

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2020 (2pm – 4pm)
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Members Present: Kevin Wagner, Bruce Arneklev, Chris Beetle, Kim Dunn, Michael Harris, Joy Longo, Meredith Mountford and Paul Peluso.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Chair, Dr. Kevin Wagner
2. The UFS Steering minutes from [October 29, 2020](#) were approved by the committee.
3. **President's Report:**
 - A. Dr. Kevin Wagner states that the Academic Planning and Budget committee election closes this week.
 - B. The guest speakers for the next Senate meeting include: Acting Vice President Student Affairs & Enrollment Management Larry Faerman to discuss hate speech on campus, Vice President David Kian to discuss legal rules regarding group associations with FAU faculty and units and Joel Herbst, Assistant Dean, PK-12 Schools and Educational Programs to discuss the status on Slattery.
4. **UPC Consent Agenda**
 - There are no objections. The consent agenda stands **approved**.
5. **UPC Action Agenda**
 - A. University-Wide
 - *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Across the Curriculum*
 - Dr. Meredith Mountford motions to move Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Across the Curriculum with **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Kim Dunn seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
 - B. College of Arts and Letters
 - *German Minor*
 - Dr. Paul Peluso motions to move German Minor with **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Mike Harris seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
6. **UGC Consent Agenda**
 - There are no objections. The consent agenda stands **approved**.
7. **UGC Action Agenda**
 - A. College of Business
 - *PhD in Business Administration*
 - Dr. Mike Harris motions to move PhD in Business Administration with **positive recommendation from Steering**. Dr. Meredith Mountford seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
8. **Business Items**

- [A. Diversity & Inclusion Committee Bylaws](#)
- After discussion, the Steering committee suggests a specific number of faculty to serve on the committee, specify the ex-officio voters and discuss the aspirational language and the idea of adding a student to the committee.
- [B. Academic Freedom and Due Process Committee on the Guidance on Research and Press Releases](#)
- After discussion, Dr. Bill Trapani motions **to have the Division of Research review the Academic Freedom and Due Process Committee on the Guidance on Research and Press Releases before the Steering committee votes.** Dr. Meredith Mountford seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
- C. Library Advisory Committee – Resolution for Support of Library Funding
- The item was tabled to the next meeting.
- D. Research Space Committee Update (Dr. James Capp)
- The Ad-Hoc committee was charged with how space is going to be allocated and reallocated. The committee consists of Dr. James Capp, Dr. Donna Chamely-Wiik, Dr. Dan Meeroff, Dr. Salvatore Lepore, Dr. Sarah Milton and Dr. Karin Scarpinato. The committee is working on the need for any proposed allocation, more inclusion on assignment and portfolio, non-step disciplines and F&A reimbursement rates. The committee will report in January.
- [E. Professional Doctor of Philosophy with Major in Computer Science](#)
- After discussion, Dr. Paul Peluso **motions to move the Professional Doctor of Philosophy with Major in Computer Science with positive recommendation from Steering.** Dr. Joy Longo seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
- Draft Calendars
- [Fall 2021](#)
- [Spring 2022](#)
- [Summer 2022](#)
- After discussion, Dr. Kim Dunn **motions to move the Draft Calendars with positive recommendation from Steering.** Dr. Bill Trapani seconds. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
- [Pass/Fail Grades](#)
- After Discussion, Dr. Bill Trapani **motions to move Pass/Fail Grades with positive recommendation from Steering.** Dr. Joy Longo seconds. Dr. Mike Harris objects. After a majority vote, the motion carries.
- Conversation with Steering
- There was a conversation regarding group associations with Dr. Marshall De Rosa.

9. Open Forum with the Provost

- Provost Bret Danilowicz sent an article to the Steering Committee titled “Reimagining higher education in the United States” to review.
- Provost Danilowicz thanks the Steering Committee for continued shared governance.

10. Good of the Steering Committee

- No Items

11. Meeting adjourned at 4:08pm.