

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Council of Faculty Senates

October 29, 2024

Location: Florida International University and Zoom

Amanda Phalin, ACFS Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and members present introduced themselves.

In Attendance:

First Name	Last Name	Attended (x=Present)
Todd	Adams	
Ezzeldin	Aly	
Maria	Atilano	x
Noel	Barengo	
James	Beasley	x
Bridgett	Birmingham	x
Jamal	Brown	x
Anna	Carlin	x
David	Chatfield	x
Brian	Connolly	
Luisa "Amelia"	Dempere	x
Nathan	Dodge	x
Kim	Dunn	x
Sneh	Gulati	
Roxanne	Hughes	x
Susan	James	
Jeff	Kauffman	x
Stephen	King	x
Derek	Lura	
Sarah	Lynne	
Pat	McDonald	x
Deanna	Michael	
Scott	Perry	x

Amanda	Phalin	x
Amy	Reid	
Lyndsay	Rhodes	x
Erin	Ryan	
Jenifer	Schneider	x
William	Self	
Jacob	Shively	x
David	Simmons	x
Bradford	Towle	
William	Trapani	x
Kevin	Wagner	
Danaya	Wright	

3. Minutes from September 17, 2024 were approved.

4. Chair Phalin led the discussion on courses that have been removed from the general education curriculum. The following issues were discussed.

- a. Determining the category for certain courses
- b. Timeline for implementation is challenging and resulting in decisions that are suboptimal for students
- c. Honors courses and lack of ability to specialize in areas of expertise (e.g., experiential learning)
- d. Consider student impact (e.g., high enrollment courses)
- e. Confusion between courses about identity politics versus courses about identity

5. Chair Phalin led discussion on concerns related to hurricane recovery efforts and impacts on students, faculty, and staff and PBF metrics.

- a. Differential impacts on students based on socioeconomic status resulting in retention and graduation rates.
- b. Demonstrate a robust program for disaster planning and recovery and document impact on student success.
- c. Students may come from implicated areas even though the institution is not impacted.

6. Chair Phalin provided updates on the following:

- a. Foreign Influence Report
 - i. Postponed
- b. Intellectual Diversity Survey Results
 - i. High level report available
 - ii. More detailed information possibly forthcoming

7. Send current initiatives and activities of the Faculty Senates to Amanda.
8. Discussion of advice to SUS Faculty Senates
 - a. Amending university regulations and policies regarding course material adoption and review.
 - b. Suggested best practices for faculty adoption and review of course materials
9. Chancellor Rodrigues provided updates and discussion on the following:
 - a. Foreign Influence
 - b. General Education Revisions
 - c. Hurricane Recovery and PBF Metrics
10. Send questions, new business, and requests for agenda items at next meeting to Chair Phalin
11. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.