



Faculty Senate

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Agenda for meeting of Thursday, September 9, 2021, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting for Senators and Guests:

<https://ucf.zoom.us/j/94957123861?pwd=NzVsUXJlYUc1Mm5Ua0JYSkVFeU5QZz09>

Meeting will be recorded and streamed live at: <https://youtu.be/hIzDGksVsJk>

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call via Qualtrics: http://ucf.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9S1MZiik5AYTQ5U
3. Approval of Minutes of *April 22, 2021*
4. Recognition of Guests
5. Announcements
6. Report of the Senate Chair
7. Report of the President
8. Report of the Provost
9. Old Business
 - a) COVID 19 on Campus Update
 - i) Discussion
 - ii) Senate Meeting Modality
10. New Business
 - a) Sense of the Senate Statement Re: ACFS Resolution
 - b) Appeal to the President Re: Denial of Senate Resolution 2020-2021-12
 - c) Senate-Sponsored Campus Debates
11. Committee Reports
 - a) Ad Hoc Budget and Labor Crisis Response – *Reid Oetjen*
 - b) Ad Hoc Health and Safety Crisis Response – *Stephen King*
 - c) Budget and Administrative Committee – *Missy Murphey*
 - d) Information Technology Committee – *Joseph Harrington*
 - e) Personnel Committee – *Michael Proctor*
 - f) Research Council – *Linda Walters*
 - g) Graduate Council – *Keith Koons*
 - h) Undergraduate Council – *Tina Dow*
 - i) Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee – *William Self*
 - j) Ad Hoc Campus Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee – *Kristine Shrauger*
12. Campus Climate Reports
 - a) Knight Vision Presentation – *Cherie Herrin, Director, Knight Vision and Jana Jasinski, Vice Provost, Faculty Excellence*
13. Other Business
 - a) Meeting Duration and Content
 - b) Constitution and Bylaws Changes
14. Adjournment

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Minutes for meeting of Thursday, April 22, 2021, 4:00-4:40 pm

Meeting recording available at: <https://youtu.be/ASCppckpO1s>

1. Quorum reached and call to order at 4:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call via Qualtrics – Faculty Senate Chair Joseph Harrington, Vice Chair Blake Scott, Secretary Kristine Shrauger and Past Chair William Self were present. (*see meeting materials for list of participants*)
3. Approval of Minutes of *March 25, 2021*
 - a) Minutes were approved as amended.
4. Recognition of Guests
 - a) Joe Adams, Senior Communications Director, Office of the Provost
 - b) Frank Allen, Interim Dean, University Libraries
 - c) Theodora Berry, Vice Provost and Dean, College of Undergraduate Studies
 - d) Lyman Brodie, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Humanities
 - e) S. Kent Butler, Interim Chief Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Officer, Office of Diversity and Inclusion
 - f) Alexander Cartwright, President, Office of the President
 - g) Lucretia Cooney, Director, Faculty Excellence
 - h) Deb German
 - i) Matthew Hall, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology
 - j) Elizabeth Hamilton, Assistant Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Administration and Finance
 - k) Allison Hurtado, Director of Communications, Faculty Excellence
 - l) Jana Jasinski, Vice Provost, Faculty Excellence
 - m) Michael Johnson, Interim Provost, Office of the Provost
 - n) Elizabeth Klonoff, Vice President for Research and Dean, College of Graduate Studies
 - o) Kristy McAllister, Communications Specialist, Office of the President
 - p) Eric Merriam, Associate Professor, College of Community Innovation and Education
 - q) Sheila Amin Gutierrez de Pineres, Dean, Honors College
 - r) Michael Sink, Associate Vice President, Information Technology
5. Announcements and Report of the Senate Chair – *Joseph Harrington*
 - a) Chair Harrington outlined the plan for today's meeting: First meeting – last one of 2020-2021, exec reports, bylaws; Second meeting – first of 2021-2022, elections
 - b) Summer meetings: Optional monthly meetings with exec reports, Q&A, no regular business, livestreamed. Any emergency meeting will use those date/time slots. If it works well, will consider asking Bylaws to propose amendment to make it permanent.
 - c) Fall: Meetings will be held from 3-5pm, not 4-6pm and will be in person in new Senate chamber. Zoom will still be used for chat, hands, voting, remote participation, and recording with possible live streaming.
 - d) Committees: Committees are appointed but do not have regular summer meetings. We will continue to route Regulation and Policy changes to committees via email. Certain committees, notably the Ad-Hoc Crisis Response

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Committees, can anticipate some emergency work that cannot wait for Fall. The Faculty Senate Leadership is working on streamlining our meetings and processes and would like to solicit ideas from the senators.

- e) Board of Trustees: Tenure granted to 45 faculty. There were over 9000 degree conferrals. Next phase of library renovation approved.
- f) New-Senator Onboarding Webcourse: Created by Jackie Compton from the Center for Distributed Learning with input from Kristine Shrauger, Faculty Senate Secretary, Allison Hurtado, Director of Communications for Faculty Excellence and Laurie Carroll, Administrative Assistant for the Faculty Senate.
- g) Big change for next year: Expect all to read the full packet before meetings.
- h) Priorities for next year: Agenda flexibility in bylaws, Redo amendment procedure to allow faster and emergency action, Split April meeting as was done this year, Formalize summer Presidential updates, Get a budget and service-level agreements, Meet with chairs and develop a strong agenda in each op/ad-hoc committee, Conflict of Interest UCF Policy questions 1-11, Surveillance and privacy policy (security cams, etc.) and Research and graduate integrity.

6. Report of the President – *Alexander Cartwright*

- a) President Alexander Cartwright reported on his observations from his first year as President, faculty and student excellence, legislative budget update and closing remarks that included appreciation for faculty willing to serve the university as senators. For the full Report of the President, please see Attachment A.

7. Report of the Provost – *Michael Johnson*

- a) Interim Provost Michael Johnson reported on the Florida State budget, COVID relief funding, summer and fall plans, and the College of Optics and Photonics dean finalist. For the full Report of the Provost, please see Attachment B.
- b) Questions from senators: Is there any news about what the \$85 million COVID relief fund will be used for? It is not known yet. A senator expressed a concern about faculty members' family members being vulnerable if the university continues with its plan to go back to full in person teaching in the fall. What are the summer enrollment numbers? Fall was down a little. Not sure about summer.

8. Old Business

- a) Resolution 2020-2021-8 Faculty Senate Bylaw Change Parking, Transportation and Safety Committee – *William Self*
 - i) Senator Self said the Ad hoc committee on Bylaws recommends the change of the Parking, Transportation, and Safety Committee from operational to joint committee status. The Bylaws Committee discussed the importance of faculty time for Senate committees and the fact that operations-level committees are expected to meet monthly or more often and are typically dealing with key issues. While parking, transportation, and campus safety are very important issues, the issues motivating the elevation of this committee to operational committee status have been resolved. He made a motion to move this committee back to joint committee status, and that it not be altered in any way in terms of membership. A second to the motion was received. There was no



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further discussion A vote was taken electronically via Zoom with 45 yes/0 no votes. The motion passes.

b) Resolution 2020-2021-11 Faculty Senate Bylaws Change Information Technology Committee Membership – *William Self*

- i) Emergency declared by Steering Committee to consider this resolution within the 30-day timeframe. Senator Self said that faculty expertise on certain committees has been recommended in the past when bylaw changes have been made. A senator raised the issue of the Information Technology (IT) Committee expertise and shared the resolution to be considered by the Steering committee and Senate to change the IT Committee's membership. He made a motion to change the existing operational committee membership (i.e. one faculty from each academic unit minimum) to a more expertise-based membership. The resolution is self-explanatory with this guidance. A second to the motion was received. There was no further discussion. A vote was taken electronically via Zoom with 44 yes/2 no votes. The motion passes.

9. Other Business

- a) No other business

10. Adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Reviewed and Submitted by:

Kristine J. Shrauger

Kristine Shrauger
Secretary, Faculty Senate

04/23/2021

Date

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First Name:	Last Name:	College/Unit:	Meeting Role: - Se Meeting Role: - Guest (provide title below): - Text
Pamela	Baker	CAH	Senator
Lynn	Casmier-Paz	CAH	Senator
Patricia	Farless	CAH	Senator
Keith	Koons	CAH	Senator
Blake	Scott	CAH	Senator
Gergana	Vitanova	CAH	Senator
Keri	Watson	CAH	Senator
Margaret	Zaho	CAH	Senator
Darlin	Neal	CAH	Senator
Sami	Alpanda	CBA	Senator
Axel	Stock	CBA	Senator
Kara	Consalo	CCIE	Senator
Bobby	Hoffman	CCIE	Senator
Karol	Lucken	CCIE	Senator
Brett	Meltzer	CCIE	Senator
David	Mitchell	CCIE	Senator
Reid	Oetjen	CCIE	Senator
Ann	Shillingford	CCIE	Senator
Jeff	Kauffman	CECS	Senator
Kausik	Mukhopadhyay	CECS	Senator
Nina	Orlovskaya	CECS	Senator
Sumanta	Pattanaik	CECS	Senator
Michael	Proctor	CECS	Senator
Arthur	Weeks	CECS	Senator
Shawn	Burke	CGS	Senator
Lori	Walters	CGS	Senator
Susanny	Beltran	CHPS	Senator
Martine	Vanryckeghem	CHPS	Senator
Danielle	Webster	CHPS	Senator
Adam	Wells	CHPS	Senator
Stephen	King	COM	Senator
Stephen	Lambert	COM	Senator
Bill	Self	COM	Senator

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Dawn	Eckhoff	CON	Senator	
Frank	Guido-Sanz	CON	Senator	
Luca	Argenti	COS	Senator	
Sarah	Barber	COS	Senator	
CHRISTA	DIERCKSEN	COS	Senator	
Mark	Ehrhart	COS	Senator	
Andrew	Frazer	COS	Senator	
Joseph	Harrington	COS	Senator	
Daniel	Inghram	COS	Senator	
Gary	LaPage	COS	Senator	
Daniel	Marien	COS	Senator	
Heath	Martin	COS	Senator	
John	Murray	COS	Senator	
Adam	Parrish	COS	Senator	
Pamela	Thomas	COS	Senator	
J. Marla	Toyne	COS	Senator	
Shengli	Zou	COS	Senator	
Patrick	LiKamWa	CREOL	Senator	
Robin	Back	RCHM	Senator	
Peder	Hagglund	RCHM	Senator	
Kelly	Semrad	RCHM	Senator	
Edwin	Torres	RCHM	Senator	
Rebecca (Missy)	Murphey	UL	Senator	
Kristine	Shrauger	UL	Senator	
Matthew	Hall	Academic Affairs	Guest	CIO
Michael	Johnson	Academic Affairs	Guest	Interim Provost
Lucretia	Cooney	Faculty Excellence	Guest	Director
S.	Butler	ODI/President's Office	Guest	Interim Chief Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Officer
Joe	Adams	Academic Affairs	Guest	Senior Communications Director
Michael	Sink	UCF IT	Guest	Associate VP, Deputy CIO
Elizabeth	Hamilton	Administration and Finance	Guest	Assistant Vice President, Strategic Initiatives
Lyman	Brodie	Arts and Humanities	Guest	Associate Dean
Sheila	Pineros	BHC	Guest	Dean
Allison	Hurtado	Faculty Excellence	Guest	Director of Communications

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Jana	Jasinski	Faculty Excellence	Guest	Vice Provost
Elizabeth	Klonoff	Grad Studies	Guest	VPR and Dean, Graduate Studies
Kristy	McAllister	Office of the President	Guest	Communications Specialist
Alexander	Cartwright	President's Office	Guest	President
Michael	Johnson	Provost	Guest	Office of the Provost
Theodora Regina Berry		SLAS/CUGS	Guest	Vice Provost and Dean

Attachment A
Report of the President
Faculty Senate – Thursday, April 22, 2021
4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Virtual Meeting

ONE YEAR OBSERVATIONS

- It has been just over a year since I have had the honor of joining the university and each day has reaffirmed our belief that UCF is the perfect fit for Melinda and me
- The talent of our faculty, staff and students and the collaboration, entrepreneurship and unending optimism — about what is possible and what can be achieved within our university — is remarkable
- When this outstanding talent is coupled with the compassion and love that we embrace you can do special things; this is a place that can do that
- When you look at all this university has done in its short life, you know in the future we can do much more
- I am so proud of the work we are doing and what we are accomplishing together
- Also want to acknowledge that today is **Earth Day** and express my appreciation for the incredible work of our faculty, staff and students who make our region and world better through their research and service

FACULTY AND STUDENT EXCELLENCE

- Earlier this month, celebrated our incredible students and faculty at our annual Founders' Day Honors Convocation ... including some who are with us today:
 - **Sumanta Pattanaik** (CECS) and **Shawn Burke** (Graduate Studies) celebrating 20 years of service
 - **Tamara Legron-Rodriguez** (COS) recognized at the college level for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
 - **Keri Watson** (CAH) recognized at the university level for Excellence in Professional Service
 - **Jim Moharam** earned the title of Professor Emeritus of Optics and Photonics
- Congratulations to these individuals and to all who were honored
- We continue to climb in excellence and will reach our goal of becoming a top 50 institution because of the incredible talent we have here

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET UPDATE

- Eight days left in the 2021 legislative session; in the middle of state budget conference negotiations and have until next Tuesday to finalize the budget

- Conference for higher education budget began Saturday night; as of Monday night issues unresolved by the subcommittee chairs were bumped to the House and Senate budget committee chairs, now in the process of negotiations
- Latest on higher education budget in the negotiations was they arrived at about a \$220 million cut to the State University System; original House budget included a cut of about \$570 million, so while \$220 is sizeable, it is certainly an improvement and we're working to get that as reduced as possible
- Senate proposal would be about a 7.2% reduction to UCF and the House is about a 5% reduction; the House is working to make sure no university receives a budget cut exceeding than 5%
- There has been a discussion on how the state would spend the \$10 billion in Federal Coronavirus Fiscal State Recovery Fund; both the Senate and House proposals include setting money aside for higher education construction and deferred maintenance, and all state universities are working well together to make sure we are included
- State universities also working together to try to get more flexibility on the use of our carryforward dollars, particularly not being limited to using only on non-recurring issues
- We will provide more information on the budget and its impacts as it becomes available

CLOSING

- Thank you to those serving on this body
 - For those leaving — it has been a pleasure working with you this year
 - For new and returning members — welcome and welcome back, look forward to what we will accomplish in the next year

Attachment B
Report of the Provost
Faculty Senate – Thursday, April 22, 2021
4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Virtual Meeting

- To current Senate members, I am grateful for all you've done to see us through an historically difficult time.
- I look forward to working with you to advance our academic enterprise, enhance lives, and benefit society. Transparency and shared governance.

State budget and COVID relief funding

- As the president noted, we still don't know what next year's budget will look like but we will soon
- Other bills in play are also concerning. A bill requiring political bias surveys of faculty awaits the governor's signature ... Another bill would allow students to secretly tape professors and classroom discussions for potential lawsuits.

Summer and fall plans

- CDC would still recommend all COVID precautions – masks, physical distancing, and the like. For Summer A, C, and D, course schedules are much like the spring: a reasonable number of courses on campus, but the majority of sections remote.
- For Summer B, we added extra on-campus classes, particularly courses important for the many freshmen who begin in Summer B.
- We are not providing exemptions from face-to-face teaching this summer or fall as we did this past year. I believe that all faculty and staff willing and able to be vaccinated can do so by summer.
- UCF received vaccines for 6,000 students. Those appointments filled up fast, an excellent sign of student interest. We have asked students to seek out vaccines wherever they live. I believe that all of our students willing and able to be vaccinated will have that opportunity before fall.

- We are planning for an ordinary class schedule this fall, that is, like pre-pandemic days. We might still have some COVID measures in place, such as face coverings, depending on what the CDC guidelines are, but will be back at ordinary classroom capacities.
- What is happening between now and fall is really a race between the spread of the variants and people giving up their precautions prematurely, on one hand, and the spread of vaccinations, on the other.
- However, if for whatever reason COVID conditions worsen – for instance, some variant takes off – we should know by midsummer, and we will pivot if necessary to more remote teaching.

In closing ...

- This needs to be said. Throughout this very challenging year, our faculty, students, and staff charged on in advancing the inclusive excellence, innovation, and impact of UCF. Here are recent examples:
 - Our graduate video game program is again ranked No. 1 *in the world* by the *Princeton Review* and *PC Gamer* magazine. This is the third time in six years.
 - For the fifth straight year, *CEOWorld* magazine ranks the Rosen College among the world's top five best hospitality and hotel management schools. [Optional: Even better, last year, the ShanghaiRankings of premier hospitality and tourism programs in the world rated Rosen No. 1 in the United States and No. 2 globally.]
 - In the latest *U.S. News & World Report's* rankings of *Best Graduate Schools*, 30 UCF graduate programs rank among the best nationally.
 - Leading the way is our Master of Emergency and Crisis Management program that placed 2nd nationally for the second straight year.
 - Four students earned highly prestigious Goldwater Scholarship Awards – the same number as Harvard, MIT, Yale and Johns Hopkins.
 - The recent Founders' Day Convocation Awards Program showcased many outstanding students and faculty. Congratulations to those of you here who were recognized.

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Faculty Senate Bylaw Change Parking, Transportation and Safety Committee

Whereas, for many years Parking and Transportation issues for faculty were significant and challenging; and

Whereas, substantial improvements in Parking, Transportation and Campus Safety have been achieved in the past ten years; and

Whereas, the Parking, Transportation and Safety committee is capable of doing its work as a joint committee with the University; and

Whereas, faculty time spent on operational committees is substantial and represents a key resource that should be used appropriately; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the *Bylaws* for the *Faculty Constitution* be amended to remove the Parking, Transportation and Safety Committee from a Senate Operational Committee and reinstate it as a Joint Committee without any change to its Duties and Responsibilities or Membership as follows:

1. Duties and Responsibilities.

1. To evaluate and recommend policies and procedures concerning parking, transportation, and campus safety and security that will foster a mutually beneficial environment for faculty, staff, students, and visitors in the university community.

2. To make recommendations to the Steering Committee of the Faculty Senate.

2. Membership.

The committee shall consist of at least one faculty member from each academic unit, the vice president for Administration and Finance or his/her designee (ex officio), and the UCF Police Chief or his/her designee (ex officio). Committee members shall be selected by the Committee on Committees. The committee chair and vice chair shall be elected annually by its membership at the first meeting of the committee after the new Faculty Senate is elected, normally in the early fall term. The chair of the Faculty Senate Parking, Transportation and Safety Committee or designee will serve as an ex officio member on the University Parking and Transportation Committee. Terms of service are two years, staggered.

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Faculty Senate Bylaw Change Information Technology Committee Membership

(Upon passage, to be submitted for information to the Provost.)

Whereas, information technology (IT) support at UCF lags peer institutions in a variety of respects, including in the areas of system support, email services, research computing infrastructure and support, helpdesk hours, timeliness of response to user service requests, support for research and departmental websites, and third-party services available, among many others, and

Whereas, to address these issues, the Information Technology Resource Advisory Committee was elevated from a Joint Committee to an Operational Committee in 2017, to become the current Information Technology Committee, and

Whereas, many problems have been resolved or are now recognized, with improvements expected, but numerous issues remain unresolved, especially related to research, and

Whereas, there have been numerous informal meetings of faculty to attempt to solve their IT problems outside the structure of shared governance, in part because the current structure in the Senate lacks the expertise to address their needs, and with little attempt to ensure the broad input and balancing of needs demanded by shared governance, and

Whereas, the Senate's usual one-per-college committee structure ensures that UCF's IT-intensive researchers, working mostly in the largest colleges and in unrepresented research centers, have the least representation on the current IT committee, and

Whereas, the committee cannot effectively address research-related problems without relevant technical and research expertise on the committee, and

Whereas, the current college-based membership does not readily provide for such expertise, and

Whereas, there is a need for some other representation, including the voices of inexperienced users and students, UCF's customers, and

Whereas, the Graduate and Research Information Technology group is a principal IT contact points for both faculty and students, and the Libraries are key consumers and producers of information technology resources, yet neither has an ex-officio representative on the current committee,

Be it therefore resolved that Section VI.4.2 of the Bylaws of the UCF Faculty Constitution be amended to replace:

The committee shall consist of at least one faculty member from each academic unit selected by the Committee on Committees, the vice president for Information Technologies and Resources or designee (ex officio), and the vice provost for Digital Learning or designee (ex officio).

with:

The committee shall consist of an Instructional Designer from the Center for Distributed Learning; a Librarian from the UCF Libraries; faculty whose work in the areas listed here requires high IT resource or support levels and who are engaged in teaching (two members, one teaching primarily online and one

37 teaching primarily in the classroom), physical or non-human biological research (four members,
38 including mathematical and information sciences), research on humans or human populations (four
39 members, including commerce, social sciences, health, politics, and communication), other research and
40 scholarship (one member, including arts, music, letters and other humanities); an undergraduate
41 student; a graduate student engaged in research requiring high IT resource or support levels; two faculty
42 whose use of and expertise in IT is not above the norm; the Vice President for Information Technology
43 or designee (ex officio); the Vice Provost for Digital Learning or designee (ex officio); the Vice President
44 for Research or designee (ex officio); the Dean of the Libraries or designee (ex officio). At least two of
45 the faculty representatives must work primarily on campuses other than the Main Campus. Student
46 representatives will be selected by the Student Government Association. Faculty will be selected by the
47 Committee on Committees, which will attempt to achieve broad representation among colleges and
48 departments, within the constraints of expertise, above.



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1. Quorum reached and call to order at 4:43 p.m.
2. Roll Call via Qualtrics – Faculty Senate Chair Joseph Harrington, Vice Chair Stephen King, Secretary Kristine Shrauger and Past Chair William Self were present. (*see meeting materials for list of participants*)
3. Election of Officers for 2021-2022 Senate Year – *William Self*
 - a) Senator Self reviewed the slate of nominees brought forward through the Steering Committee and asked for any nominations from the floor for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. No other nominations were brought forward. The election was held via Qualtrics. Joseph Harrington was re-elected as Chair. Stephen King was elected as Vice Chair. Kristine Shrauger was elected as Secretary. For full election results, see attachment.
4. Election of Steering Committee Members for 2021-2022 Senate Year
 - a) See attachment for election results.
5. Election of Committee on Committees Members for 2021-2022 Senate Year
 - a) See attachment for election results.
6. Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Reviewed and Submitted by:

Kristine J. Shrauger

Name
Secretary, Faculty Senate

04/23/2021

Date

Senate Attendance

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First Name:	Last Name:	College/Unit:	Meeting Role: - Selected Choice	Meeting Role: - Guest (provide title below): - Text
Pamela	Baker	CAH	Senator	
Mason	Cash	CAH	Senator	
Lynn	Casmier-Paz	CAH	Senator	
Patricia	Farless	CAH	Senator	
Scot	French	CAH	Senator	
Tremon	Kizer	CAH	Senator	
Keith	Koons	CAH	Senator	
Shannon	Lindsey	CAH	Senator	
Darlin	Neal	CAH	Senator	
Blake	Scott	CAH	Senator	
Sandra	Sousa	CAH	Senator	
Gergana	Vitanova	CAH	Senator	
Keri	Watson	CAH	Senator	
Sami	Alpanda	CBA	Senator	
Axel	Stock	CBA	Senator	
Kara	Consalo	CCIE	Senator	
Bobby	Hoffman	CCIE	Senator	
Karol	Lucken	CCIE	Senator	
Lisa	Martino	CCIE	Senator	
Brett	Meltzer	CCIE	Senator	
Sara	Michael Luna	CCIE	Senator	
David	Mitchell	CCIE	Senator	
Reid	Oetjen	CCIE	Senator	
Ann	Shillingford	CCIE	Senator	
Larry	Walker	CCIE	Senator	
Ladislau	Boloni	CECS	Senator	
Kevin	Coffey	CECS	Senator	
Jeff	Kauffman	CECS	Senator	
Kausik	Mukhopadhyay	CECS	Senator	
Marino	Nader	CECS	Senator	
Nina	Orlovskaya	CECS	Senator	
Sumanta	Pattanaik	CECS	Senator	

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Andrew	Randall	CECS	Senator
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Adam	Wells	CHPS	Senator
Nadine	Dexter	COM	Senator
Tina	Dow	COM	Senator
Stephen	King	COM	Senator
Stephen	Lambert	COM	Senator
Magdalena	Pasarica	COM	Senator
Bill	Self	COM	Senator
Dawn	Eckhoff	CON	Senator
Frank	Guido-Sanz	CON	Senator
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Mark	Ehrhart	COS	Senator
Andrew	Frazer	COS	Senator
Joseph	Harrington	COS	Senator
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Senate Attendance
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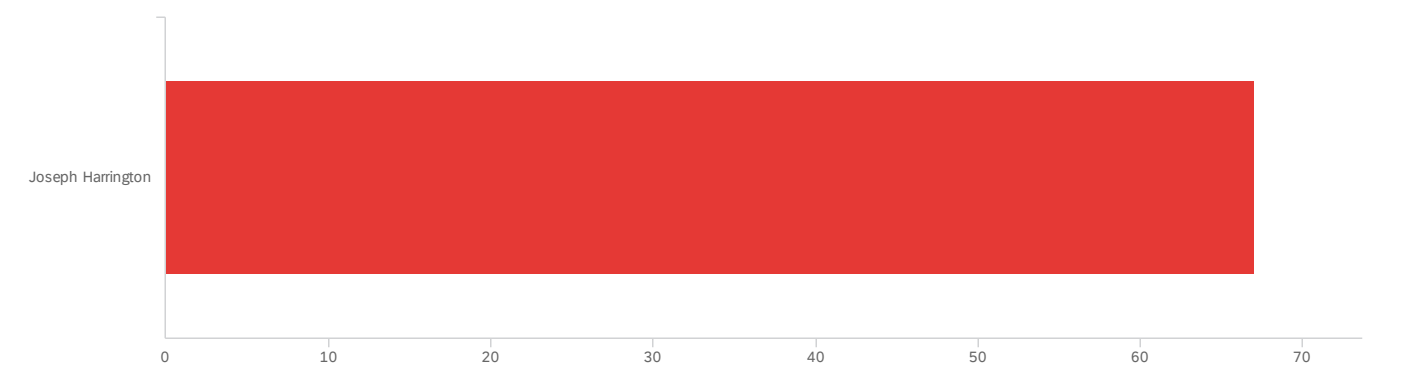
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2021-2022 Election Ballot

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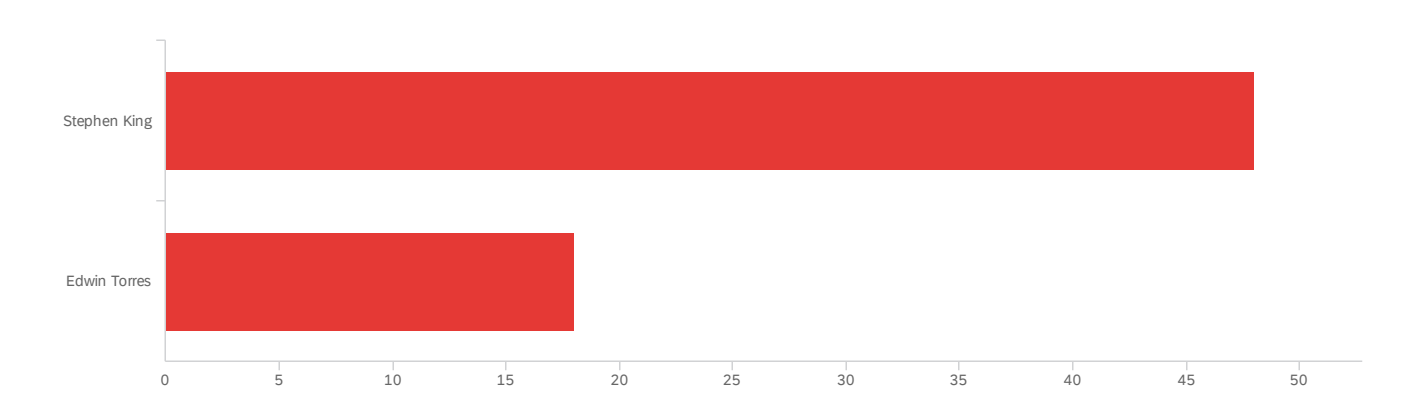


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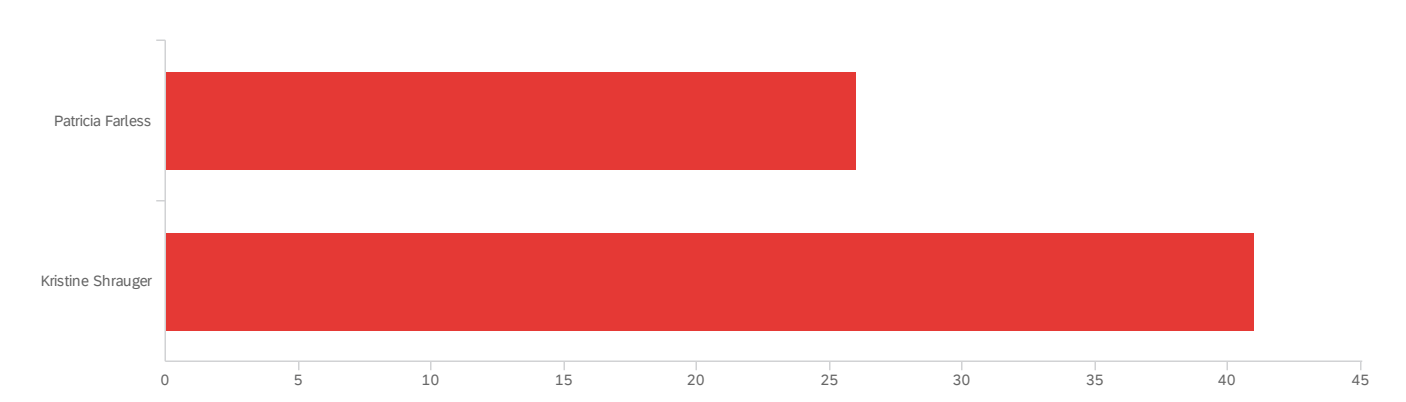
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1	Faculty Senate Vice Chair - Choose 1	1.00	2.00	1.27	0.45	0.20	66

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1	Stephen King	72.73% 48
2	Edwin Torres	27.27% 18

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Q3 - Faculty Senate Secretary - Choose 1



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Faculty Senate Secretary - Choose 1	1.00	2.00	1.61	0.49	0.24	67

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Patricia Farless	38.81% 26
2	Kristine Shrauger	61.19% 41

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End of Report

UCF Faculty Senate Priorities for 2021-2022

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Background

See detailed Background in agenda memo

[Facultysenate.ucf.edu](https://www.ucf.edu/faculty-senate)

Handle *business* interests of faculty (not bargaining)

Senate approval required for new academic programs, courses

Share governance with administration

44 committees (3 steering, 16 operational, 16 joint, 9 ad-hoc)

Resolution process requires administration response

Mainly work things out by facilitating communications

Appoint many faculty to administrative committees

Committees

Operational

1-2 meetings/month, report to Senate & Steering

Councils for Undergraduate, Graduate, Research, have committees

Committees for Personnel, Budget and Administration, IT

Joint

Few meetings/semester, annual report

16 – Each has a VP or leader and staff plus faculty

Academic Calendar, Textbook Advisory, Safety, Library, Honors, etc.

Ad Hoc

9 - Report to Senate & Steering if active

COVID (2), Bylaws, DEI, Governance, Study Abroad, etc.\

Steering

Sets agenda, manages issues, committee coordination

Priorities for 2021-2022

Strategic planning

Policy and Regulation development process

Constitution and Bylaws revision

Budget for Senate

Specific committee issues

Strategic Planning

Faculty eager to give input! Plan must...

- Recognize internal problems

- Show paths to goals

- Have budget/facility/etc. Realism

- Model outcomes (funding, student/faculty ratio, facilities)

JH working with Prof. Ron Piccolo to define process

New kind of Senate committee with non-faculty voters

Policy and Regulation Development Process

- **Faculty, Deans, and faculty-facing VPs** concerned they are left out of policy creation process
- Disconnects expressed on many policies impacting faculty (e.g., Conflicts of Interest, High Risk Entities)
- Do not want to learn about new proposed rules just 14 days before possible approval and implementation
- Want early notification of and involvement in writing
- Want more representation, transparency, and accountability on University Policy Committee
- Want to be consulted in evaluations of office and VP

Constitution and Bylaws Revision

Do every five years, last in 2016

New committee format for Strategic Planning, others

- Faculty and non-faculty voters

- Use Senate website and reporting

Update committees and charges

Representation issues

- One committee representative/college, but college sizes vary by 10x

- Instructional Designers

Process stuff

- How we form committees and (s)elect chairs

- Agenda flexibility

Budget for Senate

- Currently have no formal budget
- 1 administrative assistant, 3 course buyouts for leaders, 1 month of summer, travel to ACFS, AA computer, software, limited web development
- Unchanged since UCF was a small university
- Seek buyouts and/or summer months for Chair, Vice Chair, Operational Committee/Council chairs
- Service-level agreements on website, IT
- Budget for speakers, web services, Senate studies
- Commensurate with other large-SUS Senates

Specific Committee Issues

DEI – Integrate with university committee

Strategic Planning – Define and form

Research Council – Finalize committees, handle major issues

University Policy Committee – more faculty representation

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RESOLUTION

ACFS Opposes statewide restriction or legislation that limits public health mitigation measures in the State University System during a global pandemic

Whereas, the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS) is charged with advising the Chancellor of the State University System (SUS), the Board of Governors, the State Board of Education, the Legislature, the Governor and other officials and organizations involved in the establishment of policies, administration, or funding of public higher education in Florida; and

Whereas, as of March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis declared a Public Health Emergency in the State of Florida that lasted until May 3, 2021, and current infection and hospitalization levels are in excess of those observed during that time period; and

Whereas, all counties in the State of Florida have high community transmission rates of COVID-19 as of August 10th, 2021; and

Whereas, Florida is currently the national epicenter of the Delta variant, a much more infectious and easily transmissible version of the virus that can infect and be spread by even fully vaccinated individuals, and therefore poses a special threat to faculty with underlying health conditions and unvaccinated children; and

Whereas, as of July 27, 2021, the CDC added a recommendation for fully vaccinated people to wear masks in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission and public health experts overwhelmingly agree that there are several mitigation strategies that would be effective in controlling the spread of COVID-19 that are currently restricted by executive orders of the Florida Governor (i.e., EO 21102) or state legislation (SB 2006); and

Whereas, the Florida SUS institutions are returning to in-person classroom settings in the fall semester 2021 using classroom configurations that will not permit social distancing; and

Whereas, multiple peer-reviewed studies support the use of masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and found no adverse effects on those wearing masks for extended amounts of time (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/masking-science-sars-cov2.html>); and

Whereas, public health decisions are best made locally through the action of the individual Boards of Trustees and University administrators based on public health metrics during a pandemic that is not restricted by statewide legislation that ties the hands of leaders; and

Whereas, the Florida SUS institutions have an obligation to protect the health and well-being of their faculty, students, staff, and surrounding communities; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates petition Governor Ron

DeSantis to end Executive Order 21102 and its limitations on local mitigation actions to allow individual Universities to decide how to protect students, staff, faculty and administration in the upcoming fall semester, and petition members of the Florida Legislature to prioritize the health and safety of the State Universities in Florida more generally by repealing or amending the related limitations in SB 2006.