

Faculty Senate Minutes

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 03, 2025 at 3:10 p.m., via Zoom

Attendance: Rob Anthony (CAHSS at large), Joshua Beck (CBRE at large), Denis Berenschot (EHML), Courtney Campany (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), Melissa Hall (RSES), 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)

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

I. Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2025

II. Committee Reports

Assembly Committees and Representatives

A. Admissions & Credits (Senator Nichols) Reviewing petitions requesting that Withdrawals be changed to Drops for financial reasons.

B. Curriculum & Instruction (Senator Cline)

C. Core Curriculum (Sam Greene)

D. Interdisciplinary Curricular Committee (Senator Groff) No report

E. Advisory Council of Faculty (Senator Guirguis)

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F. Library Liaison (Senator Carlisle) No report

G. Professional Development, Faculty Salary, and Welfare (Senator Anthony)

H. Scholarship & Awards (Senators Vance and Murphy) The venue for the McMurran Scholar Convocation will be the Frank Center. The Committee is also voting on faculty eligible to present the Last Lecture.

I. Senate Bylaws (Senator Cline) continuing its discussion of the AAC&U Value Rubrics at its next meeting.

J. Honors Advisory Board (Director Brasher) No report
External Committee Representatives

K. Calendar Committee (Senator Groff) Motion from Senator Groff to approve the changes to the calendar 2026-2027. See attached changes.

L. Success, Engagement, Accessibility, and Transparency (Senator Hall) No report

M. Enrollment Management Committee (Senator Campany) No report

N. Graduate Council: Senate member needed. Senator Daily will follow-up with Sherry Donovan to ascertain meeting schedule and members.

O. Student Success Committee (Senator Campany) Senator Campany is willing to serve out the rest of the semester. Meetings are on Thursdays.

P. Technology Oversight Committee (Senator Guzide) Committee met with the Provost and discussed the committee's current purpose and representation.

Other Committees

Q. Budget Advisory Council (Senator Beck, Senator Berenschot) No report

IV. Updates/Progress on Senate Actions/Discussions

A. Faculty workload guidelines (Senator Daily)

Discussion continues among colleges and departments regarding the proposed draft of faculty workload guidelines, particularly how to quantify workload percentages. Senator Daily reminded Senators that the proposal is intended as a general framework to be adapted by individual departments based on their unique needs.

Ongoing concerns were expressed about the terminology used to define teaching load, specifically the distinction between contact hours and credit hours. Departments are encouraged to clarify these terms within their contexts to ensure consistency and transparency. Senator Cline made a motion to send current proposal to the provost with the comments. Seconded and motion carried.

B. Updates from the Great Colleges to Work For Committee (Senator Daily)

- a. No changes since the last Senate meeting but they continue to have active discussions.

C. Committee representation: Three committees have been removed based on the recommendations of the subcommittee (Threat Task Force, Internationalization advisory council and Washington Gateway). The Senate discussed the initial report and emphasized the importance of allowing each individual committee to review the recommendations prior to making a final decision on whether to dissolve or maintain the committees. Committees will be asked to submit suggestions and or comments to the Senate by December 1, 2025.

V. New Business

A. Senator Daily discussed the proposal for a new Master's in Counseling program that was presented and brought to a vote at the Graduate Council meeting. Concerns were expressed regarding the expedited nature of the approval process and whether the proposed program should also undergo review through the Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) Committee. It was noted that the approval process for graduate programs differs from that of undergraduate programs, prompting further discussion about the need for procedural alignment. Senators are asked to discuss the issue with their constituents.

VI. Announcements

Faculty Research Forum (Senator Showen) The newly developed committee is working to rekindle the Faculty Research Forum.

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

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

December 18, 2025 at 4:15 p.m. (This meeting will ta

Meeting adjourned 4:34 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