

University Faculty Council (UFC) Meeting Agenda

Date: April 3, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Zoom)

1. Opening and Introduction (10 minutes)

- Call to Order
- Opening Prayer
- Welcome and Introductions

2. Governance, Leadership, and Communication (30 minutes)

- **Communication Gaps**
 - Follow-up on HR Gallup Survey data
 - Discuss solutions for improved communication
- **WSCUC Exit Debriefing**
 - Discussion on defining and clarifying shared governance
- **Faculty engagement with the Board of Regents**
 - Update on follow-up with Dee Anna Smith
 - Brainstorm informal engagement opportunities

3. National Policy & Institutional Response (30 minutes)

- **Termination of NIH Funding and Potential NSF Freezing/Termination**
 - Discuss institutional support and advocacy options
- **Federal actions regarding diversity and belonging**
 - Discussion of Pepperdine's commitment to belonging
- **University Endowment and Potential Federal Excise Tax Impact**
 - Assess potential financial consequences
 - Discuss response strategies

4. Teaching, Research, and Technology (20 minutes)

- **GenAI at Pepperdine**
 - Discuss opportunities for university-wide conversations on AI

5. Open Discussion (Optional time as available)

- Additional topics of interest from UFC members

6. Administrative & Procedural (10 minutes)

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Discussion of possible summer meeting
- **Adjournment**