**University Faculty Senate Agenda**

February 27, 2023 Online Zoom meeting

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**These are open meetings to all faculty. If you wish to attend, email a member of senate leadership for a zoom link.**

**Senators in attendance:** Francis Degnin (Chair), Melissa Dobosh (Vice-Chair), Gretchen Gould (Secretary), John Burnight (Past Chair),  James Mattingly (Faculty Chair), Imam Alam, Nick Bailey, Megan Balong,  Karen Breitbach, Michael Conrad, Robert Earle, Kenneth Elgersma, Randall Harlow, Mark Hecimovich, ~~Rob Hitlan~~, Charles Holcombe, Sang Koh, Karla Krueger, Matthew Makarios, Andrew Stollenwerk, Ali Tabei (Fifty percent quorum met, with 18/19 voting senators present; the Faculty Chair is non-voting, as provided in the Faculty Constitution, and the Senate Chair votes only in case of a tie.)

**Call to Order** at 3:30 PM [time stamp 00:00:00]

**Call for Press Identification**

*None present*

**Introduction of Guests**

Regular Guests: Mark Nook, José Herrera, ~~John Vallentine~~, Patrick Pease, Becky Hawbaker, Leila Masinovic

Additional Guests: Chris Martin, Tom Hesse, Amy Igou, Mick Mack, Brenda Bass, Jim Jermier, Stacy Robinson, Heather Asmus

**Courtesy Announcements**

Comments from President Nook [time stamp 00:00:31]

*President Nook shared that all three university presidents presented budgets to the House Education Appropriations subcommittee on February 13, 2023. They were asked to prepare responses to four questions that centered on each institution’s (1) enrollment costs paired with number of university staff on payroll, (2) academic program review process, (3) number of DEI or social justice staff members employed on campus, and (4) current processes in place for reviewing tenured professor performance. There were several follow up questions surrounding DEI. Additionally, there was another request from the legislature for information on certain statements in teacher development courses. President Nook thanked Ben Forsyth and his colleagues for their work on pulling together these materials.*

*On a recent trip to D.C, President Nook shared that he met with every member of the delegation as well as people in Senator Reed’s and Congresswoman Adam’s offices. Both Reed and Adams are co-sponsors for the Educators for America bill. President Nook highlighted a fundraising event held in D.C., along with two others held in Arizona and Kansas City. There is one more event that will be held in Denver. Finally, President Nook updated the Senate on UNI Day at the Capitol.*

Comments from Provost Herrera [time stamp 00:12:45]

*Provost Herrera provided an update on enrollment, indicating that applications are up a little over 10% from this time last year, while net confirms are up 7%. Provost Herrera also indicated that conversations surrounding artificial intelligence are continuing in hopes that some guidance can be provided for faculty. Finally, Provost Herrera shared that he continues to use program vitality (PVC) data.*

Comments from Faculty Chair Mattingly [time stamp 00:18:09]

*Faculty Chair Mattingly passed on announcements.*

Comments from United Faculty President Hawbaker [time stamp 00:18:19]

*United Faculty President Hawbaker shared several announcements. First, tenure and promotion letters have gone out and she encouraged faculty to reach out to UF if there were concerns. Second, bargaining continues with the Board of Regents. Third, Robert Earle, UF’s contingent faculty representative, is hosting a contingent faculty listening post with special guest Provost Herrera. Fourth, UF President Hawbaker reminded the Senate about the Above and Beyond Award for contingent faculty. Fifth, the faculty picnic will be held on April 30 at the WRC. Finally, UF President Hawbaker sent out a call for UF officer nominations.*

Comments from NISG President Masinovic [time stamp 00:21:32]

*NISG President Masinovic briefly mentioned UNI Day at the Capitol and shared that NISG elections have concluded.*

Comments from Senate Chair Degnin [time stamp 00:22:35]

*Faculty Senate Chair Degnin thanked everyone for the work they have done on the handbooks and reports that are being reviewed, as well as provided some insight into why the tabled item docket 1527 was not docketed for this meeting.*

**Minutes for Approval:**

Minutes from January 23 2023 [time stamp 00:24:30]

MOTION: Holcombe/Hecimovich (all in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

**Consultations:**

1530 [Second Consultation: Proposed New Health School](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/proposed-new-health-school-second-consultation) [time stamp 00:26:00]

*Dean Bass shared that the school name, along with the mission and vision statements, are in development and will be shared with the Provost. Additionally, faculty members continue to work on the school structure. Currently, the school will include the Department of Social Work and Department of Nursing and Public Health. Family Services, Gerontology, and Counseling will be a department, but are still discussing a name. Kinesiology and Athletic Training are having ongoing discussions on their departmental structure. The school will open in Fall 2023 and the nursing program is on target to launch Fall 2024 (but they will launch the department in Fall 2023). Finally, Dean Bass stated that the school is taking a collaborative approach and that this extends to departments not in the school.*

1531 [Consultation: Advancement Division/UNI Foundation](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/consultation-advancement-divisionuni-foundation) [time stamp 00:31:18]

*Jim Jermier and Stacy Robinson shared the why behind the work of the UNI Foundation, emphasizing its impact on the university students, faculty, and staff. They also provided an update of the Our Tomorrow campaign.*

**Votes to Receive:**

1532 [2022 CARR Report](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/2022-carr-report) [time stamp 00:56:32]

MOTION: Dobosh/Elgersma (16 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention)

1533 [Curriculum Review Process Information Handbook](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/curriculum-review-process-information-handbook) [time stamp 00:58:07]

MOTION: Gould/Dobosh (17 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

*Associate Provost Pease shared that there will be some changes to the consult process and agreed to look at some language regarding seeking consults prior to the end of the spring semester.*

**Items Requiring Senate Votes:**

1534 [Adding At Large Term and Adjunct Positions to the Senate](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/adding-large-term-and-adjunct-positions-senate) [time stamp 01:03:50]

MOTION: from the docketing committee (15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

*Governance Committee Chair Makarios, along with former Senator Hesse, shared the rationale behind the new proposal.*

1535 [University Senate Handbook](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/university-senate-handbook) [time stamp 01:07:34]

MOTION: from the docketing committee (15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

*Governance Committee Chair Makarios shared some of the updates to the handbook.*

**Emeritus Requests:**

1528 [Emeritus Request: Michele Devlin](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/emeritus-request-michele-devlin) (Docketed from last month) [time stamp 01:10:16]

MOTION: from the docketing committee (15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

*Faculty Senate Chair Degnin spoke in support of the emeritus request.*

1529 [Emeritus Request: Susan Etscheidt](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/emeritus-request-susan-etscheidt) (Docketed from last month) [time stamp 01:13:00]

MOTION: from the docketing committee (16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

*Faculty Senate Chair Degnin spoke in support of the emeritus request.*

1537 [Emeritus Request: Roberta Roth](https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/emeritus-request-roberta-roth) [time stamp 01:15:13]

MOTION: from the docketing committee (17 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

*Faculty Senate Chair Degnin and Senator Bailey spoke in support of the emeritus request.*

**Adjournmen**t by 5:00 PM [time stamp 01:19:00]

Motion: Elgersma/Burnight

Submitted by Melissa Dobosh, Vice-Chair of the University Faculty Senate

The transcript from the Zoom chat is appended.

00:54:36 Robert Earle: I have a question about this slide. Is now a good time, or would after the presentation be better?

00:54:44 Mark Nook: Yes

01:00:55 Becky Hawbaker: I appreciate that faculty and academic programs is one of the four pillars of the campaign, but I wondered if you could share some examples of faculty-specific items (endowed chairs/positions, travel, etc). I don’t usually hear much about these as much as other items.

01:04:44 Becky Hawbaker: Thank you for your great work. I wonder if you might consider some additional internal communications with faculty on some key pride points and examples for the academic and faculty pillar to keep in mind when we hear grumbling about raising money for golden toilets in the UNI Dome vs. teaching and learning.

01:06:27 Christopher Martin: potty parity, same old porcelain