

University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications
Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2025 on Zoom

1. **Call to Order**

- Meeting started at 10:31
- Faculty present: Abramson, Alexandrino, Bridis, Bucan, Johnson, Thompson. Also present: Dean Brown, Executive Associate Dean Kiouisis, Reynolds, Hernandez

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- Thompson moved to approve minutes from September 8. Seconded by Abramson. Motion passed.

3. **Announcements and Updates**

- Amelia Dempere, UF Faculty Senate Chair, visited.
 - She provided updates on the meetings of the senate, the Board of Governors confirmation of interim president Landry, and the Board of Trustees retreat with Landry.
 - She characterized the interim president as engaged and curious; he is continuing meetings with deans and VPs and will meet with the university faculty senate at a later date.
 - Thompson asked about Landry's eligibility or consideration for the permanent position.
 - Dempere indicated that she would meet with Johnson and other council chairs on a monthly basis, and is available for any questions or requests either through Johnson or directly.
- Johnson passed along a note from Barnett about the International Potluck on November 8. Alexandrino provided further details about the event's purpose, format, and possible location.

4. **Continuing Business**

- Johnson indicated that the committee chairs and student representatives had been finalized for all college communities, with the exception of Community + Culture, which had met but not yet selected a chair. He indicated that he would recirculate the list of committee membership and work to ensure updated listings and minutes on the website.
- Johnson asked for department representatives for the 2026 Election Committee. Thompson, Alexandrino, and Bucan volunteered, and Kiouisis is ex officio. Johnson would check with ADV and JOU to identify their representatives.
- Johnson provided an update from Barnett about procedure for constitutional review, and he requested three task force members. Abramson and Bucan volunteered, with a third to be appointed.

- Johnson indicated that curriculum updates were in development which would require two all-faculty senate meetings to approve. A meeting in advance of the end of semester meeting was possible, but Spiker advises that a January meeting might be necessary instead. The senators were amenable to this.

5. **New Business**

- Bridis indicated that the U.S. News & World Report rankings of public universities would be released the following day. This led to a hearty discussion of Gator Football.

6. **Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Time**

- October 6, 2025, at 10:30 on Zoom

7. **Adjournment**

- Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:50.