



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Rion Ballroom - East

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Call to Order & Welcome

David C. Bloom, Chair

-The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chair David C. Bloom, who welcomed Senators and guests.

State of the University Address

W. Kent Fuchs, President
University of Florida

-President Fuchs presented [the 2021 State of the University Address](#).

Chair's Report

David C. Bloom, Chair

- Chair Bloom welcomed faculty back to campus, recognized the challenging times, and discussed his goals to revisit shared governance by moving forward with processes which can strengthen and maximize faculty participation and voice. A primary goal is to amplify faculty voices with the administration and the Board of Trustees (BOT) and increase communication between the Faculty Senate, its committees and councils, and the Faculty Councils/Assemblies in each college. Continuing efforts will be made to enhance: Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) initiatives; faculty quality of life issues, such as faculty leave and compensation; and the graduate student experience.

- Chair Bloom thanked panelists and participants of the August 19 'Fall 2021 Semester' Town Hall. The [Webinar Q&A / Chat Responses](#) are posted on the [Faculty Senate's Town Halls web page](#) and are navigable from the [Faculty Senate home page](#).

- New Deans have been invited to visit Faculty Senate:

-- *September*: Dean Nicole Stedman, Graduate School.

-- *November*: Dean Dana Zimmel, College of Vet Med and Dean Hub Brown, College of Journalism & Communications.

-- *December*: Dean Colleen Koch, College of Medicine.

- Nominations are open for Honorary Degrees and are due October 1. The [Call for Nominations Form](#) and additional details are available on the Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards Committee web page @: <https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/FacultySenate/Committees/Honorary-Degrees-and-Distinguished-Awards-Committee>.

- This year's five Distinguished Professors are:

- [Almut G. Winterstein](#)
- [Mark Sherwood](#)
- [Julie K. Levy](#)
- [Sanjay Ranka](#) and
- [W. Robert Knechel](#)

-These live-streamed and recorded lectures will follow a Senate meeting, as detailed @:

<https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/FacultySenate/Pages/Faculty-Senate/DistinguishedProfessorLectureSeries>.

- Please join us at the reception immediately following Faculty Senate adjournment in the Rion

Ballroom – West. The reception is sponsored by Curtis Reynolds, VP, Business Affairs and Faculty Senate.

Action Items:

Approval of [May 6, 2021 Minutes](#)

David C. Bloom, Chair

-The minutes were approved.

University Curriculum Committee

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- [New Early Childhood Education BAE Degree](#):

- The UF College of Education proposes to establish a new degree program: Bachelor of Arts in Education, Early Childhood Education major.

- This item was approved.

- [Close IDS Major Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures](#)

- This is a request to close the IDS Major Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, with both its tracks. Students have not been enrolled in this major for quite some time, and it has been superseded by two other majors: International Studies and Foreign Languages & Literatures (Arabic and Hebrew Specializations).

- This item was approved.

Graduate Council

Paul Duncan, Sr. Associate Dean
Graduate School

- [New Master of Integrated Sustainable Development \(MISD\) Degree](#)

- This is a request from the College of Design, Construction and Planning to offer a new Master of Integrated Sustainable Development (MISD) Degree.

- This item was approved.

Information Items:

COVID Update

Michael Lauzardo, Director
UF Health Screen, Test & Protect

- Dr. Lauzardo answered inquiries and discussed with Faculty Senate: the on-campus strategy for the Screen, Test & Protect (STP) program; tools being utilized to protect faculty and the community, including the push for vaccinations and use of N95 masks; the Delta variant; the vaccine booster; and ICU and quarantine community updates.

[Resolution Calling for Requirement of Safety Measures to Protect our Campus from COVID-19](#)

David C. Bloom, Chair

- Chair Bloom provided an overview of the resolution's evolution and how it is germane in addressing how the state of Florida functions, specifically the relationships between the Florida State University System (SUS), the legislature, and Florida's executive branch. This resolution was unanimously passed this month by all 12 universities in the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS), an organization of SUS Faculty Senate Chairs. This resolution ultimately calls on the legislature to give the SUS room to operate safely in the COVID environment based on science and on local factors and decision-making.

- The resolution was moved from an Information Item to an Action Item by a successful 2/3 vote. The resolution was discussed and carried.

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- [MS in Applied Data Science](#)

- The Graduate Council and Engineering Education Department propose a Master of Science with a major in Applied Data Science (MSADS) degree to provide students with a working knowledge of techniques and software commonly used in Data Science.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor - *Three minute limit per speaker.*

- 1) University of Florida Faculty Senators
 - Senator Blanchard commented on the importance of acting on behalf of, and fully representing the faculty as Senators, while appreciating both faculty who serve and the difficulties currently being faced by the university.
- 2) University of Florida Faculty
 - There was no discussion from the Senate floor by university faculty.

Adjournment

-The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Attending

Senators

Luis Alvarez-Castro
Theresa Antes
Haldun Aytug
Angela Bacsik
Ludmila Veloso Barbosa De Faria
Katie Basinger
Sarah Beatty
Donald Behringer
Mario Binelli
Jeremiah J. Blanchard
Helene Blondeau
Stephanie Bogart
Wesley Bolch
Eleni Bozia
Teresa Cavanaugh
Nico Cellinese
Xinguang "Jim" Chen
Konstantina Christodouloupoulou
Cynda Crawford
Megan Daly
Santanu K. Datta
Yousong Ding
Sara Moscovita Falzarano
Yuguang "Michael" Fang
Monica A. Fernandez
Breann Garbas
Kristina Garcia-Guettler
Jamie Garner
John N. George
Ashley Ghiaseddin
Malay Ghosh
Reetu Grewal
Liwei Gu
Charles Haddad
Rebecca Hanson
Barry Hartz
Dennis Hiltunen
Amie Hoefnagel
Helene Huet
Robert W. Huigens, III
Frederick 'Rick' Kates
Marcus Kirk

John Kraft
Sujata Krishna
Jaclyn Kropp
Jose Lemos
Shannon Rae Lowe
Lucas Majure
Diba Mani
A. Corinne Manley
Crystal Marull
Anne Mathews
Tara Mathien
Victoria Menzies
Carey Minter
Francois Modave
Marjorie Montanez-Wiscovich
Kiran Motaparathi
Walter Lee Murfee
Timothy M. Murtha
Christine T. Myers
Walter O'Dell
Dennis 'Calvin' Odero
Madan Oli
Monika Oli
Jorg Peters
Keith Rambo
Czerne Reid
Margarete Ribeiro Dasilva
Mary Risner
Albert D. Ritzhaupt
Jemmie Robertson
Hardev Sandhu
Richard Scholtz
Megan Sheridan
Stephen Smith
Matthew C. Smith
Peter Sprowls
Ravi Srinivasan
Ruth Steiner
Richard Stepp
Catherine Striley
Andres Susaeta
Saundra TenBroeck
David Therriault

Stephanie Toelle
Vilma Torres
Apichai Tuanyok
Wagner Vendrame
Nathalie A. Wall
Ratree Wayland
Shawn Weatherford
Houston A. Wells
Karen Whalen
Trent Williams, Jr.
Gene Witmer
Sarah Wolking
Elizabeth Wood
Erich Wyckoff

Liaisons

Paul Duncan
Glenn Good
Chris Hass
Colleen Koch
Angela Lindner
Michael Perri
Taylor Rose
Sean Trainor

Student Senators

Kushi Alluri
John Brinkman
Micah Page
Soha Ramadan
Daniel C. Schultz
Ryan L. Scott
Alex Wong

Guests

Mayra Cordero
Sylvain Doré
Mark Hostetler
Michael Lauzardo
Mary Parker
Katie Vogel Anderson