



## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Reitz Union Chamber, Ground Floor

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### Call to order &

Amanda Phalin, Chair

### Approval of [December 6, 2022 Minutes](#)

- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chair Amanda Phalin.
- The minutes were approved.

### Reports

- **Chair's Report**

Amanda Phalin, Chair

- Chair Phalin presented the [Chair's Report slides](#). Following an inquiry, Chair Phalin clarified that the post-tenure review regulation is not on the January 24-5 Board of Governors (BOG) meeting agenda but may be considered at a future meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative and Government Affairs, being chaired by Dr. Tim Murtha, was formed earlier this academic year to help identify communication strategies between faculty and state leadership and Senators are also encouraged to provide their input.

- **Provost's Report**

Joe Glover, Provost

- In December, the Board of Trustees (BOT) approved the West Palm Beach campus operations proposal and it is being submitted this month to the BOG. Permanent buildings will not be built on the West Palm Beach campus for about five years, so, per regulations, an approval for a temporary campus facility will likely be reviewed by the BOG staff and will likely not appear on BOG agendas. Following discussion, it was determined that classes for this graduate professional education campus will begin in Fall 2025. This allows time to complete robust marketing, enrollment, and accreditation efforts, and degree program offerings for this campus. Dr. Glover briefly discussed its instructional space, including on Palm Beach State College campus, rental facilities, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation process. Following an inquiry, Provost Glover clarified that the West Palm Beach campus, which is called The Global Technology and Innovation Campus (the GTIC), is an extension of the UF campus and is not a UF branch campus (with a separate President, Board, and other central operational components.) Instead, there will be a chief academic officer (focused on academic offerings and student behavior and welfare) and a chief operations officer (focused on the physical aspects of the campus land and environment). The GTIC academic programs will be under the direction of Levin College of Law, Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, and the Warrington College of Business. Graduate and professional program offerings will be made.

### Action Items:

## Graduate Council

### - [MS with a Major in Urban Analytics New Degree](#)

- The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to create a new interdisciplinary MS with a major in Urban Analytics degree program in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning that is supported by the Department of Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) and the Department of Electric and Computer Engineering (ECE). The proposed 36-credit, two-year degree program strongly aligns with UF's strategic investment in AI.
- This item was approved.

**Tom Kelleher**, Graduate School

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

## University Constitution & Regulations Committee (UCRC) Report ([ACFS Changes Proposal](#))

**Charlene Luke**, UCRC Chair

- This proposal to the Faculty Senate Bylaws amends the duties of the Faculty Senate Chair-elect and Past Chair by moving the voting membership for the ACFS from the Chair-elect to the Past Chair. The proposal to amend the (one word) verbiage in Article V, Section 2 of the University of Florida Constitution is suggested to align the document more closely with current practice.
- A motion to approve this proposal carried.

## Information Items:

### [BOT Regulations](#)

**Charlene Luke**, University Constitution &  
Regulations Committee (UCRC) Chair

- UCRC Chair Charlene Luke shared university regulations which will be considered by the Board of Trustees (BOT) this spring.
- The UCRC has adopted a color-coded key for easily informing the Faculty Senate of proposed regulation changes that may affect Senators or their colleagues:
  - **Red** – proposed changes affect the faculty; please review and comment as appropriate.
  - **Yellow** – proposed changes may affect or be of interest to faculty; senators may want to review and comment as appropriate.
  - **Green** – proposed changes likely have minimal effect on faculty and do not necessarily warrant further review by the senators.
- Each [regulation](#) was lit as follows:
  - a. New UF Regulation - 7.050 [Examinations and Assessments](#) -- YELLOW.** This regulation requires UF to create assessment/examination policies or procedures to be in compliance. The eventual policy that will be designed by UF may address concerns around modern technological challenges, such as exam-taking security mechanisms, for example. This is just the regulation to design the policies and procedures.
  - b. UF Regulation Amendment - 7.100 [Academic Program Termination and Temporary Suspension of New Enrollments](#) -- RED.** This regulation does give more power of programs and the university to terminate and suspend programs, with the BOG approving (not recommending), but does include items such as 5(b) - inability to close a state-funded program and reopen an off-book program that we control.
- Please contact Chair Phalin, Faculty Senate Chair-elect Danaya Wright, or General Counsel liaison Taylor Rose with any inquiries.

## **Graduate Council**

**Tom Kelleher**, Graduate School

- [Create MS with a major in Artificial Intelligence Systems](#) Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- This Graduate Council approved proposal was submitted by the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering (HWCOE) and is a 30-credit hours on-campus masters program which aligns well with UF academic and AI strategic initiatives and categories.

## **University Curriculum Committee**

**Angela Lindner**, Associate Provost  
for Undergraduate Affairs

- [Close BA in Art Education](#)
- The closure of this program is due to lack of interest and there are currently no students enrolled.
- A motion to move this from an 'Information Item' to an 'Action Item' carried with the required 2/3 vote.
- A motion to approve this item carried.

## **2027-2028 Academic Calendar**

**Angela Lindner**, Associate Provost  
for Undergraduate Affairs

- Associate Provost Lindner reviewed the 2027-8 academic year calendar and answered inquiries. No Spring Break or Homecoming dates are noted and will be determined closer to the start of the relevant academic year following consultation with Student Life, the University Athletic Association, the Registrar, and the UF Foundation. It was noted that last Fall, the Faculty Senate approved: extending the Thanksgiving holiday to the entire week; a later start to the spring semester; and aligning UF and Alachua County Public School (ACPS) Spring Breaks. This calendar implements each of these elements.

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

- 1) University of Florida Faculty Senators
  - There was no discussion from University of Florida Faculty Senators.
- 2) University of Florida Faculty
  - There was no discussion from University of Florida Faculty.

## **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

**Attending**

*Senators*

Holly Abeels  
Luis Alvarez-Castro  
Haldun Aytug  
Angela Bacsik  
Donald Behringer  
Mario Binelli  
Jeremiah Blanchard  
David Bloom  
Julie C. Brown  
Michael Bumbach  
Megan Butala  
Andrea Caloiaro  
Nico Cellinese  
Konstantina  
Christodouloupoulou  
Mayra Cordero  
Maddy Coy  
Cynda Crawford  
Megan Daly  
Santanu Datta  
Paul Davenport  
Michael K. Davis  
Thomas Denagamage  
Richard B. Dickinson  
Yousong Ding  
William P. Dishong  
Randell Doty  
Petra E. Duran-Gehring  
Sara M. Falzarano  
Michael Feely  
Monica A. Fernandez  
Jamie Foster  
Klibs Galvao  
Jamie Garner  
Laurie Gauger  
Ifigeneia Giannadaki  
Frank Gibson

Vivian Gonsalves  
Reetu Grewal  
Dipankar Gupta  
Barry Hartz  
Selman Hershfield  
Amie Hoefnagel  
Hélène Huet  
Flora Iff-Noel  
Sarah Rajkumari Jayasekaran  
Frederick 'Rick' Kates  
Valeria Kleiman  
Sujata Krishna  
McKenzie Landrum  
Zhigang Li  
Keya Locke  
Maureen Long  
Charlene Luke  
Kiran Lukose  
Lucas Majure  
Diba Mani  
A. Corinne Manley  
Alexandra Mannix  
Crystal Marull  
Anne Mathews  
John A. Mendoza-Garcia  
Carey Minter  
Charles Mitchell  
Marjorie Montanez-Wiscovich  
Christine T. Myers  
John Neubert  
Cuong Nguyen  
Jorg Peters  
Czerne Reid  
Mary Risner  
Albert Ritzhaupt  
Jemmie Robertson  
Christopher Robinson  
Esther Romeyn  
David Gaddis Ross

Judi Schack-Dugre  
Ajay Sharma  
Megan Sheridan  
Hugh A. Smith  
Matthew C. Smith  
Stephen Smith  
Peter Sprowls  
Ruth Steiner  
Svetlana Stepchenkova  
Richard Stepp  
Catherine Striley  
Saundra TenBroeck  
Wagner Vendrame  
Nian Wang  
Houston A. Wells  
Gene Witmer  
Sarah Wolking  
Stefanie Wulff  
Jennifer Zedalis

*Liaisons*

Joe Glover  
Chris Hass  
Tom Kelleher  
Angela Lindner  
Joseph W. Little  
Taylor Rose  
Danaya Wright

*Student Senators*

Sadie Carey  
Emma Carlson  
Anthony Valenzuela  
Paul Wassel  
Alex Wong

*Guests*

Jen Setlow