



**University Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
October 9, 2023  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Engineering East Room 106**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kim Dunn at 1:02 pm. The meeting was held in Engineering East Room 106.
2. Senate approved [September 18, 2023](#) UFS Minutes by unanimous consent.
3. President's Report
  - Dr. Dunn announced the results of the SPOTs online voting which closed this morning at 10am; 24 in favor and 4 not in favor, motion carries to extended SPOTs window as a pilot.
  - Dr. Dunn announced upcoming election for Faculty Senate president in the spring.
  - Dr. Dunn announced that Dr. Joel Berg will present an update on the College of Dentistry at Steering on October 26.
  - Dr. Dunn reported that the Academic Freedom and Due Process committee has met numerous times and forwarded their report to Steering. The report will then be submitted to Dr. Engle.
  - Dr. Dunn discussed the Food Pantry that is managed by the Dean of Students; FAU [Amazon wish list](#) (use the following address for reoccurring: Dean of Students Food Pantry 777 Glades Road, Building 8, Room 226, Boca Raton, FL 33431). Another way to give is at the November and December Senate Meeting.
  - Dr. Dunn reported on the recommendation to the BOT meeting, for the BOT to explore the possibility of extending a contract to current Interim President Volnick to serve as our next President. Chair Levine responded that it was a reasonable request.
  - Dr. Dunn reported a change to the Board of Trustees operating procedures. The approved change calls for an election to be held if there is a permanent vacancy in the chair of the Board of Trustees. So instead of the vice chair automatically becoming chair, an election would be held within seven calendar days after the vacancy occurs.
4. Guest Speakers
  - Chief Brammer – Moved to November.

- QEP and Faculty Development: Brittanney Adelman, Director of the Quality Enhancement Plan & Jennifer Bebergal, Associate Dean for Academic Support and Student Learning – Moved to November.

5. Committee Reports

**None.**

6. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)

- Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**

7. [UPC Action Agenda](#)

- Motion to table to next Senate meeting. **Motion carries to revisit at next meeting.**
- Department of Exercise Science and Health Promotion and the Department of Languages and Linguistics to discuss removal of flex foreign language requirement.

8. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)

- Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**

9. UGC Action Agenda

- None.

10. Old Business

- None.

11. New Business

- Increase participation in Faculty Governance – Tabled to next Senate Meeting
- Digital Access to Meetings
  - Dr. Dunn discussed UFS Steering, UFS Senate and BOT digital access to meetings, non-FAU access to meeting and current status.

12. Open Forum with the Provost

- Interim Provost Ivy announced that Dr. Dan Meeroff is no longer interim but permanent Dean of Undergraduate Studies.
- Interim Provost Ivy announced that FAU was selected as a Career Handshake Spark award winner – recognition of their educational partners (over 1400 educational partners) that have stellar utilization of and programmatic success in student engagement, employer engagement and reporting.
- Interim Provost Ivy gave an update on budget redesign.
- Interim Provost Ivy gave an update on Senate Bill 266; BOG intent is to notice the regulation draft at the November 2023 Board of Governors meeting. Then to vote on the draft regulation at the January 2024 Board of Governors meeting and, if it passed, to begin implementation.
- Interim Provost Ivy gave an update on the programs of strategic emphasis; the BOG is going to propose for a vote at the November meeting to propose adding 35 programs back on to the list.

- Interim Provost Ivy gave an update on PTR; PTR webpage available on the Office of the Provost website; Feedback deadline is October 27; November 9 the Office of the Provost will present the final PTR document.
- Interim Provost Ivy gave an update on UFF informal discussions with the Office of the Provost.

13. Open Forum of the Senate

- Senate discussed the foreign language requirement.
- Senate discussed Textbook ordering, specifically deadline on messaging. Office of the Provost to review language and process.

14. Good of the Senate

- Susan Graves made an announcement that Fitness Assessments by students were available to faculty at 8am on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you have any questions, please contact her.
- Dan Meeroff, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, announced that mid-term grades window is open and closes on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Dan Meeroff, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, reported that there are two default grading systems: one in simple syllabus and the other in canvas. Undergraduate Studies adjusted the canvas system but cannot change it while the courses are going. However, they have added a third default in canvas, FAU standard grading scale, which matches simple syllabus. He will share instructions on how to change to third default with Kim to share with faculty.
- Emily Fenichel made an announcement regarding UFF.
- Angie Nichols and Nicole Morse spoke about concerns for student well-being and safety given the uneven response from the administration regarding the Israel-Hamas conflict.

15. **Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.**