



**Steering Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
February 15, 2024  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Board of Trustees Room and ZOOM**

**Members Present:** Kim Dunn, Bruce Arneklev, Bill Trapani, Charles Duke, Paul Peluso, Meredith Mountford, Kevin Wagner.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by Chair, Dr. Kim Dunn.
  2. The UFS Steering minutes from [January 18, 2024](#), were **approved by the committee.**
  3. President's Report
    - Dr. Dunn offered the floor to Interim President Volnick who wanted to reiterate her support for the faculty. She personally thanked Steering for what they do and the faculty for what they do and their support for our students.
    - Dr. Dunn announced that moving forward BOG updates will be reported by the Interim Provost Russ Ivy.
    - Dr. Dunn announced that at the Board of Trustee meeting on Thursday, February 8, Brad Levine resigned as the BOT board chair. Following his resignation, the trustees unanimously elected Piero Bussani to serve as our chair. Brad Levine will continue serving as a trustee. Lastly, we are working toward scheduling a date for Piero Bussani to visit with us at Faculty Senate or meet with Steering.
    - Dr. Dunn gave an update on speakers/committees for Faculty Senate; confirming for February Senate meeting:
      - Brittanney Amento-Adelmann, Director of the Quality Enhancement Plan & Jennifer Bebergal, Associate Dean for Academic Support and Student Learning: QEP and Faculty Development
      - Jayson Iroff, Vice President, Financial Affairs & CFO: FAU Budget Model
      - David Kian, Vice President, Legal Affairs and General Counsel: Meeting recordings and access
      - Research Committee, Tina Penhollow
- Lastly, Taina is working on scheduling the rest of the standing committees on the Senate spring calendar, so we get all committee reports completed by the end of the semester.
- Dr. Dunn announced that nominations for committees and Faculty Senate President will open at the February Senate meeting and close at the March Senate meeting; results of

the election will be announced in April. Since the bylaws haven't changed, there are no restrictions on who can serve.

4. Guest Speakers

- None.

5. Committee Reports

- Dr. Kevin Wagner, Chair of the Academic Planning and Budget Committee, requested to give an update on the directive to do a deeper investigation into the basis and foundation for moving forward with the Dental School that was delayed.
- Dr. Wagner reported that Dr. Berg will give a presentation about where the dental school stands at the March Academic Planning and Budget Committee meeting.
- Please feel free to send him questions or concerns that you would like the committee members to raise.
- Dr. Wagner will be added to the February Senate agenda to share his update on the Dental School. He will also share the link to where people could also enter questions or concerns.

6. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)

- Due to originator request, course ANT 2410 from the Honors College is being tabled from the UPC consent agenda.
- **Sent forward with a positive recommendation by steering without ANT 2014.**

7. [UPC Action Agenda](#)

- Health Humanities Minor, College of Arts and Letters
  - Sent forward with a positive recommendation by steering.
- Management Major, College of Business
  - Sent forward with a positive recommendation by steering.
- Removal of FLEX language requirement for BS in Exercise Science and Health Promotion, College of Science
  - Motion and a second to table this proposal.
  - Motion is for the UFS President to form a committee to look at this issue further and bring back a recommendation back to steering. Seconded.
  - Discussion of the motion.
  - Motion to amend original motion to include a timeline; that this committee appointed by the UFS President would have a recommendation by the next steering meeting. Seconded.
  - Discussion of the motion.
  - Call for a vote on the amendment to the original motion to which is for this committee to come back by our next meeting. Motion carries.

- Statement of the original motion: which is to charge the committee to develop criteria by which we can judge the removal of degree requirements; degree requirements that are part of our long-standing commitment to a liberal arts education.
  - Call for a vote for tabling this proposal and charging the committee with developing criteria by which we can judge the removal of degree requirements; degree requirements that are part of our long-standing commitment to a liberal arts education. Motion carries.
8. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)
- Sent forward with a positive recommendation by steering.
9. UGC Action Agenda
- None.
10. Old Business
- None.
11. New Business
- Statement on Civil Discourse & Report, Kim Dunn
    - Dr. Dunn discussed the 2022 Statement of Free Expression and Civil Discourse Final Report 2022.
    - Dr. Dunn questioned whether Senate would like to issue another statement.
    - Dr. Dunn reported that in 2022 she had requested for the Academic Freedom and Due Process committee to review the Civil Discourse Final Report 2022 and they put forward the recommendation that ultimately was adopted by steering and ultimately by Senate with positive recommendation from steering.
    - Dr. Dunn discussed the feedback from the Academic Freedom and Due Process committee.
    - Motion to send this back to the Academic Freedom and Due Process committee for specific recommendations on the statement and to have those recommendations sent forward for our next steering meeting in March. Motion carries.
  - Dr. Dunn introduced one additional new item, recording steering meetings.
    - Motion to institute a recording of the steering meetings that is available to members of the university. Seconded. Discussion of the motion. Motion withdrawn.
12. Open Forum with the Provost
- Provost Ivy announced that we are about to engage in two Dean searches – (1) College of Medicine, and (2) College of Nursing.

- Provost Ivy announced that in the Office of the Provost, Linda Johnson, who serves as Associate Vice President of the Broward Campuses, will be stepping down at the end of semester. We will be doing an internal search for that replacement.
- Provost Ivy gave an update on SACS, report due on Monday and site visit April 1 – 4.
- Provost Ivy gave BOG updates regarding General Education changes. Core courses need to be aligned effective fall 2024 and the university General Education courses need to be aligned effective fall 2025.
- Provost Ivy mentioned that the BOG will start looking more carefully at degree programs that require more than 120 credits. We have to justify why we feel a program needs to be over 120 credits; we will have a three-week turn around to justify our degree programs over 120.
- Provost Ivy announced that there is a new academic degree proposal program; which has been shorten but the draft is being revised again.
- Provost Ivy gave an update on Senate Bill 1372 - Educator Preparation Programs.
- Provost Ivy gave an update on BOG regulation 8.009 – Educational Sites; proposed regulation changes regarding annual reporting from Centers.
- Provost Ivy gave an update on Simple Syllabus.

13. Good of the Steering Committee

14. **Meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm.**