



# Faculty Senate

## Faculty Senate

Agenda for meeting of Thursday, January 22, 2026, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

**Zoom Link:**

<https://ucf.zoom.us/j/92804160763?pwd=hOnvbpjhVFo86fz9iSsinVe9g0OXQq.1>

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call via Qualtrics:
3. Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2025
4. Recognition of Guests
5. Announcements
6. Report of the Senate Chair
7. Report of the Provost
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
  - a) Resolution 2025-2026-5: Bylaw Amendment Allocation of Senators
    - i) Proposed amendment to Resolution 2025-2026-5  
(this resolution is for discussion only)
  - b) Resolution 2025-2026-6: Strategic Utilization of Auxiliary Funds to Support UCF's Research Mission  
(this resolution is open for debate and vote)
10. Report of the President
11. Committee Reports
  - B&A Committee- Campus Climate Report Replacing Committee Report
  - IT Committee- Crystal Miraj, IT Committee Steering Liaison
  - Personnel Committee- Matthew Mosher, Personnel committee chair
  - Research Council- Steve Duranceau, Vice Chair Research Council
  - Undergraduate Council- Jason Phillips, UPCC committee chair
  - Graduate Council- Reid Oetjen, Grad Council Steering Liaison
12. Campus Climate Report
  - a) Research Enterprise Update
    - i) Winston Schoenfeld, Vice President for Research and Innovation
13. Other Business
14. Adjournment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21   D. Authorization and Completion of a New Allocation Vote

22   A new allocation vote may be authorized under two conditions. First, a request for a  
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30   above authorization thresholds shall proceed to a faculty allocation vote.

31   To ensure completion of allocation votes in advance of spring Senate elections, all  
32   authorized requests for allocation votes intended for the spring election cycle must be  
33   finalized and submitted to the Faculty Senate Office within one week of the spring  
34   semester release of the academic unit's apportionment data. Allocation vote requests

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38 Senate and the leadership of the academic unit. The Faculty Senate Chair shall certify  
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40 Senate Steering Committee.

## CURRENT BYLAWS

### Section II.

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##### A. General Eligibility

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##### B. Apportionment

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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.

Each academic unit will have a minimum of two representatives, and no academic unit may have more than 1/5 of the total number of members in the Senate. The number of elected members of the Faculty Senate will be apportioned among the academic units as follows:

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

### **Original Bylaw Amendment**

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