



Below are news and updates of FUSA items of interest to the FT faculty from the FUSA Council Meeting January 28, 2022:

1. FUSA continues to push for faculty's contractually obligated step increase. Currently, we are in step 5 of the grievance process: arbitration. We have UFF's support for this grievance, and together we are moving forward with arbitration. We will keep the faculty updated.
2. This is a bargaining year. Please watch your email for a call to action to the council members to serve on work groups. These meetings need to take place in February so that we are ready to begin bargaining in March. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!
3. The Council also needs volunteers to serve on a membership committee. If you are interested in helping with that, please email Kristin Heathcock, kheathcock@hccfl.edu.
4. Government Relations – Eric Fiske and Jeremy Bullian: The committee has met with several local elected representatives. Two bills that have passed committee aim to make [presidential searches secret](#) and [bust unions](#). Watch for an email requesting your cell-phone number and/or private email so you can be alerted when a call to action is needed. We need faculty to get involved in government relations!
5. **FUSA Council Elections are coming up for '22-'24 term. Every position is up for reelection – more information to come. Watch your email.**
6. The council voted to have FUSA notify the BOT of ongoing issues via its email to ensure the BOT is aware of ongoing faculty issues.
7. College-wide committee updates: Sabbatical applications are due by February 14th.

Faculty are also encouraged to forward concerns to their campus representative:

Brandon: Kristin Heathcock, Sami Kadamani, Janet Willman

Dale Mabry: Walt Ellis, Eric Fiske, Sharon Moran, Susan Pierce-Amaral, Janet Sibol, Sherry Sippel, Becky Todd, John Whitlock

Plant City Charity Freeman

Southshore Denise Bristol, Wendy Pogoda

Ybor City Jeremy Bullian, Rick Gaspar, Judy Nolasco, Tom Tankersley

Next Council Meetings – February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24