



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Reitz Union Chamber, Ground Floor

<https://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/Mediasite/Channel/8456cbab10b449868436ee51ddb84dc45f/watch/d3bbbff037bf4adfab6043b83bf2ac071d>

Call to order &

Amanda Phalin, Chair

Approval of [February 16, 2023 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](#).

- **President's Report**

Ben Sasse, President

- President Sasse was not present.

- **[Provost's Report](#)**

Joe Glover, Provost

- Provost Glover [discussed House Bill 999 and its companion Senate Bill 266](#). It is early in the legislative session and multiple bill versions are likely to evolve, so university personnel are in a 'track-and-change' watch-and-discussions-mode. Analysis by the trustees and the UF administration, including the Government and Community Relations Office continues.
 - Dr. Glover answered inquiries pertaining to the state's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion data request.
 - Chair Phalin commented that Faculty Senate advocacy is continuing to achieve the best legislative outcomes possible.

Information Items:

[UFPD Response to Resistance](#)

Linda J. Stump-Kurnick, Chief

Greg Streukens, Captain

Latrell Simmons, Captain

**Meggen Sixbey, PhD, Behavioral Services
Division Assistant Director**

University of Florida Police Department

- Chief Stump-Kurnick provided opening remarks and introduced team members, including Officer Jost and UFPD canine Libby. The hardware process to lock classrooms from the inside is beginning. Captain Greg Streukens and Captain Latrell Simmons reviewed: UFPD services and programming; 2022 police activities; the new 2022 Co-Responder team; response to resistance statistics, comparisons, and analysis; active shooter presentation statistics; the UFPD Campus Advisory Committee; the Emergency Management Planning Cohort; active assailant and emergency action guidance resources; and the GatorSafe app, which they encouraged all to download. E-scooter, bicyclist, pedestrian, and scooter

citations and warnings statistics were also provided.

Graduate Council

Tom Kelleher, Graduate School
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

- Close Master of Engineering with Major in:

[Aerospace Engineering](#)

[Mechanical Engineering](#)

- This approved closure was submitted by the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering to close just the Master of Engineering degrees and not to be confused with the Master of Science degrees.

[UF GO Travel & PCard System](#)

Olga Weider, Assistant VP and Controller,
Finance & Accounting

- Olga Weider presented the new travel and PCard system and its: streamlining and simplification goals and features; mobile-friendly app; and four primary modules:

- Travel requests
- Integrated booking tool for airfare, hotel, car rental, etc.
- Expense reports
- Approvals

- Employees will use the integrated booking tool which offers 24/7 travel assistance.

- April 3 is the “Go Live” date and the current system will be available until June 30 as a backup.

- Finance & Accounting team members Victoria Peprah-Asante, Associate Controller, and Cynthia Mendoza, Project Manager, assisted in answering inquiries.

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

[Faculty Senate Bylaws Amendments](#)

[Senate Electronic Voting SOP](#)

Amanda Phalin, Chair

- Chair Phalin clarified that last Spring she conducted a Faculty Senator survey inquiring about how Senators wish to attend Faculty Senate meetings. The overwhelming majority wanted an option to attend electronically. Please review the bylaw updates and the SOP over the next two months so that this can return as an Action Item in May after robust discussion for this potentially significant change. Changes, if any, would be implemented next academic year.

- UCRC Chair Luke reviewed the two subtopics: Senate Bylaw 4 changes needed for the implementation of electronic voting at Faculty Senate meetings and the SOP to guide such changes and establish all ground rules, policies, and procedures.

- The Faculty Senate Bylaw changes are general so, ideally, amendments will not be needed each time the technology changes for electronic voting.

- Faculty Senate Chair-elect and UCRC member Danaya Wright discussed the need for Faculty Senators to seriously consider if hybrid Faculty Senate meeting participation and voting is the preferred path, and if so, what guardrails and understandings are needed to proceed. The technical mechanisms for meetings were briefly discussed, including the voting and meeting access via Zoom integration in Canvas which would be provided for Faculty Senators. All others would view Faculty Senate meetings either in person or via the [live stream](#). Chair-elect Wright asked Senators to prepare and share their views on the merits of or concerns about electronic voting, including potential negative or positive effects on in-person and overall meeting attendance, discussion robustness, camaraderie, unintended missed votes, convenience, etc. Dr. Wright asked that the proposed SOP be considered in the context of best practices, including which rules would be mandatory or advisory, or if a change should be made at all. She noted that the technology can accommodate such changes but the effect on Faculty Senate

culture is the larger issue for your consideration.

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

- 1) University of Florida Faculty Senators
 - Regarding HB 999, Senator Breann Garbas (COM) inquired how faculty could request from or be informed by UF, if their name was one provided to the state in response to a data request. Chair Phalin will follow up with Provost Glover.
 - Senator Catherine Striley (Group 1) inquired about obtaining the financial analyses which Dr. Glover mentioned are being prepared to assess HB 999's financial impacts on UF. Chair Phalin will follow up with him.
 - Senator Flora Iff-Noel (CLAS) requested UFPD policy and procedure clarification surrounding the arrest of two UF students who were protesting a non-UF-affiliated anti-abortion group. Captain Streukens addressed the arrest event, the use of public space and plain-clothed officers on campus, and the protocol used (i.e. the Dean of Students Office) for an arrested student's return to campus, as well as protocol used in identifying police personnel during an altercation and evidence-sharing. If additional faculty concerns exist, please see Chair Phalin, who will address them with Chief Stump-Kurnick.
 - Senator Eleonora Rossi (CLAS) inquired about how to best address publications output, grant writing and awards obtainment, in light of concerns stemming from legislative actions including HB 999. Chair Phalin said these worries are also shared by UF and state leadership, who will continue to vocalize problematic issues, and UF faculty should continue to keep doing their best work.
- 2) University of Florida Faculty
 - There was no discussion from University of Florida Faculty.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Attending

Senators

Holly Abeels
Jose Abisambra
Luis Alvarez-Castro
Haldun Aytug
Angela Bacsik
Katie Basinger
Donald Behringer
Lauren Berkow
Sally Bethart
Mario Binelli
Michael Bumbach
Andrea Caloiaro
Rachel Carrico
Teresa Cavanaugh
Nico Cellinese
Jinghua Chen
Konstantina
Christodouloupoulou
Mayra Cordero
Cynda Crawford
Megan Daly
Paul Davenport
Luisa (Amelia) Dempere
Thomas Denagamage
Richard B. Dickinson
Yousong Ding
William P. Dishong
Randell Doty
Lili Du
Sara M. Falzarano
Michael Feely
Monica A. Fernandez
Jamie Foster
Breann Garbas
Jamie Garner

Laurie Gauger
Frank Gibson
Vivian Gonsalves
Reetu Grewal
Liwei Gu
Robert L. Hatch
Hélène Huet
Flora Iff-Noel
Sarah Rajkumari Jayasekaran
Frederick 'Rick' Kates
Samantha Kennedy
Valeria Kleiman
Sujata Krishna
McKenzie Landrum
Yu Hao Lee
Zhigang Li
Maureen Long
Charlene Luke
Sarah Lynne
Lucas Majure
Diba Mani
Crystal Marull
Anne Mathews
Charles Mitchell
Walter Lee Murfee
John Neubert
Cuong Nguyen
Juan Nino
Madan Oli
Monika Oli
Jorg Peters
Ana Puig
Heidi Radunovich
Mary Risner
Jemmie Robertson
Esther Romeyn
David Gaddis Ross
Eleonora Rossi

Lorenzo Rossi
Judi Schack-Dugre
Megan Sheridan
Hugh A. Smith
Peter Sprowls
Ruth Steiner
Catherine Striley
Melanie G. Taylor
Saundra TenBroeck
David Therriault
Steve Tufts
Anastasia Ulanowicz
Wagner Vendrame
Nathalie Wall
Houston A. Wells
Tony S. Wen
Sarah Wolking
Stefanie Wulff

Liaisons

Joe Glover
Tom Kelleher
Joseph W. Little
Keith Rambo
Danaya Wright

Student Senators

Sadie Carey
Emma Carlson
Riya Chakraborty
Jonathan J. Gould
Anthony Valenzuela
Paul Wassel

Guests

Penin Lupien
Oscar Santiago Perez