

University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications
Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2026 on Zoom

1. Call to Order

- Meeting started at 11:03.
- Faculty senators present: Alexandrino, Bridis, Camacho, Esterline, Johnson, Nall, Thompson, D. Windels. Also present: Brown, Kiouisis, Reynolds.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Nall moved to approve minutes from November 17. Seconded by Alexandrino. Motion passed.

3. Announcements and Updates

- Johnson welcomed new INC senator Maria Fernanda Camacho.
- Johnson mentioned the upcoming Accessibility Workshop on February 5.
- Johnson thanked Alexandrino for serving on the CJC Legends Committee.

4. Continuing Business

- Johnson and Windels gave an update on next steps for the Constitutional review Task Force, to have changes voted on by faculty at semester's end.
- Johnson requested that the Election Committee meet the following week to begin its work for the year.
- Johnson presented a request for feedback from UF Senate Chair Dempere, for college-level councils to comment on proposed neutrality guidelines for the UF Senate. After a discussion, senators agreed to seek input from their departments before further action.

5. New Business

- Johnson indicated that the Curriculum and Teaching Committee had approved additional curriculum proposals since December and sought an all-faculty vote before February. Senators were amenable to an expedited process (e.g., email information item before all-faculty meeting).
- Kiouisis gave an update on room upgrades that would begin as soon as Spring Break and continue through the Summer, including Weimer G215, G252, 3201A, 3215, 3324, and INC. The Technology Committee and Kiouisis are available for questions and details.
- Kiouisis gave an overview of the upcoming Accessibility Workshop. He mentioned that the university was providing special access to Adobe PDF conversion tools through May.
- Kiouisis gave an update on the Faculty Excellence and Advancement (FEA) platform. FEA will be used for annual evaluations, and faculty entries are due April 15. A late February training session is planned. Thompson inquired about

accessing the platform, and Johnson asked about its interface with faculty web profiles.

- Kiouisis gave an update on new BOG policy on H1B visas. Individuals will have a 14-day window to comment on the proposed change.

6. Confirmation of Next Meeting Dates and Times

- February 11, 2026, 11:00am-12:00pm on Zoom

7. Adjournment

- Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:31.