

University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications
Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2025 on Zoom

1. Call to Order

- Meeting started at 2:01pm
- Faculty senators present: Alexandrino, Barnett, Bucan, Bridis, Esterline, Johnson, Nall, Thompson, Windels. Also present: Brown, Kiousis.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Nall moved to approve minutes from October 6. Seconded by Thompson. Motion passed.

3. Announcements and Updates

- Sarah Lynne, Drafting Committee Chair, UF Academic Strategic Plan, visited to provide an overview of the process being used to develop the new strategic plan.
- An email introducing the process went out the same day; an AI-powered chatbot would be used to collect data from everyone in the UF community (anyone with a GatorLink), focused around six questions. The committee developed this process in consultation with UFHR and experts in strategic planning.
- Bucan asked about the process and timeline, Thompson about chat anonymity, Barnett about chat confidentiality and public records, Johnson about chat analysis, Johnson about how the faculty senate could encourage participation, and Barnett about messaging to staff.

4. Continuing Business

- Johnson provided an update on the timeline for the 2026 Election Committee.
- Johnson provided an update on the timeline for the Constitutional Review Task Force. Kiousis highlighted to items to consider in the review: whether the Director of Community + Culture should be the default chair of the Community + Culture, and clarification on whether visiting faculty participate in faculty votes.
- Johnson reminded senators to indicate their availability for Spring 2026 meetings.

5. New Business

- None.

6. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Time

- October 20, 2025, at 10:30am on Zoom.

7. Adjournment

- Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:37.