



Faculty Senate

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Minutes for meeting of Thursday, February 19, 2026, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order – 3:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call via Qualtrics
3. Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2026 – Minutes approved.
4. Recognition of in-person Guests –
Provost John Buckwalter

Joel Cramer, Interim Vice Provost for Faculty Excellence
Rebecca Richards, Vice Provost, Integrated Academic Planning, and Chief of Operations, Academic Affairs
Bert Francis, Acting Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, University Treasurer

Marc Mendonca, Associate Vice President for Research and Scholarship
Soraya Pearson, Chief of Staff for Student Government
5. Motion to move committee reports to the beginning of the meeting was seconded and passed unanimously, and the following reports were presented at the meeting:

B&A committee, Jim Gallo, Steering liaison
IT committee, Crystal Maraj, Steering liaison
Personnel committee, Nicole Lapeyrouse, Steering liaison -No Report
Research Council, Linda Walters, Research Council chair -No Report
Undergraduate Council, Nicole Lapeyrouse, Steering liaison
Graduate Council, Reid Oetjen, Steering liaison
6. Announcements –
Chair King shared the following announcements:
 - a. We are near the end of the 2025-2026 senate session

- i) There is one more full senate meeting, does affect resolutions
 - ii) Today's meeting is the last meeting for Bylaw resolutions
 - iii) Standard resolutions can still come before the senate, but they must come through the next steering committee meeting
- b. Senate elections – the senate will increase to 85 senators after this election (2026) and then go up to 100 senators after the 2027 elections
 - c. Allocation – how the different units are going to divide their senators
 - i) Shared how many senators each college or similar academic unit was apportioned for the upcoming senate session (details found in the Chair's report)
 - ii) Shared how each college or academic unit will allocate senators within their own units (details found in the Chair's report)
 - d. On track to get voting done by March 1

7. Report of the Senate Chair –

Chair King shared the following report with the senate:

- a. UCF Day at the Capitol
 - i) Monday & Tuesday they met with key legislature and executive branch members to promote the successes of UCF and promote DOGE findings that showed UCF is working very efficiently
 - ii) Wednesday & Thursday – sat in on the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates and BOG meetings
 - Overall the meetings were good

- H1-B Visas: the BOG has proposed a regulation for a one year moratorium for H1B visas for new employees
- b. Auxiliary fund usage – shared that the resolution passed at last senate meeting was presented to the president, provost, and BOT
 - i) They had a workshop to discuss the options for how this money could be used
 - ii) Appears that significant will go to athletics, but they did hear additional proposals that focus on core academic mission of the university
- c. Chair King took questions on whether or not the moratorium on H1B visas is in effect now – Provost Buckwalter shared that there will not be any new hires that require a new H1B visa at this time

8. Report of the President and Provost –

The president was unable to attend the meeting, so Provost Buckwalter presented the following report for both of them:

- a. The provost had come to the meeting from the COS Dean search, and encouraged faculty to give feedback for this and the other dean searches
- b. School of Technology Leadership and Innovation – even though this is being housed in the College of Business, please understand this is a university wide project, and if you have ideas, please share them. We want this to go along with our strategic plan
- c. Shared the H1B visas discussion that just happened amongst the BOG members in Tallahassee

- i) The provost thought of all the comments were positive, including the comments from the student at FSU that is on the BOG – he was brilliant.
 - ii) Feels that there may be some more opportunities for discussion, and encouraged faculty to please provide feedback because it might make a difference
- d. Shared information about the approved undergraduate sociology syllabus and curriculum
- i) This is work that was done with faculty members from the sociology department at FSU
 - This is a syllabus and curriculum that is faculty driven and not done by the BOG
 - ii) The Bog signed off on this showing that it met with state requirements
 - There is no mandate that this has to be used; however, if you do use this, you know it is already approved and complies with state laws
 - If you decide to use something else, you will have some additional work to do
- e. Shared information about BOT meeting and the new chair and trustees that are on the board
- i) Meeting about auxiliary funds – if funds are used for athletics, they need to generate revenue
 - ii) We are trying to become an AAU institution, this auxiliary funding is an opportunity for both athletics and the academics of university to help us get to that goal
- f. Thanked the library for hosting an event that showcased books published by our faculty
- g. The provost took questions on:

- i) An update on Gerald Hector leaving the university
- ii) Faculty and staff compensation

9. Unfinished Business – none

10. New Business

- a) The chair recognized faculty senators with 10 and 20 Years of Faculty Senate Service
- b) 10-year Senators – Senator Kristine Shrauger, UCF Libraries & Chair Steve King, College of Medicine
 - i) 20-year Senator – Senator Ahmad Elshennawy, Engineering and Computer Sciences
- b. Nominating Committee Update
 - i) Chair King shared an update from Committee Chair Self – the committee will bring review all candidates that are nominated and bring them before the 2026-2027 senate to be voted on
- c. Resolution 2025-2026-5: Bylaw Amendment: Allocation of Senators
 - i) Proposed amendment to Resolution 2025-2026-5 (*this resolution is open to debate and vote*)
 - ii) No second needed came from Bylaw committee
 - iii) Current bylaws say colleges and units need to determine allocation of senators every single year – only need to do this when there is a change or unit faculty want to have this done
 - iv) Amendment to strike “authorized by” and replace with “supported by a vote of” and to amend line 29 to add “a

petition of” so the line now reads, “or by a petition of at least ten”

- Amendment was seconded and approved
- v) Amended resolution was approved
- d. Resolution 2025-2026-7: Bylaw Amendment: Steering Committee Composition, Steering Committee Duties and Responsibilities, and Related Areas of the Bylaws. (*this resolution is for discussion only*)
 - i) Vice Chair Kauffman took over for the discussion of this resolution, so Chair King could introduce and present this resolution
 - ii) Resolution will be brought up for discussion and vote at the next senate meeting

11. Campus Climate Report –

a) Acting Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Bert Francis

- i) Bert shared a UCF Budget and Finances campus climate report with the Senate. He introduced himself to the Senate, shared his vision for the budget and finance department as we move into the future, and shared his commitment to “open communication” and transparency

12. Other Business – there was no other business of the senate

13. Adjournment – 4:38

Daniel Seigler

2/21/2026

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Date

Secretary, Faculty Senate

Feb 19th Senate chair announcements and report
Welcome everyone.

First announcement,

We are getting near the end of the 2026-2027 senate session....with just one more full Senate meeting after this one before the new senate terms start.

As a reminder: the April 23rd senate meeting is the first meeting of **the NEXT senate session**, and that is when we will have our senate officer elections for next year.

Being near the end of the current 2025 session affects the resolution process:

This is last meeting for bylaws resolutions to have their initial discussion at the senate..., we have one Bylaw resolution, resolution 5, Allocation of Senators up for debate and vote today, with a second resolution, resolution 7 on the Steering committee, up for discussion today and then debate and vote next month

Standard resolutions can be brought to steering at the March steering meeting, with debate and action at the march Senate meeting

Second announcement:

An update on senate elections

Apportionment at 85

	Faculty	Senators	
COS	392	17	COS
CAH	291	14	CAH
CECS	281	13	CECS
CCIE	195	9	CCIE
COM	158	7	COM
CBA	126	6	CBA
CHPS	120	5	CHPS
CON	73	3	CON
ROSEN	61	3	ROSEN
LIB	34	2	LIB
CREOL	29	2	CREOL
DDL	21	2	DDL
OFF RES	20	2	OFF RES
TOTAL	1801	85	TOTAL

Allocation across the university

Rosen	all at large
DDL	all at large
LIB	all at large
CREOL	all at large
OR	all at large/dif units
CAH	2/unit rest at large

CON	1/unit rest at Large
CHPS	1/unit rest at Large
CBA	1/unit rest at Large
CCIE	1/unit rest at Large
CECS	1/unit rest at Large
COS	1/unit rest all proportional
COM	1/unit, BSBS +1, 1 at large not BSBS

On Jan 30th, the end of the third week of the semester, all colleges and units were given the information about the number of senators apportioned to their unit, as well as information on the exact departmental and/or at large elections to hold

All units are on track to finish votes by March 1st, as required by the Bylaws. If there are further questions about the elections, please reach out to me or Yaneries.

My report. I'll provide an update of my actions and those of vice chair Kauffman in Tallahassee the last week of January. And then I will share an update on the Board of Trustees workshop on Auxiliary funds that happened yesterday.

Monday and Tuesday of the last week in January I was with several trustees, the president, and the provost. We met with key legislative and executive branch leaders, doing our best to help convince them that UCF is doing some wonderful things for the state, including graduating the most nurses, the most engineers and technology grads, and taking in the most transfer students of any university in the SUS.

As part of our message **we forcefully conveyed** the results of the state's own DOGE report which shows UCF is woefully underfunded on a per student basis relative to the other SUS universities.

There was strong support for the mission and the results UCF gets... I am not sure if or how that may turn into financial support for UCF in the coming year. Since that time the initial budget has come out, and with House and senate budgets not in agreement, what will matter for UCF is what happens during reconciliation.

Ok back to my Tallahassee week: on Wednesday and Thursday of that last week in January Vice chair Jeff Kauffman and I were at the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates meeting and the Florida Board of Governors meeting. The meetings were generally uneventful, which is actually a big plus compared to other meetings in the past few years where restrictive actions were discussed by the BOG and forced upon state universities.

The most important aspect of the meeting I want to convey to you is about H1B visas for new university hires.

There was a regulation up for comment that would put a moratorium on new H1Bs for any university employees until Jan 5th 2027. Incidentally, that is Governor Desantis's last day in office. The BOGs moratorium would automatically expire on that day.

At the BOG meeting, the faculty BOG Governor and the student BOG governor made extremely strong cases of how damaging this moratorium would be, and the ensuing discussion of the moratorium gave a glimmer of hope that some additional exceptions or carve outs may be possible. One thing the new Chair of the BOG requested was more data on current and past H1B holders, as well as the impact this could have on key areas of faculty hiring and growth in strategically critical areas.

It's with that in mind that I sent my email on February 2nd, asking faculty to weigh in on the impact this moratorium could have on university hiring and the ability of Florida to be a leader in higher education in the country. I hope you and your colleagues that may see the benefits of the H1B program were able to comment as directed in the email. The more the BOG understand about this issue, the more likely they may temper the moratorium when they make a final decision on the regulation change.

Can I count on anything? Absolutely not... but I believe there is a chance our actions can improve the situation for us.

OK, now I'll shift gears to the topic of **auxiliary fund usage**. If you remember, at our previous Senate meeting, we approved resolution 6 **Strategic Utilization of Auxiliary Funds to Support UCF's Research Mission**. After being approved, the resolution was presented to the provost, the president, and to the Board of Trustees chair and vice chair for their information of the sense of the senate.

Further, it was just yesterday that the Board of Trustees had a workshop where we further discussed the Auxiliary fund balance and potential ways those funds could be used, **but we did not take any action**. What was new at the workshop was that several ideas and concepts for use of the funds were presented and brought forward for questions and comments.

Looking ahead, the Board of Trustees will have multiple plans and options for usage of the auxiliary funds brought to the Board for debate, action, and vote at the April Board meeting.

From the sentiment of the trustees, I have the strong feeling that a significant amount of Auxiliary funds, probably at least half, will go to Athletics for specific revenue generating projects. I made sure that additional proposals that support the core academic mission will also be brought to the April meeting for consideration.

Where will the Board of Trustees decide to use the auxiliary funds? We will have to see how the discussion goes in April.

Nominating committee update (Feb. 19th Senate)

Committee

Bill Self (Chair)

Linda Walters

James Gallo

The nominating committee will be meeting for the first time in late February. At this meeting we will go over the bylaws and election process, as well as discuss any potential candidates who have contacted us with an interest in serving in an officer role (to date). We will review the university wide communication that will be sent to faculty for nominations, as well as the timeline for this email and our next meeting. We will discuss the process we will follow to reach out to all nominees and to subsequently bring our list of candidates to the March steering committee meeting.

I appreciate the confidence you have in me in this role, now for the fifth time as (acting) past chair. Sorry I can't be there in person to give the update as I am currently out of town on travel.

**Resolution 2025-2026-5: Bylaw Amendment:
Allocation of Senators within Academic Units**

Whereas, each spring, Senate-recognized academic units receive an apportionment of Senate seats and must determine how those seats are allocated within the unit; and

Whereas, current *Faculty Senate Bylaws* require academic units to vote on an internal allocation system every year, even when the same system is repeatedly reaffirmed; and

Whereas, mandatory annual votes often delay Senator elections and unnecessarily compress the election timeline when no change to the allocation system is desired; and

Whereas, units should retain the ability to review and change their internal allocation system when faculty interest exists; therefore

Be It Resolved, that *Section II.C* of the *Faculty Senate Bylaws* be amended by replacing the second paragraph with the following:

Each academic unit shall, by majority vote of its faculty, establish a system for the internal allocation of its apportioned Senate representation (e.g., at the academic unit level, by department, by proportional department size, by a combination of methods, or other comparable systems). Upon approval, the allocation system shall remain in effect in subsequent years unless a new allocation vote is properly authorized and conducted as provided in *Bylaws, Section II.D*.

Be It Further Resolved, that the *Faculty Senate Bylaws* be amended with a new *Section II.D* as follows:

D. Authorization and Completion of a New Allocation Vote

A new allocation vote may be authorized under two conditions. First, a request for a new allocation vote shall be authorized upon email or written petition by at least one-third of the academic unit's Senators, or by at least ten percent of the general faculty of the academic unit. Second, the Faculty Senate Chair, or any Senator from the academic unit, may formally request that the academic unit consider whether to initiate a new allocation vote. Such a request shall proceed to a full allocation vote only if supported by a vote of at least one-third of the academic unit's Senators, or by a petition of at least ten percent of the general faculty of the academic unit. Only requests meeting one of the above authorization thresholds shall proceed to a faculty allocation vote.

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semester release of the academic unit's apportionment data. Allocation vote requests may also be initiated and authorized at any time during the summer or fall semesters for future election cycles.

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CURRENT BYLAWS

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Those defined as members of the general faculty in *Bylaws, Section 1.A* shall be eligible to be elected to the Faculty Senate. Visiting faculty, regardless of their rank or duration of appointment, are not eligible to serve on the Faculty Senate.

B. Apportionment

The Faculty Senate shall be composed of one hundred elected members equitably apportioned among and representing the academic units of the University of Central Florida in accordance with the following apportionment criteria.

Apportionment will be made only once each year, based on the number of individuals who are members of the general faculty and are listed as faculty on official records of the university on the first day of the spring semester of that year.

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Proposed Amendment to Resolution 5: Bylaw Amendment: Allocation of Senators

Original Bylaw Amendment

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29 or **by a petition of at least** ten
30 percent of the general faculty of the academic unit. Only requests meeting one of the
31 above authorization thresholds shall proceed to a faculty allocation vote.

1 **Resolution 2025-2026-7: Bylaws Amendment:**

2 **Steering Committee Composition, Steering Committee Duties and Responsibilities,**
3 **and Related Areas of the Bylaws**

4 **Whereas**, The Faculty Senate Steering Committee is the executive committee of the
5 Faculty Senate and as such plays critical roles in setting the agenda for Faculty Senate
6 meetings, overseeing Senate elections, approving resolutions, steering topics to particular
7 Faculty Senate Committees, and acting for the Senate during emergencies; and

8 **Whereas**, because the number of senators in the Faculty Senate is expanding from 75 to
9 100 over a two-year period, there will be a change in the composition of the Steering
10 Committee; and

11 **Whereas**, the current Bylaws state that the total membership of the Steering Committee is
12 20% of the Faculty Senate membership and is allocated according to the formula shown in
13 Section VI.A.1.b; and

14 **Whereas**, in light of an expanding Faculty Senate and concomitant expanding Steering
15 Committee membership, the Steering Committee evaluated the Bylaws regarding its
16 composition and duties and responsibilities to identify where updates to the Bylaws would
17 better reflect current practice and provide the representation needed for the Steering
18 Committee's duties and responsibilities; and

19 **Whereas**, the analysis of the Steering Committee Bylaws identified other areas of the
20 Bylaws that fail to clearly delineate duties or responsibilities of the Steering Committee
21 from those of the entire Faculty Senate; therefore

22 **Be It Resolved**, that the Steering Committee *Bylaws in Sections VI.A.1-4* be replaced with
23 the text below:

24 **A. Steering Committee**

25 1. Composition.

26 The Steering Committee is composed of the chair of the Faculty Senate, the vice
27 chair, the secretary of the Faculty Senate, and the immediate past chair of the Senate.
28 In addition to the current officers and the immediate past chair of the Faculty Senate,
29 senators on the Steering Committee shall be apportioned as provided below. Steering
30 Committee members shall be elected by a majority vote of senators present and
31 voting within each of the academic units. There shall be no voting by proxy.

- 32 a. Each academic unit will have one representative on the Steering Committee.
33 b. Units with at least 10 Senators will have one additional representative on the
34 Steering Committee.
35 c. In the event of a vacancy on the Steering Committee, the senators of that
36 academic unit shall elect a replacement from amongst its membership.

- 37 2. Duties and Responsibilities of the Steering Committee.
- 38 a. To serve as the “executive committee” of the Faculty Senate.
- 39 b. To act on behalf of the Senate on matters declared by the chair of the Faculty
- 40 Senate to be of an emergency nature. Any action taken in this respect by the
- 41 Steering Committee shall be reported by the chair of the Faculty Senate to the
- 42 members of the Faculty Senate at or before the next regular meeting. The
- 43 Senate shall then review such action. The chair of the Faculty Senate will give
- 44 the members of the Senate advance notice of the emergency meeting of the
- 45 Steering Committee, if feasible.
- 46 c. To serve as an advisory body of the chair of the Faculty Senate on any matter
- 47 which the chair of the Faculty Senate brings before the Steering Committee.
- 48 Meetings of an advisory nature need not be announced or reported to the
- 49 Faculty Senate either before or after they occur.
- 50 d. To monitor Senate elections, Senate Officer elections, and academic unit
- 51 allocation votes, and ensure that the Office of the Faculty Senate maintains all
- 52 election and vote records.
- 53 e. To develop Faculty Senate agendas. Additional items may be added to the
- 54 agenda at any meeting of the Senate under new business by majority vote. Final
- 55 action on any resolutions added to the agenda during a meeting cannot be taken
- 56 prior to the next Senate meeting.
- 57 f. To consider resolutions forwarded by Senate committees and to forward them to
- 58 the full Senate or refer them back to the Senate committee.
- 59 g. To appoint from its membership liaisons to each of the Senate operational
- 60 committees and curricular councils. Liaisons shall report on committee or
- 61 council activities at Steering Committee meetings.
- 62 h. To periodically review Senate operational, curricular, and joint committees and
- 63 councils. Creation of new committees and changes in any committee's charter,
- 64 membership, or duties and responsibilities shall be conveyed to the Faculty
- 65 Senate for consideration as amendments to the *Bylaws*.
- 66 i. To serve as a faculty advisory body to the president of the university and to the
- 67 provost and vice president for Academic Affairs when requested.
- 68 j. To act in executive session when the Faculty Senate is not in session. All
- 69 recommendations made as the Senate's "executive committee" shall be reported
- 70 to the Senate and be subject to review and approval by the Faculty Senate.
- 71 k. To request information from any member of the faculty or administration and
- 72 invite any such person to meet with the Steering Committee and/or the full
- 73 Senate for consultation or advice on matters within its jurisdiction.
- 74 l. To establish ad hoc committees to facilitate its work.

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3. Meetings

77 The Steering Committee will normally meet two weeks prior to the regular
78 Faculty Senate meeting, at the discretion of the chair of the Faculty Senate, who
79 will chair this committee.

80 4. Quorum

81 A quorum for meetings of the Steering Committee shall consist of a majority of
82 the voting members.

83 and;

84 **Be It Further Resolved**, that Bylaws Section II.C add the following sentence after the last
85 line of the current text:

86 The Office of the Faculty Senate shall maintain all election records.

87 and;

88 **Be It Further Resolved**, that Bylaws Section IV Meetings of the Senate .I Resolution be
89 amended to state:

90 I Resolutions

91 As the elected body of the general faculty, the Faculty Senate may formulate its opinion
92 upon any subject of interest to the university and adopt appropriate resolutions. Resolutions
93 addressing those areas of authority legally reserved to the president and Board of Trustees
94 are advisory. A Resolution must be on the agenda of a Senate meeting and provided in the
95 meeting materials at least one week before a Senate meeting for final action on the
96 Resolution. Final action on any resolutions added to the agenda during a meeting cannot be
97 taken prior to the next Senate meeting. Each resolution adopted by the Faculty Senate is
98 forwarded to the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs who shall act upon the
99 recommendation within 60 days. The provost and vice president for Academic Affairs shall
100 have veto power over any resolution by the Senate. The veto or denial with rationale shall be
101 communicated in writing to the Faculty Senate and the chair of the Faculty Senate. The
102 Senate, by a two-thirds majority vote, may appeal to the president any resolution vetoed. A
103 subsequent veto or denial by the president shall be communicated in writing to the Faculty
104 Senate and to the chair of the Faculty Senate within 60 days. The Senate, by a two-thirds
105 majority vote, may appeal to the Board of Trustees any action so vetoed. A decision by the
106 Board of Trustees is final.

Comparison of current and proposed **Bylaws Section II Senate Membership:**

Current Bylaws:

Proposed Bylaws:

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No later than the fourth week of the spring semester, the Office of the Faculty Senate will provide each academic unit with a list of faculty eligible for election to the Faculty Senate and the number of seats to be filled. On receiving this information, the academic unit will conduct an election.

An open call for nomination, including self-nomination, is expected.

Each academic unit will report election results to the Office of the Faculty Senate no later than March 1. In order to provide a current list of alternate members of the Senate, each academic unit will also forward the number of votes cast for each candidate for any election. If an alternate is needed, the alternate with the highest number of votes from the most recent election shall serve. If no alternate is provided, or no alternate can serve, a special election must be held. The chair of the Faculty Senate will certify all Senate elections.

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Comparison of current and proposed **Bylaws for Section IV.I.**

Current Bylaws:

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Comparison of current and proposed **Bylaws for Section VI.A.1**

Current Bylaws

1. Composition.

The Steering Committee is composed of the chair of the Faculty Senate, the vice chair, the secretary of the Faculty Senate, and the immediate past chair of the Senate. In addition to the current officers and the immediate past chair of the Faculty Senate, ~~the total number of~~ senators on the Steering Committee shall be ~~no greater than one-fifth (20) of the total number of senators (100) and~~ apportioned as provided below. Steering Committee members shall be elected by a majority vote of senators present and voting within each of the academic units. There shall be no voting by proxy.

a. Each academic unit will have one representative on the Steering Committee.

~~b. The apportionment of the remaining seats of the Steering Committee (after the provision in Section VI, A.1.a is implemented) shall be derived as follows:~~

$$\left(\frac{\text{Number of general faculty from each academic unit with 5 or more senators}}{\text{Total number of general faculty from all academic units with 5 or more senators}} \right) \times \text{remaining number of vacant seats}$$

~~e. Vacant seats shall be allocated in descending order of the calculation in Bylaws, Section VI.A1.b until all seats are filled.~~

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c. In the event of a vacancy on the Steering Committee, the senators of that academic unit shall elect a replacement from amongst its membership.

Comparison of current and proposed **Bylaws for Sections VI.A.2-4.**

Current Bylaws

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<p>2. Duties and Responsibilities of the Steering Committee.</p> <p>a. To serve as the “executive committee” of the Faculty Senate.</p> <p>b. To act on behalf of the Senate on matters declared by the chair of the Faculty Senate to be of an emergency nature. Any action taken in this respect by the Steering Committee shall be reported by the chair of the Faculty Senate to the members of the Faculty Senate at or before the next regular meeting. The Senate shall then review such action. The chair of the Faculty Senate will give the members of the Senate advance notice of the emergency meeting of the Steering Committee, if feasible.</p> <p>c. To serve as an advisory body of the chair of the Faculty Senate on any matter which the chair of the Faculty Senate brings before it. Meetings of an advisory nature need not be announced or reported to the Faculty Senate either before or after they occur.</p> <p>d. To monitor Senate elections and maintain election records.</p> <p>e. To develop Faculty Senate agendas. Items may be added to the agenda at any meeting of the Senate under new business by majority vote. Final action on the resolutions not on the agenda cannot be taken prior to the next Senate meeting.</p> <p>f. To consider resolutions forwarded by Senate committees and to forward them to the full Senate or refer them back to the Senate committee.</p>	<p>2. Duties and Responsibilities of the Steering Committee.</p> <p>a. To serve as the “executive committee” of the Faculty Senate.</p> <p>b. To act on behalf of the Senate on matters declared by the chair of the Faculty Senate to be of an emergency nature. Any action taken in this respect by the Steering Committee shall be reported by the chair of the Faculty Senate to the members of the Faculty Senate at or before the next regular meeting. The Senate shall then review such action. The chair of the Faculty Senate will give the members of the Senate advance notice of the emergency meeting of the Steering Committee, if feasible.</p> <p>c. To serve as an advisory body of the chair of the Faculty Senate on any matter which the chair of the Faculty Senate brings before the Steering Committee. Meetings of an advisory nature need not be announced or reported to the Faculty Senate either before or after they occur.</p> <p>d. To monitor Senate elections, Senate Officer elections, and academic unit allocation votes, and ensure that the Office of the Faculty Senate maintains all election and vote records.</p> <p>e. To develop Faculty Senate agendas. Additional items may be added to the agenda at any meeting of the Senate under new business by majority vote. Final action on any resolutions added to the agenda during a meeting cannot be taken prior to the next Senate meeting.</p> <p>f. To consider resolutions forwarded by Senate committees and to forward them to the full Senate or refer them back to the Senate committee.</p>
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g. To appoint from its membership liaisons to each of the **Senate committees who shall serve as non-voting members of these committees.** Liaisons shall **act as a resource to the committees and** report on **committee** activities at Steering Committee meetings.

~~h. To act as a committee on amendments to the *Constitution* and the *Bylaws*.~~

i. To periodically review Senate operational, curricular, and joint committees and councils. Creation of new committees and changes in any committee's charter, membership, or duties and responsibilities shall be conveyed to the Faculty Senate for consideration as amendments to the *Bylaws*.

j. To serve as a faculty advisory body to the president of the university and to the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs when requested.

k. To act in executive session when the Faculty Senate is not in session. **In this capacity, a majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum.** All recommendations made as the Senate's "executive committee" shall be reported to the Senate and be subject to review and approval by the Faculty Senate.

l. To request information from any member of the faculty or administration and invite any such person to **meet with it** for consultation or advice on matters within its jurisdiction.

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<p>3. Meetings The Steering Committee will normally meet two weeks prior to the regular Faculty Senate meeting, at the discretion of the chair of the Faculty Senate, who will chair this committee.</p> <p>4. Quorum A quorum for meetings of the Steering Committee shall consist of fifty percent of the voting members.</p>	<p>3. Meetings The Steering Committee will normally meet two weeks prior to the regular Faculty Senate meeting, at the discretion of the chair of the Faculty Senate, who will chair this committee.</p> <p>4. Quorum A quorum for meetings of the Steering Committee shall consist of a majority of the voting members.</p>

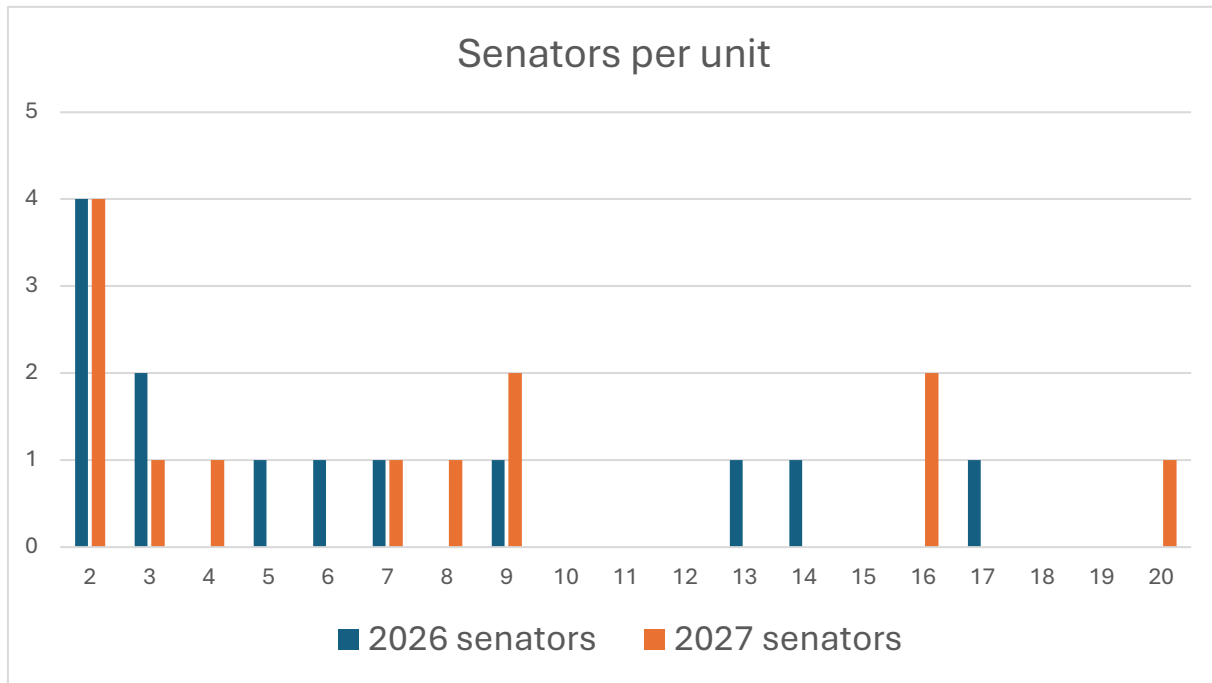
Support material for Resolution 2025-2026-7

Below is a table showing the number of faculty and senators in each unit this year (2026), and the estimated number of senators next year (2027) when the senate goes to 100 total senators.

2026 faculty		2026 senators	2027 senators?
392	COS	17	20
291	CAH	14	16
281	CECS	13	16
195	CCIE	9*	9*
158	COM	7	9
126	CBA	6	7
120	CHPS	5*	8*
73	CON	3	4
61	ROSEN	3	3
34	LIB	2	2
29	CREOL	2	2
21	DDL	2	2
20	OFF RES	2	2
1801	TOTAL	85	100

(* shows planned move of a school from CCIE to CHPS in coming months)

The histogram below shows the senators per each college or unit for 2026, when we have 85 senators, and for 2027, when we have 100 senators.



STEERING MEMBERSHIP

SUS	Officers plus...
UCF	1 per unit PLUS = 20% senate
FAMU	1 per unit
FIU	1 per unit
FAU	6 elected
FSU	7 elected
UF	3 elected plus committee chairs
FGCU	committee chairs
UNF	committee chairs
USF	committee chairs
UWF	committee chairs
FL Poly	NA-too small
New C	NA-too small