

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2025
3:00-5:00pm
Grand Reading Room

Members present:

	Presen t		Presen t		Presen t
Achilov Dilshod		Eisenhart Christopher	X	Mehrtens Cristina	
Alves Heloisa		Evans Shari	X	Mofford Kari	X
Anguelov Nick	X	Fair Meghan	X	Moisander Pia	X
Arkerson Robin	X	Fields Keota	X	Msangi Ziddi	X
Arora Anupama	X	Fisher Robert	X	Mulnix Jennifer	X
Ayotte Brian	X	Fletcher Megan		Neto Catherine	X
Berggren Heidi		Franz Laura		O’Rielly Grant	X
Bhowmick Sankha		Gardner Catherine		Owens Lisa	X
Boone R. Thomas	X	Gelmi Caroline	X	Pacheco Sonia	X
Borim Dario		Heffernan Lorraine	X	Peltz-Steele Richard	X
Botvin Joshua		Huang Rui	X	Peteva Elena	X
Bowman Julie	X	Hunter Revell Susan		Rai Bharatendra	X
Bromage Erin		Jackson Kristopher	X	VACANT	
Cai Shuwei	X	Kayumova Shakhnoza		Rioux Amanda	X
Caldera Kathryn		Khatib Firas	X	Roscoe Douglas	X
Casero Eric	X	Kim Saeja	X	Santavicca Nicholas	
Chang Wencheng		Kish Robin	X	Scarano Frank	X
Clark Jennifer	X	Lanza Cait		Schuler Monika	X
Clinton Christopher		LeSeure Peeranuch		Shea Timothy	
Cowles Geoffrey		Lohrenz Steven	X	Silby Mark	

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

20 GUESTS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

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- Call to Order at 3:07pm
- Approval of May minutes
 - ☞ All in favor, none opposed – Motion approved
- President's Report (Brian Ayotte)
 - ☞ Canvas sites have been set up for the Faculty Senate and its committees
 - Faculty Senate site is by invitation
 - Faculty Senate Committees site is by self-enrollment
 - ☞ Update on the data breach
 - Currently under investigation by FBI
 - ☞ Change to committee reporting
 - Less formal schedule
 - ☞ Working on how to better utilize the Policy & Process Review Committee
- Committee Reports
 - ☞ None
- Guests
 - ☞ Dr. Chuck Crawford, Director of Housing and Residential Education
 - Self-introduction
 - Ideas for faculty engagement with students and Housing
- Unfinished Business
 - ☞ By-laws vote will be going out soon
 - ☞ Still working on Vote of No Confidence process in the By-Laws Committee

- ⌘ Ad hoc Blended Learning Committee has been meeting to update guidelines and streamline the process for course approval
 - ⌘ AI Committee will be folded into the Technology Committee
- New Business
 - ⌘ Joint Statement/Petition with Faculty Federation to uphold values of higher education
 - Working to finalize – draft was recently distributed
 - ⌘ Goals for upcoming academic year
 - Working with Provost's Office to clarify transfer credit guidelines
 - Training faculty, staff, and librarians on the use of AI
 - Looking into the current ticketing system for CITS
 - Working on campus engagement and morale
 - Asking for members for the Campus Engagement Committee soon
- Provost's Report (Ram Bala)
 - ⌘ Acknowledge the three new deans
 - ⌘ Enrollment update
 - Undergraduate, new and continuing, are up
 - Domestic graduate are up
 - International graduate are down
 - Law, new and continuing, are up
 - ⌘ Filled 40 faculty positions, including 16 tenure-track
 - ⌘ Year-end review of achievements for AY2025
 - ⌘ Student success
 - Review of achievements for AY2025
 - Upcoming plans
 - BrainFuse launch – on-demand tutoring
 - National Institute for Student Success – consult for action plan regarding degree progression
 - Initial first-year retention data
 - ⌘ Priorities for upcoming year
 - Continued commitment to building out student success initiatives and faculty development
 - Comprehensive look at programs to ensure appropriate resources are going to growing programs
 - Creation of AI task force to ensure students graduate with knowledge of these tools and demonstrate the ability to use them in a responsible manner
- Motion to adjourn (Sonia Pacheco) and seconded
 - ⌘ Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm