



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Reitz Union Chamber, Ground Floor

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Call to order & Approval of [March 23, 2023 Minutes](#)

Amanda Phalin, Chair

- 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](#); referenced her [April 3 email update to faculty](#); provided a language review of [SB 264](#) and [HB 1355](#) and discussed why it is not impacting UF international faculty and students; and discussed 2023 Gator Day advocacy and activities in Tallahassee.

- **President's Report**

Ben Sasse, President

- President Sasse answered inquiries and presented an update from his first nine weeks as UF President.

- **Provost's Report**

Joe Glover, Provost

- The search for the Interim Dean of the Levin College of Law is proceeding and the search for the Dean will likely not commence until the fall. The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering Dean search will resume again following consultation with the search firm in May. A search committee will re-engage again in the fall.

Action Items:

2023-2024 Faculty Senate Chair-Elect Election

View the [candidates' qualifications and goals video and text statements](#) (listed alphabetically)

- [Sarah D. Lynne](#), Associate Professor, Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences, IFAS/University of Florida ([Video](#))
- [Juan Claudio Nino](#), Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering ([Video](#))

- Sarah Lynne was elected 2023-2024 Faculty Senate Chair-Elect.

Graduate Council

Tom Kelleher, Graduate School

- Close Master of Engineering with Major in:

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

[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.
- Both items were approved.

Information Items:

Provost Qualities Resolution

Richard Scholtz, Chair, Academic Policy Council (APC)

- Chair Phalin presented this resolution, on behalf of the APC, outlining critical qualifications faculty would like to be considered in the search for UF's next Provost.
- A motion to move this item to action (requiring a 2/3 vote) carried.
- The [resolution carried](#).

University Athletics & Academics

Scott Stricklin, University Athletic Director

- UAD Stricklin presented an update on UF Athletics and overviews of student-athlete academics, including NCAA and SEC statistics, national rankings, and student-athlete community service, internships, investments, and program enhancements.

Multi-Year Contracts Resolution

Sean Trainor, Chair, Compensation & Equity Committee

([final](#)) ([w. tracked changes](#))

- Dr. Trainor guided Faculty Senate through each of the revisions made to this resolution (via a track and changes text). It was originally presented in 2021 for faculty discussion and feedback. Changes reflect these committee, campus-wide faculty, and leadership conversations, and resolution vetting.
- Dr. Trainor answered inquiries pertaining to the implementation of the policy at the college, unit, and university levels and clarified that the current CBA allows for multi-year contacts.
- Following inquiries, and the presentation of the [final, updated resolution](#) and the [resolution's track and changes](#), a motion to move this item to action (requiring a 2/3 vote) carried.
- The [resolution carried](#).

University Curriculum Committee

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs

College of Journalism and Communications Decrease in Total Credit Hours:

B.S. Media Production, Management, and Technology Specializations:

- [Digital Film and Television Production Specialization \(#17889\)](#)
- [Management and Strategy Specialization \(#18148\)](#)
- [Media and Society Specialization \(#18149\)](#)

[B.S. Journalism General Journalism and Sports Media Specializations \(#18058\)](#)

B.S. Advertising Specializations:

- [Persuasive Messaging Specialization \(#18184\)](#)
- [Advertising Agency Specialization \(#18185\)](#)

[B.S. Public Relations \(#18094\)](#)

- Reduction in credit hours is sought for these proposals from the College of Journalism and Communications and the UCC to meet accreditation needs.

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences:

[Name Change of the B.S. Soil and Water Sciences Major \(#18077\)](#)

- CALS and the UCC propose this name change to better align the major and department names to increase clarity and representation.

University Constitution & Regulations Committee (UCRC) Report

Charlene Luke, Chair, UCRC

- [Bylaw Amendments: Professional Curriculum Committee \(PCC\)](#)

- [Senate Electronic Voting SOP](#) / [Faculty Senate Bylaws](#) **Amanda Phalin, Chair [Voting Amendments](#)**

- UCRC Chair Luke presented the [proposed amendments to Bylaws 20 and 22](#), which codify the previously approved PCC and clarifies the three university-wide curriculum approval channels (i.e. the PCC, Graduate Council, and the UCC.)
- Chair Phalin and Faculty Senate Chair-elect Wright answered [Senate Electronic Voting SOP](#) / [Faculty Senate Bylaws](#) inquiries, shared comments, and asked Faculty Senators to give thoughtful and due consideration to the question of whether to change the Faculty Senate meetings to hybrid mode and, accordingly, require electronic-only voting at Faculty Senate meetings. The changes needed to do so are included in Bylaw 4 proposed amendments and the SOP establishing the ground rules, policies, and procedures for this new voting and meeting mode.

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 4:56 p.m.

Attending

Senators

Holly Abeels
Luis Alvarez-Castro
Angela Bacsik
Katie Basinger
Lauren Berkow
Sally Bethart
Mario Binelli
Jeremiah Blanchard
Michael Bumbach
Megan Butala
Andrea Caloiaro
Rachel Carrico
Teresa Cavanaugh
Nico Cellinese
Jinghua Chen
Konstantina
Christodouloupoulou
Mayra Cordero
Maddy Coy
Megan Daly
Margarete Ribeiro Dasilva
Santanu Datta
Paul Davenport
Luisa (Amelia) Dempere
Thomas Denagamage
Richard B. Dickinson
William P. Dishong
Randell Doty
Petra E. Duran-Gehring
Guy El Helou
James Essegbey
Michael Feely
Breann Garbas
Jamie Garner
Laurie Gauger
Frank Gibson
Vivian Gonsalves
Reetu Grewal
Liwei Gu
Barry Hartz
Selman Hershfield
Amie Hoefnagel
Flora Iff-Noel
Sarah Rajkumari Jayasekaran
Frederick 'Rick' Kates
Valeria Kleiman

McKenzie Landrum
Yu Hao Lee
Zhigang Li
Charlene Luke
Sarah Lynne
Lucas Majure
Diba Mani
Crystal Marull
Anne Mathews
John A. Mendoza-Garcia
Carey Minter
Charles Mitchell
Christine T. Myers
Cuong Nguyen
Dennis 'Calvin' Odero
Madan Oli
Monika Oli
Jorg Peters
Ana Puig
Czerne Reid
Mary Risner
David Gaddis Ross
Eleonora Rossi
Judi Schack-Dugre
Megan Sheridan
Hugh A. Smith
Matthew C. Smith
Stephen Smith
Peter Sprowls
Ruth Steiner
Svetlana Stepchenkova
Richard Stepp
Imanol Suarez-Palma
Melanie G. Taylor
Saundra TenBroeck
Vilma Torres
Hannah Vander Zanden
Nathalie Wall
Nian Wang
Houston A. Wells
Gene Witmer
Sarah Wolking
Stefanie Wulff
Alexander York

Joe Glover
Raymond Issa
Tom Kelleher
Joseph W. Little
Steve Orlando
Keith Rambo
Ben Sasse
Sean Trainor
Danaya Wright

Student Senators

Riya Chakraborty
Ethan Ghazali
Paul Wassel
Alex Wong

Guests

Verlissa Ford
Ellie O'Connor
Walter O'Dell
Scott Stricklin
Jonathan C. Stephens

Liaisons

David C. Bloom