

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
 February 10, 2026  
 3:00-5:00pm  
 Marketplace

**Members present:**

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

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

36 GUESTS

## **FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA**

**February 10, 2026, 3:00-5:00pm, Marketplace**

- Call to Order at 3:09pm
- Approval of December minutes
  - ∅ Motion made (Grant O’Rielly) and seconded (Firas Khatib)
  - ∅ No objections – Motion approved
- President’s Report (Brian Ayotte)
  - ∅ Lockers have been placed around campus for faculty to store their belongings
  - ∅ Campus Engagement Committee held its first meeting
- Committee Reports
  - ∅ First-Year Grading
    - Not ready to present yet; will be ready next month
- Invited Guests
  - ∅ Facilities Update (David Gingerella)
    - CVPA Infrastructure Update
      - New roof, new windows, redid the floors (polished the original concrete)
    - LARTS Construction/Infrastructure Update
      - Four-pipe geothermal system, classroom/office updates, new furniture throughout, restroom updates, faculty break rooms, ADA accessibility upgrades
      - On track to finish by January 2027
    - Planned Summer 2026 Infrastructure Work
      - Roof replacement: Campus Center/Marketplace & Violette

- Lab renovations
    - Stairs & sidewalk renovations
    - Conceptual design of Health, Wellness & Safety building
  - Robust Q&A
- Unfinished Business
  - ☒ Amendment to the Constitution
    - Vote to be completed via Qualtrics
  - ☒ Blended Learning Guidelines
    - Second reading of the proposed guidelines
    - Discussion of the proposed guidelines
    - No motion to vote made
      - Revisit this matter at next month's meeting
- Provost's Report (Ram Bala)
  - ☒ Updates on fall to spring re-enrollment for first-year students
    - 87.4% first-year re-enrollment
    - Comparison of academic standing by class year
  - ☒ Updates on applications – domestic and international
    - International students are down, impacting the budget
  - ☒ 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
- New Business
  - ☒ Campus events announcements
- Motion to adjourn (Kristopher Jackson) and seconded (Firas Khatib)
  - ☒ Meeting adjourned at 4:51pm