



**Faculty Senate
Special Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2022
3:00 p.m.**

J. Wayne Reitz Union, Chamber Room, Ground Floor

<https://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/Mediasite/Play/b33eb3ce9ed746ab85c056534441c3121d>

Call to order

Amanda Phalin, Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chair Amanda Phalin.
- Chair Phalin asked for patience with today's meeting facilitation as a special meeting reduces meeting preparation time, and time to receive full faculty input and vetting which would typically occur in committee before reaching the Senate floor. Appreciation was expressed for the Senators' time and the process was reviewed: [pre-submitted amendments by Faculty Senators](#) will be reviewed in alphabetical order by surname of the amendment-submitting Senator.
- Presidential Search Committee faculty member Lisa Lundy was unable to attend the last Senate meeting and was introduced to answer any outstanding faculty inquiries. (video time stamp: 3:33 to 46:48).

Action Item:

No Confidence Vote in the Selection Process of the 13th President of the University of Florida

Amanda Phalin, Chair

+ Pre-submitted Amendments by Faculty Senators

- (MED) Senator Breann Garbas introduced the resolution and clarified it is a no confidence vote in the process of the selection of the 13th President of the University of Florida.
- Following discussion, a motion to consider all [pre-submitted amendments by Faculty Senators](#) failed.
- Following discussion, a motion to adopt (FLMNH) Senator Cellinese's amendment carried.
- Following discussion, a motion to table (ENG) Senator Peters' amendment carried.
- Following discussion, a motion to adopt (CLAS) Senators' Witmer's and Vander Zanden amendment as submitted failed.
- Following discussion, a motion to adopt (CLAS) Senator Witmer's and Vander Zanden's amendment with the deletion of paragraph five 'whereas':
~~WHEREAS the announcement of Senator Sasse as the sole candidate has caused unprecedented opposition and anger among faculty, students, staff, and alumni, a reaction that was arguably foreseeable by the search committee;~~ failed.
- Following discussion, a motion to take from the table (ENG) Senator Peters' amendment of all three suggested points failed.
- A motion to consider and approve (ENG) Senator Peters' amendment on point one (to change: were unwilling to be named as finalists due to the 21-day public notification requirement; --> to: were willing to be considered for the position;) failed.
- A motion to consider and approve (ENG) Senator Peters' amendment on point two (deletion of: Whereas the selection process has the potential to cause significant professional harm to well-qualified candidates if their identities are disclosed at the 21-day mark, thus increasing the likelihood that a less suitable candidate who does not similarly fear disclosure will advance;) carried.

- Following discussion, a motion to modify the motion's language from:
'Whereas at the Faculty Senate meeting at the University of Florida on October 20, 2022, Senate members were informed that multiple well-qualified candidates who are leaders at higher education institutions were unwilling to be named as **finalists** due to the 21-day public notification requirement;'
--> to: **co-finalists** carried unanimously.
- Following discussion, a motion to remove 'due to the 21-day public notification requirement;' carried.
- Following discussion, a motion to change:
'Whereas at the Faculty Senate meeting at the University of Florida on October 20, 2022, Senate members were informed that multiple well-qualified candidates who are leaders at higher education institutions were unwilling to be **named as co-finalists**;'
- > to: 'Whereas at the Faculty Senate meeting at the University of Florida on October 20, 2022, Senate members were informed that multiple well-qualified candidates who are leaders at higher education institutions were unwilling to be **publicly named as co-finalists**;' carried.
- Following discussion, a motion to approve the **resolution as amended** carried 67–15.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Attending

Senators

Angela Bacsik
Katie Basinger
Norman Beatty
Lauren Berkow
Sally Bethart
Mario Binelli
Jeremiah Blanchard
David Bloom
Michael Bumbach
Megan Butala
Andrea Caloiaro
Rachel Carrico
Teresa Cavanaugh
Nico Cellinese
Jinghua Chen
Mayra Cordero
Maddy Coy
Cynda Crawford
Megan Daly
Santanu Datta
Michael K. Davis
Luisa (Amelia) Dempere
Richard B. Dickinson
William P. Dishong
Randell Doty
Petra E. Duran-Gehring
Guy El Helou
James Essegbey
Sara M. Falzarano
Michael Feely
David A. Foster
Breann Garbas
Laurie Gauger
Frank Gibson
Vivian Gonsalves
Reetu Grewal
Dipankar Gupta
Barry Hartz
Robert L. Hatch
Selman Hershfield
Amie Hoefnagel
Hélène Huet
Flora Iff-Noel
Patrick Inglett
Sarah Rajkumari Jayasekaran
Samantha Kennedy
Valeria Kleiman

John Kraft
Jaclyn Kropp
McKenzie Landrum
Ji-Hyun Lee
Zhigang Li
Keya Locke
Maureen Long
Charlene Luke
Kiran Lukose
Sarah Lynne
Diba Mani
A. Corinne Manley
Alexandra Mannix
Katherine Marin
Anne Mathews
Mindy McAdams
John A. Mendoza-Garcia
Carey Minter
Charles Mitchell
Marjorie Montanez-Wiscovich
Walter Lee Murfee
Christine T. Myers
John Neubert
Cuong Nguyen
Juan Nino
Monika Oli
Jorg Peters
Ana Puig
Heidi Radunovich
Czerne Reid
Margarete Ribeiro Dasilva
Jemmie Robertson
Christopher Robinson
Esther Romeyn
David Gaddis Ross
Eleonora Rossi
Ajay Sharma
Hugh A. Smith
Matthew C. Smith
Ruth Steiner
Catherine Striley
Imanol Suarez-Palma
Melanie G. Taylor
Saundra TenBroeck
David Therriault
Vilma Torres
Steve Tufts
Anastasia Ulanowicz
Hannah Vander Zanden

Wagner Vendrame
Nathalie Wall
Nian Wang
Houston A. Wells
Karen Whalen
Gene Witmer
Sarah Wolking
Stefanie Wulff
Jennifer Zedalis

Liaisons

David C. Bloom
Joseph W. Little
Keith Rambo
Sean Trainor
Danaya Wright

Student Senators

Riya Chakraborty
Ethan Ghazali
Anthony Valenzuela

Guests

Kendal Broad-Wright, UF Faculty
Maria Camacho, WUFT Noticias
MaryKay Carodine, UF Student Life
Christian Casale, The Alligator
Cara Casy, UF Faculty
Siena Duncan, The Alligator
Emily Ferguson, WUFT
James Gerien-Chen, UF Faculty
Gershon Harrell, Gainesville Sun
Allison Knowles, UF Staff
Mariana Larsen, WUFT
Jack Lemnus, WUFT
Massiel Leyva, CBS4
Lisa Lundy, UF Faculty
Ronin Lupien, UF Student
Walter O'Dell, UF Faculty
Rae Riiska, The Alligator
Cynthia Roldan, UF Strategic Comm
Leyla Santiago, CNN
Oscar Santiago Perez, UF Student
Jerry Simonson, CNN
Zitlali Solache, WCJB TV20
Arnoldo Valle-Levinson, UF Faculty
Mistie Webb, WUFT
Monica Webb, UF GatorWell
Sara Weisfeldt, CNN