



## University Faculty Senate Meeting

### Minutes

December 4, 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. The UFS Senate minutes from November 6, 2023, were approved with the following amendment in #13: *Dr. Nicole Morse spoke about concerns for Palestinian, Arab and Muslim students' well-being and safety.*
3. President's Report
  - BOG Updates
    - Dr. Dunn reported on the BOG approval to post draft regulations for public comment regarding prohibited DEI expenditures (Reg 9.016) and General Education Core Course Options (Reg 8.005). Public comments period expired on November 23, 2023.
    - Dr. Dunn reported that Chancellor Rodriguez reported that the FAU Presidential Search was still suspended and that the inspector general is working diligently to complete the investigation.
  - BOT Updates
    - The BOT received reports from the FAU Office of Inspector General and from the auditors of FAU's direct support organizations.
    - The BOT approved an increase in student housing fees, the first increase in eight years and an update to REG 6.008. The BOT did not move forward with updates to REG 9.002.
    - The BOT delivered Interim President Volnick's performance evaluation and extended her appointment to December 31, 2024, or when a president is named whichever occurs sooner.
    - Dr. Dunn announced that Teaching with Technology Showcase is coming up on March 18, 2024. Registration opens on November 14, 2023. The call for proposals close January 31, 2024. The showcase facilitates dialogue among FAU faculty and the FAU community members about how to effectively use technology in the curriculum.

- Dr. Dunn announced the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Celebration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, December 8-10, 2023 with keynote speaker, Chris Fariss, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Michigan. Cost is \$40. Code to register is PJHR75.

#### 4. Guest Speakers

- Dan Meeroff, Dean of Undergraduate Studies
  - Dr. Meeroff presented on FLEX (foreign language exit requirement)
    - What is Flex? Flex is 2-semestered of the same foreign language at college level.
    - Required for all BS (unless otherwise specified) and BA programs
    - Flex is required if FLENT is waived.
    - There are 6 ways to satisfy the Flex.
  - Dr. Meeroff presented on AI policy framework.
    - Goals are to ensure equitable access, prevent misuse, and prepare students for future workforce needs.
    - Step 1 was to assemble a task force composed of faculty, OIT/COCE and student representative. The task force will meet in January 2024.
    - Step 2 is to provide opportunities for professional development.
    - Step 3 is to develop syllabus language.
    - Update and state your AI policy in the syllabus.
    - BCSSE survey results
  - Dr. Meeroff presented the Faculty Toolkit 4.001 for Regulation 4.001 Code of Academic Integrity
    - If you need more information regarding the Faculty Toolkit 4.001, please contact Dr. Meeroff directly.
  - Dr. Meeroff gave an update on 8.005 General Education Core Course Options
    - FAU offers 31 of 33 options currently.
    - Course description alignment.
    - BOT/President Annual Approval required before September 1.
    - BOG Annual Approval required before December 1.
    - Any changes would be implemented Spring 2025 after BOG approval.

#### 5. Committee Reports

- Academic Planning and Budget Committee – Kevin Wagner
  - Dr. Wagner reported that the steering committee directed the Academic Planning and Budget Committee to do a more in depth look into the College of Dentistry; however, the committee was unable to meet with the principals of the College of Dentistry this term.
  - Dr. Wagner reported that a form is available on the Academic Planning and Budget Committee for faculty to send the committee any questions or inquiries about the College of Dentistry.

6. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)
  - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
7. [UPC Action Agenda](#)
  - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion to approve carries.**
8. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)

Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
9. [UGC Action Agenda](#)
  - MAT in Political Science. **Motion to approve carries.**
  - Proposal to increase English language proficiency. **Motion to approve carries.**
10. Old Business
  - None.
11. New Business
  - None.
12. Open Forum with the Provost
  - Iselgis Garcia, Associate Vice President, Academic Finance and Administration, announced that the faculty (including In-unit faculty) will receive a \$2500 Faculty Retention Bonus to be included in their December 15 paycheck.
13. Open Forum of the Senate
  - A resolution from Senate to support the inclusion of sociology (course numbers to be inserted) in the General Education Core Curriculum. Motion carries.
14. Good of the Senate
  - Dr. Sue Graves and Damien Michel presented Exercise in Medicine on Campus.
  - Dr. Chris Robe, Vice President of UFF, made an announcement regarding interest cards and UFF membership.
  - Dr. Nicole Morse spoke about concerns for Palestinian, Arab and Muslim students', staff and faculty well-being and safety.
15. **Meeting adjourned at 2:58pm.**