

**University Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**October 12, 2020**  
**Webex, 1:00PM – 3:00PM**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kevin Wagner at 1:00pm. The meeting was held on Webex.

2. **With positive approval**, the Senate approved [September 14, 2020](#) UFS Minutes.

**3. President's Report**

- a. Dr. Kevin Wagner begins his report by announcing that the election for the Steering committee open seat will open this afternoon for ten days.
- b. Nominations are open for the Academic Planning and Budget committee seat.

**4. Guest Speakers**

a. [Division of Research Fringe Benefits Rates - Vice President Dan Flynn, Senior Associate Vice President for Research Karin Scarpinato & Assistant Vice President, Financial Management Lynn Asseff](#)

- Faculty and PostDocs are 30%, AMPS are 40.50%, SP are 53.50%, OPS (non-FICA Alternative) are 9%, OPS – FICS Alternative are 2.10% and nothing for students.
- Increased to additionally recover \$760K for each of the next three years. As of FY19, a deficit of \$2.3 million.
- Increased to additionally recover \$1.2 million for each of the next three years. As of FY19, a deficit of \$3.5 million.
- Benefits for Faculty, PostDocs, AMP & SP include FICA, Retirement, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Short-Term Disability Leave and Terminal Leave.

b. Dr. Laura Vernon – Mental Health Summit

- The virtual FAU Mental Health Summit is an educational, reflective, professional development experience for FAU faculty and staff. Taking place on two Mondays in October, the 19th (8 a.m. - 12 p.m.) and 26th (1 p.m. - 5 p.m.), the Summit will provide information and techniques on how to best fortify our own mental health and provide support for students and colleagues through practical everyday methods. Separate activities will occur during each half-day and you are encouraged to attend as many as possible. You will learn in real time with other participants through presentations, discussions, group activities, workshops, and more.

**5. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)**

- a. Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

## 6. UPC Action Items

- a. Registrar's Office
  - *Enrollment and Awarding of Certificates*
  - Motion to approve striking concurrent paragraph from policy. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  
- b. Undergraduate Studies
  - *Foundational Course Requirement for New Students*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - *Thematic Clusters for IFP*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  
- c. College of Arts and Letters
  - *Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  
- d. College of Business
  - *Hospitality and Tourism Management*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  
- e. College of Science
  - *Actuarial Science*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

## 7. UGC Consent Agenda

- Motion to approve. No objections from the Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

## 8. UGC Action Agenda

- a. College of Engineering and Computer Science
  - *CAP6166: Applied Machine Learning*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**
  - *Minor in Artificial Intelligence*
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

## 9. Business Items

- a. [Spring 2020-2021 Senators List](#)
  - Motion to approve. No objections from Senate. **Approved by majority vote.**

**b. [Policy and Procedures Committee Recommendations](#)**

- The item was informational and will be added to the next Senate agenda as a bylaws change.

**c. [Spring 2021 Calendar \(Informational Item\)](#)**

- Motion to approve. No objection from Senate. Approved by majority vote.

**10. New Business**

- After discussion, Markus Schmidmeier adds classroom recordings to the next Steering agenda.

**11. Open Forum with the Provost**

- Provost Danilowicz states that Dr. Russ Ivy and Dean Ed Pratt are meeting with college assemblies for the QEP SACS proposal.
- The UUPC is working on how diversity, equity and inclusion can be included in the curricula.
- We are currently planning the spring semester to have classrooms on campus at approximately 50% occupancy.
- Finally, Provost Danilowicz encourages faculty to attend the Mental Health Summit.

**12. Open Forum with the Senate**

- No Items.

**13. New Business**

- No Items.

**14. Good of the Senate**

- No Items.

**15. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.**