

Faculty Senate Minutes

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 06, 2025 at 3:10 p.m., Zoom

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Attendance

Rob Anthony (CAHSS at large), Joshua Beck (CBRE at large), Denis Berenschot (EHML), Courtney Company (NAPS), Tara Carlisle (Library), Craig Cline (SABS), Larry Z. Daily (CAHSS at large), David Gordon (CAHSS at large), Jeff Groff (STEMN at large), Max Guirguis (ACF), Osman Guzide (CSME), Brenda Johnston (NURS), Stacey Kendig (CBRE at large), Matthew Kushin (CAHSS at large), Amanda Mandzik (BAEF), Sytil Murphy (STEMN at large), Tracy Nichols (EDUC), Laura Robertson (STEMN at large), Austin Showen (MUSC), Cindy Vance (CBRE at large), Jennifer Yablonsky (CACT)

Excused: Melissa Hall (RSES),

Officers: Larry Daily (President), Brenda Johnston (Secretary), Craig Cline (Parliamentarian)

Meeting Schedule (2025-2026): The regular meetings of the Faculty Senate shall be held every first and third Monday at 3:10 p.m. during the academic year when classes are in session. Dates (bold is current meeting, italics are special meetings): 08/25, 09/15, **10/06**, 10/20, 11/03, 11/17, 12/01, 02/02, 02/16, 03/02, 04/06, 04/20

I. Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2025: approved

II. Committee Reports

Assembly Committees and Representatives

- A. Admissions & Credits (Senator Nichols) No report
- B. Curriculum & Instruction (Senator Cline) No report
- C. Core Curriculum (Sam Greene) No report
- D. Interdisciplinary Curricular Committee (Senator Groff) No report
- E. Advisory Council of Faculty (Senator Guirguis) No report

Faculty Senate Committees and Representatives

- F. Library Liaison (Senator Carlisle) No report
- G. Professional Development, Faculty Salary, and Welfare (Senator Anthony) Reports that finalization of rewards obtained, no funds for summer stipends reduced by one so now Three instead of four. Will be updating info on the website.
- H. Scholarship & Awards (Senators Vance and Murphy): Detailed report submitted from the committee. The committee is working on a venue for the Spring 2026 convocation (Frank Center, Butcher Center, Wellness Center). Presenters liked being with the scholars last year so the committee will implement that change for this year. The reception will be at Butcher Plaza as last year. Voting committee members are voting on the last lecture with the votes due on November 3.
- I. Senate Bylaws (Senator Cline): No report
- J. Washington Gateway (Senator Yablonsky) No report
- K. Honors Advisory Board (Director Brasher) No report

External Committee Representatives

- L. Calendar Committee (Senator Groff) No report
- M. Success, Engagement, Accessibility, and Transparency (Senator Hall) No report
- N. Enrollment Management Committee (Senator Campany) No report
- O. Graduate Council (Senator Showen) No report
- P. Student Success Committee (Senator Johnston) No report
- Q. Technology Oversight Committee (Senator Guzide) Reports current work on committee development

Other Committees

- R. Budget Advisory Council (Senator Beck, Senator Berenschot) No report
- S. Internationalization Advisory Council (Senator Yablonsky) No report
- T. Threat Assessment Task Force (Senators Yablonsky and Murphy) No report

III. Updates/Progress on Senate Actions/Discussions

- A. Faculty workload guidelines (Senator Daily):
 - a. Workload determinations/calculations remain challenging due to variations in departments and disciplines. Discussion regarding the need for evaluating university service especially committee requirements and how scholarship requirements should be a priority and factored into workload. The current suggested workload percentages are flexible in the current draft as ranges. The ongoing goal of the draft is to come up with general guidelines that will then be handed down to the individual departments to be tailored to the specific disciplines. A suggested percentage change for the general expectation on the draft (Teaching: 75, Research and Scholarship: 15 and Service:10).
- B. Data access (Senator Murphy) –
 - a. Data access questions are ongoing and a resolution is forthcoming
- C. Faculty Research Forum Committee (Senator Showen)
 - a. Senator Showen made a motion to establish a Faculty Research Forum steering committee within the Senate. Seconded by Senator Robertson: Discussed if we need to have the review of the committees first before we create another committee. Discussed a need to establish a proposal first to define what is needed. Senator Showen withdrew the motion.
 - b. All agreed the research forum is important however, it requires interest. A motion was made by Senator Robertson to create a committee to develop a proposal for the creation of a Faculty Research Forum committee. Seconded by Senator Showen. All approved.
 - i. Volunteers for the committee include; Senators Showen, Cline, Gordon, and Robertson. The group will report back to the Senate at the November 6, 2025 meeting.

IV. New Business:

Committee to Review Committees: Committee on Review of Committees subgroup was asked to have a list of faculty committees for the next meeting so that committees can be evaluated.

V. Announcements

- A. Board of Governors Meeting Schedule (Storer Ballroom of the Student Center)

~~September 11, 2025 at 4:15 p.m.~~

November 6, 2025 at 4:15 p.m.

December 18, 2025 at 4:15 p.m.

February 19, 2026 at 4:15 p.m.

April 16, 2026 at 4:15 p.m.

June 11, 2026 at 4:15 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:15 pm