

University Faculty Senate Agenda
April 24, 2023 Online Zoom meeting

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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 Tabai~~ (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 3:32 PM [time stamp 00:00:03]

Call for Press Identification None

Introduction of Guests

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

Additional Guests: Mick Mack, Haley Admire, Colin Weeks, Carissa Froyum, David Grant, John Ophus, Jeremy Schraffenberger, Brenda Bass, Donald Gaff, Nathan Taylor, Robin Dada, Jeffrey Funderburk, Theresa Westbrook, Ira Simet, Jonathan Chenoweth, Scott Peters

Courtesy Announcements

Comments from President Nook [time stamp 00:00:32]

President Nook updated the Senate on the Board of Regents meeting that occurred this past week. Most notably, were discussions on DEI which started in the legislature. The Board of Regents plans to do their own study on DEI, including multiple voices from campuses. The final report is expected in November.

Comments from Provost Herrera [time stamp 00:03:18]

Provost Herrera shared a brief update on applications (up about 11%), net confirms (up about 6%), and out of state vs. in state students. Transfers and graduate students are a bit more difficult to update at this time due to where we are at in the enrollment cycle. In terms of budget, the House continues to work on it. President Nook also weighed in on budget and enrollment.

Comments from United Faculty President Hawbaker [time stamp 00:10:20]

United Faculty President Hawbaker announced the new UF leadership team. United Faculty President Hawbaker also congratulated new faculty who received promotion and tenure and reminded the Senate about the Faculty Appreciation event on April 30. Finally, given the results

of the climate study, the United Faculty leadership will be seeking feedback from faculty members who are considering leaving UNI. Finally, Senate Chair Degnin thanked Becky for her leadership as United Faculty President.

Comments from Senate Chair Degnin [time stamp 00:13:32]

Senate Chair Degnin announced the End of Year Reception for the Faculty Senate. It will be held on Monday, May 1 from 3:30-5:00 pm in the Great Reading Room in Seerley.

Minutes for Approval

Minutes from March 27, 2023 [time stamp 00:16:16]

MOTION: Burnight/Conrad (14 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

Consultations

1543 [Fourth Consultation: Proposed School of Health & Human Sciences](#) [time stamp 00:17:17]

CSBS Dean Brenda Bass, along with fellow new school working group members Mick Mack, Nathan Taylor, and Senator Mark Hecimovich, provided an update on the ongoing work to create a school within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Dean Bass asked for feedback on moving 3 health-related majors (3+1 Health Sciences, 2+2 Sonography, and 2+2 Radiography) to the Department of Nursing. These programs are currently Individual Studies majors.

1544 [Consultation: UNIFI Update](#) [time stamp 00:22:28]

Jeremy Schraffenburger, UNIFI Curriculum Coordinator, updated the Senate on UNIFI courses, certificates, study abroad, textbook equity, and prerequisites. There was some discussion about a proposal from Chemistry and Colin Weeks on the role of prerequisites in UNIFI courses. Don Gaff, UNIFI Assessment Coordinator, gave an update on the student outcome assessment for UNIFI.

1545 [Consultation: Faculty Handbook Updates](#) [time stamp 00:38:30]

Associate Provost Vallentine discussed updates to the Faculty Handbook. There were 19 recommendations that received a majority vote from a committee composed of 6 faculty members and 6 administrators. Some details were shared on the 4 recommendations that did not receive a majority vote. Finally, there was some discussion on the process and how it will be improved moving forward.

Items Requiring Senate Votes

1546 [Senate Bylaws: Update](#) [time stamp 01:02:24]

MOTION: Burnight/Holcombe (16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

Senator Makarios shared that there were several updates. Substantive updates included (1) procedures for docketing agenda items, (2) a list of departments and (3) addition of the Parliamentary role.

1557 [Policy 3.01: Student Academic Ethics Policy](#) [time stamp 01:06:00]

MOTION: Makarios/Holcombe (15 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention)

Dr. Grant from Languages and Literatures expressed concerns surrounding the language about

AI.

MOTION to extend meeting: Burnight/Balong (10 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstention)

Additionally, some minor edits in redlining and spelling were pointed out and two friendly amendments regarding not striking out the word “concern” on page 4 and changing the word “bit” to “but”.

MOTION to call question: Burnight/Holcombe (16 in favor/ 0 against/ 0 abstention)

1548 [Update to Conditional Approval of Policy 13.13: Research Misconduct](#) [time stamp 01:36:00]

MOTION: Burnight/Dobosh (15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

Discussion of new language in Policy 13.13.

Emeritus Requests

MOTION TO APPROVE ALL REQUESTS: Burnight/Holcombe (15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention) [time stamp 01:40:12]

1549 [Emeritus Request: Ali Kashef](#)

Senate Chair Degnin spoke in favor of the emeritus request.

1550 [Emeritus Request: Curtiss Hanson](#)

Colin Weeks, along with Senate Chair Degnin, spoke in favor of the emeritus request.

1551 [Emeritus Request: Deborah Deemer](#)

Senate Chair Degnin spoke in favor of the emeritus request.

1552 [Emeritus Request: Clemens Bortollas](#)

Senator Makarios, along with Senate Chair Degnin, spoke in favor of the emeritus request.

1553 [Emeritus Request: Nadene Davidson](#)

Senator Balong, along with Senate Chair Degnin, spoke in favor of the emeritus request.

1555 [Emeritus Request: Steve O’Kane](#)

Senator Elgersma, Past Chair Burnight, and Chair Degnin spoke in favor of the emeritus request.

Scheduled for Executive Session: (Includes new business item)

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Burnight/Conrad (15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention) [time stamp 01:50:08]

1554 [Regents Award Recommendations](#)

Nominations and Election of 2023-2024 University Senate Vice Chair

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION [time stamp 01:50:42]

15-0 forward names recommended by committee for Regents Award to Provost.

Voted to extend the meeting by 10 more minutes.
Kenneth Elgersma was elected to be Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate.

Adjournment by 5:40 PM.

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

Zoom chat is appended:

01:04:03 Carissa Froyum: Thank you, Becky, for your years of service
01:04:23 bekyhawbaker: Thanks, everyone!
01:04:24 Christopher Martin: YES, thank you Becky!
01:04:30 David Grant: Reacted to "Thank you, Becky, fo..." with ❤️
01:04:34 David Grant: Reacted to "YES, thank you Becky..." with ❤️
01:04:35 Robert Earle (he/him): Reacted to "Thank you, Becky, fo..." with ❤️
01:14:02 Jeremy Schraffenberger:
https://senate.uni.edu/sites/default/files/unifi_faculty_senate_report_4_24_23.pdf
01:16:47 Scott Peters: How many students have declared a UNIFI certificate so far?
01:22:43 Robert Earle (he/him): Thanks for the thorough report, Jeremy! Just to clarify: Anne Marie Gruber is the Textbook Equity LIBRARIAN not "champion." Rod Library (in coordination with Anne Marie Gruber) recognizes faculty each year as "Textbook Equity Champions." But, it is certainly true, in my view, that she is a champion of textbook equity here at UNI.
01:29:09 Jose Herrera: Thank you, Jim and Jeff. Thank you for your service.
01:29:29 bekyhawbaker: Jeff was also a UF leader in multiple positions.
01:29:34 Jeffrey Funderburk: Thank you, Francis !!
01:29:43 Michael Conrad: Reacted to "Jeff was also a UF l..." with 🙌
01:29:44 bekyhawbaker: As was Jim.
01:30:05 Christopher Martin: Reacted to "Jeff was also a UF l..." with 👍
01:30:13 Christopher Martin: Reacted to "As was Jim." with 👍
02:09:11 Jonathan Chenoweth (he/him): Removing the red additions to A.4 still leaves in place the words "from another person," which does not address AI.
02:09:36 Francis Degnin Chair, University Faculty Senate: Agreed
02:13:03 Robert Earle (he/him): I thank faculty for bringing these fresh perspectives, but I myself think the "unauthorized use of AI" language, given as an example, is merited. Indeed, if there is a misguided application of this by a faculty member, there is a student appeal process.