

Faculty Senate Minutes

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 3:10 p.m., Blue Gray Room

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), Jeff Groff (STEMN at large), Max Guirguis (ACF), Osman Guzide (CSME), Melissa Hall (RSES), Brenda Johnston (NURS), , Matthew Kushin (CAHSS at large),), Austin Showen (MUSC), Cindy Vance (CBRE at large), Jennifer Yablonsky (CACT) Sytil Murphy (STEMN at large), Tracy Nichols (EDUC), Laura Robertson (STEMN at large)

Excused: Stacey Kendig (CBRE at large), David Gordon (CAHSS at large), Amanda Mandzik (BAEF)

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

Approval of Minutes from November 03, 2025, Approved with the following amendments.

Updates to previous minutes, removal of the 3 committees, Threat Task Force, Internationalization advisory council and Washington Gateway.

II. Committee Reports

Assembly Committees and Representatives

- A. Admissions & Credits (Senator Nichols) fewer petitions this semester
- B. Curriculum & Instruction (Senator Cline) continuing discussion of ELO and Value Rubrics
- C. Core Curriculum (Sam Greene) No report
- D. Interdisciplinary Curricular Committee (Senator Groff) No proposals
- E. Advisory Council of Faculty (Senator Guirguis) continuing to work on minutes from the annual report.

Faculty Senate Committees and Representatives

- F. Library Liaison (Senator Carlisle), A replacement has been found for Rhonda Donaldson, A new program is available called digital theater plus. Please take a chance to review the updates to the library's webpage. Senators are advised to refer students to the Library so they can orient them to library resources. Senator Carlisle informs us that there has been an uptick in student attendance in the library.
- G. Professional Development, Faculty Salary, and Welfare (Senator Anthony) Too few in meeting attendance due to a lack of quorum. Representatives are needed from departments.
- H. Scholarship & Awards (Senators Vance and Murphy) Written report submitted. Senator Daily will be the Last Lecture speaker.

I. Senate Bylaws (Senator Cline) Updated bylaws drafts will be completed shortly and will be available next week at the earliest.

J. Honors Advisory Board (Director Brasher) No report

External Committee Representatives

K. Calendar Committee (Senator Groff) No updates

L. Success, Engagement, Accessibility, and Transparency (Senator Hall) 4 in attendance at the meeting. Dr. J. Cole has agreed to chair. First goal is to identify the next steps for the committee in terms of direction.

M. Enrollment Management Committee (Senator Company) No report

N. Graduate Council

O. Student Success Committee. Senator Carlisle was elected by acclimation.

P. Technology Oversight Committee (Senator Guzide) committee revisions are underway.

Other Committees

Q. Budget Advisory Council (Senator Beck, Senator Berenschot) Senator Daily shared that one faculty representative is needed from the Senate only. Senator Beck was elected by acclimation.

IV. Updates/Progress on Senate Actions/Discussions

A. Faculty workload guidelines (Senator Daily) Discussed how to link the workload policy to the faculty annual report which has been in revisions and is not yet complete. Discussed the definition of a fulltime credit load (12 hours) and how to make contact hours match credit load. Motion made by Senator Groff to endorse the workload document. All approved, motion carried.

Senator Daily will ask the Provost to attend our December meeting to discuss the credit hours and contact hours and whether modifications are needed to the Faculty handbook so that it aligns with the workload document.

B. Graduate curriculum approval process (Senator Daily) Reviewed the membership of the Graduate committee and discussed the intent to plan for the MA in Counseling. The process of approval is unclear. Senator Daily will ask the Provost to discuss this further at the December meeting.

C. Faculty Research Forum committee (Senator Showen discussed his meeting with Cindy Powers (life long learning program (LLL) coordinator) regarding opportunities for partnering on research activities/projects. S. Austin made a motion to establish the Faculty Research Forum as a Senate Committee. Membership will include one senator and one member elected by each College, and the coordinator of the LLL program (Cindy Powers) as an ex-officio member. All members would be voting members. The committee will elect a chair from among the members of the committee. Terms of the committee members is proposed to be two years. Seconded. Discussed why this needs to fall under the Senate due to committee obligations and possible lack of interest and or participation. A suggestion was made to bring a proposal for this research forum to the faculty assembly. If the committee is not effective it could be dissolved. Motion carried.

Senate representative, Self Nomination, Senator Yablonsky, nominations closed. All approved.

D. Updates from the Great Colleges to Work For Committee (Senator Daily) Committee continues to determine next steps

E. Committee representation report (Senators Vance, Anthony, and Cline) Ongoing discussions

F. LEAP, ELO's, and Value Rubrics (C&I and Core) Ongoing discussions

V. New Business

A. Priority registration (Senator Murphy) presented concerns regarding the high amount of freshman students with priority registration. Questions raised regarding who determines priority registration. Senator Daily read a response from the Registrar regarding this issue and noted that there is an exhaustive list of students with early access. 650 students had priority access this semester based on qualifying statuses. The Registrar offered to provide the Senate with the actual numbers of students who take advantage of priority registration. Senator Daily will invite the Registrar to the next meeting.

Our next meeting December 1st may be in-person if we can find space.

VI. Announcements

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

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: 4:45 pm

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