



Steering Committee Meeting

Minutes

October 26, 2023

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

ZOOM

Members Present: Kim Dunn, Bruce Arneklev, Bill Trapani, Charles Duke, Joy Longo, Meredith Mountford, Kevin Wagner and Paul Peluso.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Chair, Dr. Kim Dunn.
2. The UFS Steering minutes from [September 28, 2023](#) were **approved by the committee.**
3. President's Report
 - Dr. Dunn discussed speakers for the November Senate meeting; Chief Brammer to present campus safety, David Kian to present meeting recordings and access, and Brittanney Amento-Adelmann & Jennifer Bebergal to present QEP and Faculty Development.
 - Dr. Dunn discussed speakers for future meetings; Dan Meeroff to present the Foreign Language requirement and Stephen Engle to present the Faculty Athletics Report.
 - Dr. Dunn reported on the work done by the Academic Freedom and Due Process committee on PTR; committee will report at the next Senate meeting.
4. Guest Speakers
 - Dr. Joel Berg gave an update on the College of Dentistry
 - Dr. Joel introduced himself.
 - College of Dentistry mission: Our mission is to empower and serve rural communities by providing exceptional dental education, fostering compassionate care, and addressing the critical need for additional dentists in underserved areas.
 - The American Dental Association recommends 61 dentists per 100,000 people. However, Florida reports only **54** dentists per 100,000.
 - Discussed the faculty recruitment and hiring plan; FAU to seek operational and capital funding to hire faculty and staff (110 full-time employees)

necessary to run the college (360 when class size reaches full capacity, Fall 2032).

- Discussed student recruitment; **45** students in year **1** **90 students per class** by year 4 **360 total students** when full class size is realized, by Fall 2032.
- Discussed provider retention; incentives for post-graduate rural and underserved service.
- Discussed curriculum plan; all Doctor of Dental Medicine coursework will have advanced through the FAU curriculum approval process by Fall of 2024.
- Discussed program costs; use of state support, tuition funds and other sources of funding; \$37.9 million operating budget and \$85.5 million start-up costs (legislative budget requests)
- Discussed next steps; securing funding (2024); hiring faculty for degree program implementation (November 2024-2026); curriculum approval (Fall 2025); and securing initial accreditation from Commission of Dental Accreditation (Summer 2026)
- Reported that Founding Dean would be named next Fall.
- Steering recommendation to Senate: Academic Planning and Budget Committee to engage with the Dentistry team to do a deeper dive of proposal status of the dentistry school and then Kim to report to Senate.

Motion carries.

5. Committee Reports

Academic Planning and Budget Committee, Kevin Wagner

- Dr. Wagner discussed [24-25](#) and proposed [25-26](#) calendars.
- Moved to present at Faculty Senate. **Motion carries.**

6. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)

- Sent forward with a positive recommendation by steering with revision.
 - Remove course PCB 4054C item from agenda.

7. [UPC Action Agenda](#)

- Item #1: Academic Probation – policy change
 - Sent forward with a positive recommendation by steering.
- Item #2: BFA in Theatre: Music Theatre Concentration – program change
 - Steering recommended revisions to program change.
 - Sent forward with no recommendation by steering.

8. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)

- Sent forward with a positive recommendation by steering.

9. [UGC Action Agenda](#)

- Item #1: Graduate College Catalog Change
 - Item #1 on memo: Revised Catalog change
 - Sent forward with a positive recommendation by steering.
 - Item #2 on memo: New catalog language
 - Sent forward with a positive recommendation by steering with revision addition.
 - Include a hyper link of Form 10 after "...the formal petition procedure" in parenthesis.
- Item #2: College of Medicine Catalog Change – Late Grade Change Approvals
 - Sent forward with a positive recommendation by steering with revision addition.
 - Strike language, "rather than the Dean of the Graduate College" from 2nd paragraph.

10. Old Business

- Faculty participation in faculty governance, Bill Trapani
 - Dr. Trapani discussed how we could incentivize faculty participation in faculty governance.
 - Dr. Trapani recommended the creation of an engagement committee composed of all colleges.
 - Dr. Trapani offered to draft a proposal for an engagement committee.
- Digital recording and access to UFS Steering and Senate, Kim Dunn
 - Dr. Dunn reported that conversations on this topic will continue at Senate.

11. New Business

- Exam Conflict, Kim Dunn
 - Dr. Dunn discussed exam conflicts, online vs. traditional courses, including suggesting a policy, if needed.

12. Open Forum with the Provost

- Interim Provost Ivy gave an update on Senate Bill 266; BOG to vote in January and then implementation in the spring.
- Stephen Engle, Associate Provost of Academic Personnel, gave an update on PTR.

13. Good of the Steering Committee

- None.

14. **Meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm.**