjourned at 2:55PM.**

**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		x	
Almonte	Mauricio	Senator	Arts and Letters				
Arneklev	Bruce	Senator & Steering	SWCJ	x	x	x	
Atkin-Plunk	Cassandra	Senator	SWCJ	x	x	x	
Attonito	Jennifer	Senator	Business	x	x	x	
Baghersad	Milad	Senator	Business	x		x	
Balkan	Stacey	Senator	Arts and Letters	x		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	x	x	
DeGiorgio	Michael	Senator	EE&CS	x	x	x	
DeRigne	LeaAnne	Senator & Steering	SWCJ	x	x	x	
Dumbaugh	Eric	Senator	Science		x		
Dunn	Kim	Past-US President & APBC Chair	Business			x	
Eason	Shane	Senator & FA Chair	Arts and Letters		x		
Ellis	Meredith	Senator & Steering	Arts and Letters	x	x	x	
Ferguson	Michelle	Senator & FA Chair	Nursing	x	x	x	
Finnegan	Lisa	Senator	Education	x	x	x	
Fiorillo	Patricia	Senator & FA Chair	Library	x	x	x	
Gendler	Richard	Senator	Business				

Gosser	Mary Ann	Guest	Honors and Schoars Program, UGS	x	x	x	
Harrawood	Michael	Senator	Honors				
Harris	Mike	Senator	Arts and Letters				
Hasner	Adam	University President	Office of the President				
Hoffman	Fred	Senator	Science	x	x	x	
Ivy	Russ	Interim Provost	Office of the Provost				
Kaisar	Evangelos	Senator	EE&CS		x		
Lanning	Kevin	Senator	Honors				
Larson	Robin	Guest	Arts and Letters	x		x	
Leventouri	Theodora	Senator	Science	x	x	x	
Levy	Ting	Senator	Business	x	x	x	
Lewin	Phil	Senator	Arts and Letters	x		x	
Lin	Yundan	Senator	Science	x	x	x	
Locke	Stephen	Senator	Science	x	x	x	
Lu	Michael	Senator	Medicine	x	x		
Luck	George	Senator & FA Chair	Medicine		x		
MacDonald	Ian	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x	x	
McConnell	Will	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x	x	
Mejia	Maria	Guest	Medicine	x			
Mello	Lawrence	Senator	Library	x	x	x	
Moslemian	Davood	Senator	EE&CS	x	x	x	
Mountford	Meredith	Senator	Education	x	x	x	
Newman	David	Senator & Steering	Nursing	x	x	x	
Nichols	Angela	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x		
Nielsen	Sarah	Senator	Business				
Nikolova	Daniela	Senator	Science			x	
Penhollow	Tina	Research Chair	Science				
Quidley-Rodriguez	Narciso	Senator	Nursing	x	x	x	
Ramirez Agudelo	Andres	Senator	Education	x	x	x	
Reyes-Guerra	Daniel	Senator & FA Chair	Education				
Robé	Chris	Senator	Arts and Letters	x			
Rossow	Stacie	Senator	Arts and Letters	x	x	x	
Rothe	Dawn	Academic Freedom and Due Process Chair	SWCJ		x	x	

Rowell	Shaina	Senator & FA Chair	Honors				
Sacca	Lea	Senator	Medicine			x	
Sacks	Emily	Senator	Business		x		
Sarajedini	Vicki	Senator & FA Chair	Science	x		x	
Schmidmeier	Markus	Senator	Science				
Schoorman	Dilys	Senator	Education	x	x		
Shen	Wen	Senator	Medicine		x		
Sobhan	Khaled	Senator & Steering	EE&CS	x		x	
Sorge	Korey	UUPC Chair	Science	x	x	x	
TBD		Senator	Education				
Teegavarapu	Ramesh	Senator & FA Chair	EE&CS				
Terrell	Syvonne	Senator	Nursing	x	x	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	x	x	
Yin	Zhijun	Senator	Science	x	x	x	
Rynkiewich	Katharina	Guest	Arts and Letters		x		
Kharlamov	Viktor	Guest	Arts and Letters		x		
Bloetscher	Fred	Guest	EE & CS		x	x	