



Faculty Senate

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Agenda for meeting of Thursday, December 5, 2024, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Location: In person at the Charge on Chamber, Student Union, Room 340

For those unable to make the in person meeting due to travel, location, or health issues, there is a Zoom option:

<https://ucf.zoom.us/j/99470374100?pwd=QTZ3ZDcyK0tIWTVJVURYR3UwTXY5Zz09>

Passcode: 309810

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call via Qualtrics
3. Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2024
4. Recognition of Guests
5. Announcements
6. Report of the Senate Chair
7. Report of the President
8. Report of the Provost
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - a) Resolution 2024-2025-3 Bylaws Amendment: Including Office of Research Faculty into the Faculty Senate
11. Committee Reports
 - a) B&A Committee: Amanda Major Chair of B&A Committee
 - b) IT Committee: Jim Gallo, Steering Liaison for IT Committee
 - c) Personnel Committee: Karol Lucken, Chair of Personnel Committee
 - d) Research Council: Linda Walters, Chair of Research Council
 - e) Graduate Council: Reid Oetjen, Chair of Graduate Program Review and Awards Committee, Steering Liaison for Graduate Council
 - f) Undergraduate Council: Tina Chiarelli, Chair of UCRC, Steering Liaison for Undergraduate Council
12. Campus Climate Reports
 - a) Student Success Update
Paul Dosal, Senior Vice President for Student Success
13. Other Business
14. Adjournment

Resolution 2024-2025-3
Faculty Bylaw Amendment:
Including Office of Research Faculty into the Faculty Senate

Whereas, UCF general faculty that previously resided in the College of Graduate Studies were a part of the Faculty Senate, including having two senators apportioned to the College of Graduate Studies as well as having faculty as members of multiple Faculty Senate committees as representatives of the College of Graduate Studies, and

Whereas, there was a recent relocation of UCF faculty from the College of Graduate Studies into either the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences or the Office of Research, and

Whereas, those faculty integrated into the College of Engineering and Computer Science will continue to be part of the Faculty Senate including being eligible to serve as senators representing the College of Engineering and Computer Science and to also serve on Faculty Senate committees as members from the College of Engineering and Computer Science, and

Whereas, the faculty relocated to the Office of Research have previously demonstrated exemplary service to the Faculty Senate as shown by their membership as senators within the Faculty Senate and their service on critical Faculty Senate committees, including multiple years where those relocated Office of Research faculty served as the chairs and vice chairs of Faculty Senate committees; and

Whereas, the UCF faculty located in the Office of Research participate in teaching, research, and service; and

Whereas, faculty members associated with Institutes and Centers under the Office of Research contribute external grant funding in support of the research mission of UCF as well as multiple research-focused preeminence metrics, and these faculty undergo evaluations conducted by their directors, who report to the Vice President of Research, who subsequently reports to the provost; and

Whereas, the UCF Faculty Constitution Article II. A. states that “In establishing representation, the Faculty Senate may determine that a unit be represented that is not a recognized college”; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate would benefit from the addition of the general faculty within the Office of Research as senators and as members of the roughly thirty Faculty Senate committees; therefore

Be It Resolved that the Faculty Bylaws Section I.A be amended to add the Office of Research as an academic unit for the purposes of representation within the senate.