

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
 December 11, 2025
 3:00-5:00pm
 Grand Reading Room

Members present:

	Present		Present		Present
Achilov Dilshod	x	Eisenhart Christopher	x	McHenry Kristen	x
Alves Heloisa	x	Evans Shari	x	Mehrtens Cristina	x
Anguelov Nick	x	Fair Meghan	x	Mofford Kari	x
Arkerson Robin	x	Fields Keota	x	Moisander Pia	x
Arora Anupama	x	Fisher Robert		Msangi Ziddi	x
Ayotte Brian	x	Fletcher Megan		Mulnix Jennifer	x
Berggren Heidi	x	Franz Laura	x	Neto Catherine	
Bhowmick Sankha		Gardner Catherine		O’Rielly Grant	
Boone R. Thomas		Gelmi Caroline	x	Owens Lisa	
Borim Dario	x	Heffernan Lorraine	x	Pacheco Sonia	x
Botvin Joshua		Huang Rui	x	Peltz-Steele Richard	x
Bowman Julie	x	Hunter Revell Susan	x	Peteva Elena	x
Bromage Erin		Jackson Kristopher	x	Rai Bharatendra	
Cai Shuowei	x	Kagan David		Rioux Amanda	x
Caldera Kathryn		Kayumova Shakhnoza		Roscoe Douglas	x
Casero Eric	x	Khatib Firas	x	Santavicca Nicholas	
Chang Wencheng		Kim Saeja	x	Scarano Frank	x
Clark Jennifer	x	Kish Robin	x	Schuler Monika	
Clinton Christopher		Lanza Cait		Shea Timothy	x
Cowles Geoffrey		Larson Eric		Silby Mark	

Curran	Catharine		LeSeure	Peeranuch		Silva	Glauca	
Darst	Robert		Lubinsky	Crystal	x	Sneider	Matthew	x
Dawe	Megan	x	Lynch	Devon	x	Tandon	Amit	x
DeLuca	Katherine	x	Manke	David	x	Viveiros	Jennifer	
Dempsey	Anna	x	Manning	Kenneth	x	Wilson	Mary	x
Drew	Margaret	x	Mayes	Maricris	x	Wood	Emma	x
Eckert	Maureen		McGuire	Chad	x	Xing	Liudong	

29 GUESTS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

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- Call to Order at 3:07pm
- Approval of November minutes
 - ⌘ Motion made (Chad McGuire) and seconded (Devon Lynch)
 - ⌘ No objections – Motion approved
- President’s Report (Brian Ayotte)
 - ⌘ Special elections have concluded
 - Congratulations to new senators and committee members
- Committee Reports
 - ⌘ Technology Committee (Peter Sandby-Thomas)
 - Course evaluation software
 - Administration is replacing the current software
 - Low response rates
 - Lack of robust reporting features
 - Candidates for replacement: Watermark and Qualtrics
 - Comparison of the features of each software regarding encouraging responses, reporting features, and integration with Canvas
 - Next steps: Gather feedback, review product, review bid requirements for pricing
 - ⌘ General Education Committee (Matthew Sneider)
 - Committee meets once monthly
 - Approve new courses for University Studies

- Review and re-approve existing courses
 - Received 2 new course proposals
 - Looking for submissions for courses serving Clusters 2 and 3
 - Task this year: Re-approval of courses in clusters 3A and 3B
 - Proposed 1E outcomes
 - Discussion and vote
 - Consideration of University Studies might contribute to the Career Learning Initiative and the AI Literacy Initiative
- Invited Guests
 - ☒ Career Learning Outcomes (Sarah Cosgrove and Shannon Jenkins)
 - Overview of connection to student success
 - Incorporating career in a systematic and strategic way
 - Review of the survey results from faculty and students
 - Outline of potential career curriculum design
 - Next step: Implementation grant proposal to Davis Foundation
 - Discussion of learning outcomes & proposed changes to language
 - Motion to affirm the career learning outcomes as a reflection of the university's commitment to holistic student development and support students' ability to pursue meaningful, value-aligned futures
 - Important caveats
 - Motion made (Douglas Roscoe) and seconded (Firas Khatib)
 - Vote: 34 – Yes, 0 – Abstain, 0 – No
 - Motion affirmed
- Unfinished Business
 - ☒ None
- New Business
 - ☒ Campus events announcements
 - ☒ Blended Learning Guidelines
 - Clarification of specific aspects of blended learning
 - Motion to recommend the updates definitions and guidelines for implementation during Fall 2026
 - Motion made (Douglas Roscoe) and seconded (Chad McGuire)
- Provost's Report (Ram Bala)
 - ☒ Updates on undergraduate applications
 - Up by 6% year over year
 - ☒ Charging meeting with the Resource Advisory Working Group
 - ☒ UMassD participating in REUP
 - Reaching out to students who did not complete their degrees to come back
- Motion to adjourn (Lorraine Heffernan) and seconded (Firas Khatib)
 - ☒ Meeting adjourned at 4:58pm