

**Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
March 7, 2017**

I. Meeting was called to order by Chair Flannagan at 3:45.

Senators Present: Almeida, Blackwell, Buck, Burke, Camper, Carpenter, Cintron-Gonzalez, Doucet, Engelhardt, Fries, Gittings, Gourley, Gunther, Jeffcoat, Johnston, Kiely, Nagata, Newman, Packett, Ramey, Reynolds, Sargent, Sims, Turner, Varazo

Also present: Kunka, Stoeckmann, Kaufman, Thomas, Smolen-Morton (parliamentarian), Best, Rao, Kennedy, Wittmann-Price, Kershner

Senators absent: Hopla (excused)

II. Minutes from the February 7, 2017 meeting were approved as posted.

III. Report from the Executive Committee

- Dr. Carter and Dr. King are in Columbia at the Senate Budget hearings today. The House projected budget does not look favorable for higher education in general, but Dr. Carter is optimistic about the Senate.
- There is probably going to be a Bond Bill this year, but it will be tied to renovation projects only.
- You may have read about FMU being in the process of buying the Old Post Office across from the Carter Center for Health Sciences. This was purchased with monies from the City of Florence, Bruce and Lee Foundation, and the Development Foundation. It will be then given to FMU. We will use this project for renovation if the bond bill occurs. Will ask for 8 million in that Bond Bill. 39,000 square feet.
- Cautiously optimistic about our request for a doctorate in nursing practice in the legislature. If approved, it would then have to go to CHE for new program approval.
- Ellucian training is ongoing. The Financial side of things will be the first to go live.
- SACS-COC is in full swing. The written reports are due to SACS in about six months with our site visit scheduled for March, 2018.
- Buddy Brand, former chair of the Foundation Board will receive an honorary doctorate at commencement this spring along with Beckie Flannagan who will give the commencement address.
- Good Board of Trustees meeting last week.
- AAUP State meeting will be on campus March 24 and 25. On the evening of the 24th, Dr. Carter will host a reception. He will also be the guest speaker on March 25th. There will be other panels on shared governance at the conference on Saturday. Contact Mark Blackwell, AAUP President for details.

IV. Report from the Academic Affairs Committee

1. Office of the Provost – *Motion passed as written.*

Item A. Modify University Life prerequisites and description

2. Department of Biology – *All motions passed as written.*

Item A. Modify prerequisites and course description of BIO 120

Item B. Add BIO 490

Item C. Change description, editing out specific page numbers

Item D. Change Coordinator for the MRMC-FMU Medical Tech program

Item E. Change language in requirements for Med Tech degree

3. School of Business

Item A. Change requirements in the Accounting curriculum – *Motion passed as written.*

Item B. Change prerequisite for CS 318 – *Motion passed as amended.*

Item C. Change prerequisite for CS 340 - *Motion passed as amended.*

Item D. Add CS190L - *Motion passed as amended.*

Item E. Change title and description of CS 480 - *Motion passed as amended.*

Item F. Add CS 482 - *Motion passed as amended.*

Item G. Add language concerning the transition between being a pre-computer science and becoming a computer science major - *Motion passed as amended.*

Item H. Change description of Computer Science minors, adding a minor in the Software Engineering track - *Motion passed as amended.*

Item I. Change specifications for a collateral in Computer Science - *Motion passed as amended.*

Item J. Change requirements for a major in Computer Science - *Motion passed as written.*

4. School of Education - *All motions passed as written.*

Item A. Modify ECE 420

Item B. Modify EDUC 190, 191, 305

5. Department of English, Modern Languages and Philosophy - *Motion passed as written.*

Item A. Add ENG 353

6. Department of Fine Arts' Music Industry Program - *Motion passed as written.*

Item A. Change description of the Music Industry Major

7. School of Health Sciences - *All motions passed as written.*

Item A. Modify course description of NURS 310

Item B. Modify course description of NURS 407

Item C. Modify course description of NURS 411