



Faculty Senate

Steering Committee

Minutes for meeting of Thursday, January 8, 2026, 3:00 pm

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

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call via Qualtrics
3. Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2025 – Minutes approved as written
4. Recognition of in-person Guests:
 - John Buckwalter, Provost
 - Scott Mauro, Director, Academic Affairs Communications
5. Announcements –

Chair King shared the following announcements with the committee members:

 - a) First, the Senate leadership worked with Student Union IT during the break to fix the audio issues and everything seems to be working properly now
 - b) Second, faculty must use Simple Syllabus for their courses beginning this semester
 - i) This semester it just has to be posted by the first day of class
 - ii) For this summer, your syllabus will need to be posted 45 days prior to the start of the semester
 - c) Third, is the upcoming deadline on accessibility for digital content
 - i) Coming up this semester and the biggest thing is that our course material must be assessable
 - ii) UCF website: [Accessibility at UCF: Building an Accessible Future](#)
 - d) Fourth, the Chair discussed the drop off in committee attendance that typically occurs during the Spring semester
 - i) Things happen and we know that, but there is a mechanism built into the Bylaws for replacing people if needed
 - ii) Please reach out to us if you see that someone needs to be replaced, and we will work with you
6. Report of the Senate Chair –

Chair King shared the following report with the committee members:

 - a) First are the upcoming Senate elections – Senator Denoyelles helped us with an election model



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- i) Website Election Module: <https://webcourses.ucf.edu/enroll/CLRRMX>
- ii) The chair shared a deeper dive into the process because steering has a role in monitoring the process
- iii) 3 key dates:
 - (1) On January 12th, the Faculty Senate office will receive a report from Faculty Excellence of all UCF employed general faculty – once received, the senate office will work with college and unit staff to verify who is eligible for Senate
 - (2) January 20th – units confirm the faculty list, and the senate can then apportion senators to each college or unit.
 - (3) Apportionment limitations: Every college gets at least two senators, and no college can have more than 20% of the total number of senators. The actual number depends on the proportion of faculty in that college or unit.
 - (4) Each college or unit is currently holding votes to determine how they will internally allocate senators
 - (5) February 2nd – all information about what elections to hold will be sent to colleges and units
 - (6) March 1st – Departmental and at-large votes must be completed, so new senators can be seated in April.

7. Report of the Provost –

Provost Buckwalter shared the following information with the committee members:

- a) There are currently 3 leadership searches
 - i) College of Sciences Dean
 - (1) This is further along than the other two searches
 - (2) Finalists expected on campus in February
 - (3) The provost views deans as university leaders and encouraged all faculty to share their voice in this search whether or not we are in the College of Sciences
 - ii) Vice Provost for Faculty Excellence – we should have finalists on campus in April with the goal of having someone selected by the end of the semester
 - iii) Dean of the College of Graduate Studies
 - (1) This position reports to Dr. Tim Letzring



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- (2) This search should also conclude by end semester
- b) Deans have a 5-year tenure review process (just like faculty have the post-tenure review process), and there are three deans up for this review:
 - i) Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities
 - ii) Dean of UCF Libraries
 - iii) Dean of College of Optics and Photonics
 - iv) He encouraged faculty who will be providing feedback as part of these reviews to think about evaluations they receive
 - (1) What is the most helpful feedback you receive
 - (2) Think about this when you are providing feedback for the dean's in these evaluations
- c) Commencement – Seeing students graduate confirms why we do what we do
 - i) UCF awarded over 6000 degrees this past Fall (2025)
 - ii) 140 faculty members attended the ceremony, and the provost expressed his appreciation for all the faculty who were there
 - iii) The provost also recognized the behind-the-scenes staff who work tirelessly to make this event successful
 - iv) Commencement is a collective effort of faculty and staff, and the provost appreciates the work everyone does to make this happen
- d) The provost also shared a trustee update from the last BOT Meeting – two new trustees:
 - i) Trustee Jeff Vahle – President of Walt Disney Resort
 - ii) Trustee Alan Flores – Chief Sales Officer at Foundation Risk Partners
 - (1) Provost Buckwalter expressed his deep appreciation for departing Trustee Tiffany Altizer for her service on the Board and recognized her efforts; we owe her a debt of gratitude for her service to the Board
- e) College listening tours – the provost will continue to do that this semester
 - i) Follow-up with strategic plans in the units
 - ii) Update on where we are on budget model
 - (1) More clarity and transparency on our budget models
 - (2) Will be bringing the Chief Financial Officer to help explain the budget
 - (3) Whatever model you use, at the end you have the same goal –



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decide what you are going to fund

(4) He wants us to have the opportunity to get ideas on the radar

- f) Reconstituted Strategic Planning Council – plan on meeting with them and getting their feedback
 - g) Provost finished his report by thanking the faculty for all they do
 - h) Chair King also recognized Trustee Altizer for all she has done in guiding UCF
8. Unfinished Business – No unfinished business
9. New Business –
- a) Resolution 2025-2026-5: Bylaw Amendment Allocation of Senators
 - i) Vice Chair Kaufman moved to steer this to the Senate
 - ii) Resolution does not need a second because it comes from a committee, and it cannot be debated at this time
 - iii) Committee Chair Self introduced the resolution and explained this is being proposed to help clean up the process before we move into the expansion of the senate
 - iv) Motion passes: resolution goes to full senate
 - b) Resolution 2025-2026-6: Strategic Utilization of Auxiliary Funds to Support UCF’s Research Mission
 - i) Vice Chair Kauffman presided while this resolution was discussed
 - ii) Chair King moved to approve the resolution – motion was seconded
 - iii) This does not come from a committee, so did need a second and can be fully debated and amended at this meeting
 - iv) Chair King introduced the resolution and explained its purpose
 - v) Proposed amendment to Line 26 – change the word “for” so it now reads “to support the academic goals of the strategic plan including the strategic research investments that directly accelerate UCF’s trajectory toward AAU eligibility and national research prominence,”
 - (1) Amendment was seconded and approved
 - vi) Motion to amend the following from Lines 21-24: “*Whereas, Board of Governors Regulation 9.013 authorizes, for a three-year period, the transfer of auxiliary funds to university athletics programs, creating an immediate and consequential decision point for how UCF will deploy available non-recurring auxiliary resources;*” to “*Whereas, Board of Governors Regulation 9.013 authorizes, for a three-year period, the*



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transfer of auxiliary funds to university athletics programs. However, these nonrecurring auxiliary funds could also be spent in impactful ways in support of the academic goals of the strategic plan.” Strick the rest of the clause

(1) Amendment was seconded and approved

vii) Vote to steer the resolution as amended passed

c) Senate Agenda for January 22

i) Motion to add Winston Schoenfeld, Vice President for Research and Innovation to the agenda

ii) Motion was seconded and approved

d) Steering Committee Bylaws: Potential Amendments

i) The current bylaws with the proposed changes are in the agenda

ii) Further discussion today with the goal of having a resolution for the next steering meeting in February for approval

10. Committee Reports –

a) Motion to waive committee reports and adjourn was seconded and approved

11. Other Business – None

12. Adjournment – 5:05 p.m.

Daniel Seigler

01/10/2026

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Date

Secretary, Faculty Senate

JAN 8th steering committee chair announcements and report

Announcements:

First announcement,

I know we have had some recent issues with sound quality in our hybrid format. We worked with the IT staff here in the student union and identified and fixed several issues. We also have a backup system in place in case the microphones at all the seats do not work. One thing we have determined is that all speakers need to get up close with their microphone. If you are 2-3 inches away the sound quality drops stay close to your microphone!

Second announcement:

Simple Syllabus requirements in effect (as they already were) - but not ahead of semester. You have a few days to finish this up!

Third announcement:

Upcoming deadline for digital accessibility for digital web content: biggest thing for most of us as instructors is course material and power point slide or pdf digital accessibility (alternative text)

I have the UCF website that some guidance, ideas, and a place to request assistance and that website will be in the minutes we share on Monday.

<https://access.ucf.edu/digital-accessibility-lab/>

Fourth announcement:

Committee attendance: it's about this time every year where we see a trend for lower attendance in our senate committees. With a new semester, new class schedules, new commitments, faculty sabbatical, faculty leaving UCF etc...

If you cannot attend, or you see someone else is no longer able to attend, we have options of what to do in our bylaws. For example, We can give a temporary replacement if its for a semester... and the person can return to the committee after that time. Or we can find a permanent replacement if its for someone leaving UCF.

For my report, I'll give an update on upcoming senate elections.

Start with news that, Aimee Denoyelles has helped us add a new Election module to our senate companion webcourse.

Thank you, Aimee!! That is rally designed for people learning about senate, and provides an overview.

Here, today, I want to dive a bit deeper into the process, as Steering has the explicit role of monitoring senate elections. I want to share information about the behind the scenes steps required to set up senate elections every year.

First, here are three key dates that are written into the constitution and Bylaws:

- 1) A count is made of all UCF employed general faculty as of the first day of the spring semester. ***That's Jan12th this year***
- 2) Each senate eligible unit will be given information on what elections to run as of the fourth week of the spring semester. ***this is February 2nd this year***
- 3) All elections must be completed by March 1st.

So, let's go into more detail:

First day of spring semester: January 12th: we run a workday report to identify all faculty employed at UCF.

THANK YOU FACULTY EXCELLENCE for providing this to us.

We have to make sure we include those eligible to run for the senate, and exclude those that are not eligible for senate such as visiting professors or those faculty that have higher level administrative positions. For example, the provost is a full-time faculty employed by UCF. Due to his administrative position, however, he is not eligible to run for a senate seat or to participate in any senate voting.

There are always errors in any such report (especially from workday?1?), so we send a unit specific version to each college so that they can double check the report for faculty within their own college. We plan to send this out by the end of the day on January 12th this year. The units have a deadline of returning that to the senate by Tuesday January 20th. This is a point where I will emphasize that a single unit that is slow in returning their double-checked faculty headcount can stop us from finalizing apportionment across the campus. Honestly, I won't be surprised if a unit doesn't complete this on time...

Once we have the official totals of faculty from every college unit, we calculate how many senators to apportion to each academic unit for the coming senate session- the 2025-2026 session. Three simple rules are written into the constitution and bylaws:

- 1) Every unit gets a minimum of 2 senators
- 2) No unit can have more than 20% of the total senators...since we have **85 senators**, this means no unit can have more than **17 total senators**.
- 3) After we do steps 1 and 2, we apportion all remaining senators based on the proportion of faculty they have relative to other units.

Now going on concurrently with that official headcount, we have each college unit take an internal vote to approve the mechanism or plan of how senators will be elected from within their unit. This is not voting for the actual named senators, **instead**...this is a college wide vote **OF THE FACULTY to** determine how the unit will fill senate seats and its not a decision by a dean or other college administrator.

For example, some units may vote to have

- one senator per department,
- or all seats to be college-wide at-large seats,
- or some combination of departmental and at-large seats.
- Or seats based on the proportional size of departments,

Or something else that each unit decides is best for them.

Here is your current update: 5 units have completed those votes, Yaneries sent out the votes for 5 additional units today, and we are working with three units to finalize when those votes will happen

DONE: Research, CON, DDL, Libraries, CREOL

5 sent today: CHPS, COM, CAH, CCIE, CBA

3 in progress: CECS, COS, Rosen

We hope to have all of these votes completed by Jan 23rd.

Once this information is returned to the senate office, we have until February 2nd to provide specific information to each unit so they know which elections to run for which seats.

We will send the information as soon as possible, hopeful; in the week prior to February 2nd.

During the month of February, faculty within each unit should have an open call for nominations, including self-nominations so interested faculty can run for the open seats. The elections need to be completed by March 1st...and the newly elected senators will be a part of the 2026-2027 session starting at the April 23rd senate meeting.

Typically units would have departmental elections done by mid-February so college wide elections can be completed by March 1st.

OK, that was a whole lot of information there.
Any questions or comments?

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
23 new allocation vote shall be authorized upon email or written petition by at least one-
24 third of the academic unit's Senators, or by at least ten percent of the general faculty of
25 the academic unit. Second, the Faculty Senate Chair, or any Senator from the
26 academic unit, may formally request that the academic unit consider whether to initiate
27 a new allocation vote. Such a request shall proceed to a full allocation vote only if
28 authorized by at least one-third of the academic unit's Senators, or by at least ten
29 percent of the general faculty of the academic unit. Only requests meeting one of the
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

35 may also be initiated and authorized at any time during the summer or fall semesters for
36 future election cycles.

37 All allocation votes shall be conducted in coordination between the Office of the Faculty
38 Senate and the leadership of the academic unit. The Faculty Senate Chair shall certify
39 all allocation votes. Final results of all allocation votes shall be reported to the Faculty
40 Senate Steering Committee.

CURRENT BYLAWS

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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.

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1 **Resolution 2025-2026-6:**

2 **Strategic Utilization of Auxiliary Funds to Support UCF’s Research Mission**

3 **Whereas**, the University of Central Florida’s *2022–2027 Unleashing Potential* strategic
4 plan identifies a near-term goal of achieving preeminence within the Florida State
5 University System and a longer-term goal of attaining research and academic outcomes
6 comparable to institutions in the Association of American Universities (AAU); and

7 **Whereas**, UCF has now exceeded the performance metrics for preeminence,
8 positioning the institution to intensify its progress toward AAU-level research
9 productivity, competitiveness, and impact; and

10 **Whereas**, sustaining and expanding UCF’s research enterprise depends on continued
11 investment in its faculty, including retaining highly productive researchers, recognizing
12 exceptional scholarly achievement, and fostering future research productivity; and

13 **Whereas**, further progress toward AAU-level research outcomes requires parallel
14 investment in research capacity, including the recruitment and support of additional
15 research-focused faculty, modern laboratory space, advanced instrumentation, and
16 strategically prioritized research areas; and

17 **Whereas**, a recent analysis of university auxiliary units, each providing essential
18 campus services without reliance on state funds, identified the potential for substantial,
19 flexible resources that could be directed toward UCF’s most mission-critical priorities;
20 and

21 **Whereas**, Board of Governors Regulation 9.013 authorizes, for a three-year period, the
22 transfer of auxiliary funds to university athletics programs, creating an immediate and
23 consequential decision point for how UCF will deploy available non-recurring auxiliary
24 resources; therefore

25 **Be It Resolved**, that the Faculty Senate strongly urges the provost, president, and
26 Board of Trustees to prioritize the use of auxiliary funds for strategic research
27 investments that directly accelerate UCF’s trajectory toward AAU eligibility and national
28 research prominence, recognizing that early, targeted investment in the research
29 mission compounds in impact over time; and

30 **Be It Further Resolved**, that should any portion of auxiliary cash balances be allocated
31 to non-research purposes, the university ensure at least a dollar-for-dollar matching
32 investment from auxiliary funds in the long-term growth of UCF’s research portfolio.

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SECTION IV.

Meetings of the Senate

I Resolution

As the elected body of the general faculty, the Faculty Senate may formulate its opinion upon any subject of interest to the university and adopt appropriate resolutions. Resolutions addressing those areas of authority legally reserved to the president and Board of Trustees are advisory. **A Resolution must be on the agenda of a Senate meeting and be provided in the meeting materials at least one week before a Senate meeting for final action on the Resolution.** Each resolution adopted by the Faculty Senate is forwarded to the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs who shall act upon the recommendation within 60 days. The provost and vice president for Academic Affairs shall have veto power over any resolution by the Senate. The veto or denial with rationale shall be communicated in writing to the Faculty Senate and the chair of the Faculty Senate. The Senate, by a two-thirds majority vote, may appeal to the president any resolution vetoed. A subsequent veto or denial by the president shall be communicated in writing to the Faculty Senate and to the chair of the Faculty Senate within 60 days. The Senate, by a two-thirds majority vote, may appeal to the Board of Trustees any action so vetoed. A decision by the Board of Trustees is final.

SECTION VI.

Senate Operational Committees

A. Steering Committee

1. Composition. TO BE DISCUSSED SEPARATELY

2. Duties and Responsibilities of the Steering Committee.

- a. To serve as the “executive committee” of the Faculty Senate.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.**
- 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.**
- f. To consider resolutions forwarded by Senate committees and to forward them to the full Senate or refer them back to the Senate committee.
- g. **To appoint from its membership liaisons to each of the Senate operational committees and curricular councils. Liaisons shall report on committee or council activities at Steering Committee meetings.**
- ~~h. **[old h] To act as a committee on amendments to the Constitution and the Bylaws.**~~
- h. 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*.
- i. 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.
- j. 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.

k. To request information from any member of the faculty or administration and invite any such person to meet **with the Steering Committee and/or the full Faculty Senate** for consultation or advice on matters within its jurisdiction.

l. To establish ad hoc committees to facilitate its work.

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.

4. Quorum

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

5. Subcommittee of the Steering Committee

a. Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall be formed at the Steering Committee meeting prior to the March Senate meeting at the latest. This committee consists of the Senate past chair, who shall serve as chair of the committee, and two other Steering Committee members. If the immediate past chair is not available, the Steering Committee must elect a faculty member to serve in this role. The chair of the Nominating Committee shall preside over the election of Faculty Senate officers. For nomination procedures, see *Bylaws, Section III.B*.

Steering Committee Composition Possibilities- A starting point for our discussion

1. Composition. (CURRENT SYSTEM) 24 members 2027 +

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:

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

- c. Vacant seats shall be allocated in descending order of the calculation in *Bylaws, Section VI.A1.b* until all seats are filled.
- d. In the event of a vacancy on the Steering Committee, the senators of that academic unit shall elect a replacement from amongst its membership.

2026: 4 officers plus 17 additional; 2x COS, CAH, CECS, CCIE, 1x 9 other units

2027: 4 officers plus 20 additional; 3x COS, 2x CAH, CECS, CCIE, COM, CBA/CHPS, 1x 7 other units

2 Composition. (CURRENT SYSTEM but CAP @ 2 MAX) 24 members 2027 +

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. Vacant seats shall be allocated in descending order of academic unit size.
- 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.

2026: 4 officers plus 17 additional; 2x COS, CAH, CECS, CCIE, 1x 9 other units

2027: 4 officers plus 20 additional; 2x COS, CAH, CECS, CCIE, COM, CBA, CHPS, 1x 6 other units

3 Composition. (CAP AT 15 ADDITIONAL MEMBERS) 19 members 2027 +

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, there shall be fifteen (15) additional senators on the Steering Committee. 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. Vacant seats shall be allocated in descending order of academic unit size.
- 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.

2026: 4 officers plus 15 additional; 2xCOS, CAH/CECS, 1x all other units

2027: 4 officers plus 15 additional; 2xCOS, CAH/CECS, 1x all other units

4 Composition. (1 MEMBER PER UNIT) 17 members 2027 +

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, each academic unit will have one representative on the Steering Committee. 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.

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

2026: 4 officers plus 13 additional; 1x all 13 units

2027: 4 officers plus 13 additional; 1x all 13 units

Data from Nov 9 2025 faculty count

| | 2026 spring | 2026 summer |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| COS | 390 | 390 |
| CAH | 296 | 296 |
| CECS | 285 | 285 |
| CCIE | 198 | 168 |
| COM | 155 | 155 |
| CBA | 126 | 126 |
| CHPS | 120 | 150 |
| CON | 73 | 73 |
| Rosen | 59 | 59 |
| Library | 35 | 35 |
| CREOL | 28 | 28 |
| DDL | 25 | 25 |
| Off Research | 24 | 24 |

STEERING MEMBERSHIP

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|---------|---------------------------------|
| 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 |