



Faculty Senate

Report of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Guillermo Orti, Chair
February 13, 2026, Senate Meeting

FSEC Activities

FSEC held its regular meeting on January 30 with eight voting members and one non-voting member present. The group approved the February Senate agenda by unanimous consent following extensive discussion around how best to plan for a proposed executive session on the new budget model.

Following updates from the President and Interim Provost, the group discussed several topics, including:

- The ongoing work to reach agreement around the future of the Medical Faculty Associates (MFA), especially the potential impacts on research and medical education;
- Involving faculty in the university-wide planning effort around financial contingencies, especially pertaining to personnel matters; and
- Preparations for the upcoming Core Indicators report following a request from the Interim Provost for input into the report's content.

Senate Matters

The annual call for committee service volunteers is now open. Anyone interested in committee service is encouraged to [review the committee descriptions](#) and [complete the interest form](#). As a reminder, committee memberships do not carry over from one year to the next; any current committee members who are interested in continuing their service should complete the interest form. Interest form submissions will be accepted through Friday, March 20, 2026.

Other Activities

A closed briefing on enrollment was held for Senate and Educational Policy & Technology committee members on Monday, February 2. FSEC is pursuing options for a second briefing as many were not available to attend.

Personnel Actions

There are no active grievances at the university.

Calendar

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is February 27, 2026. Draft resolutions and any other possible Senate agenda items should be forwarded to [Liz Carlson](#) in the Senate office as soon as possible, ideally by February 20. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting is March 6, 2026, at 2pm.

2025-2026 Senate Standing Committee Leadership

Committee	Chair(s)	FSEC Liaison
Appointments, Salary, & Promotion Policies (ASPP)	Patricia Hernandez	Jennifer Brinkerhoff
Athletics & Recreation	Harris Mylonas (Peng Wei, Co-Chair)	Scott Kieff
Educational Policy & Technology (EPT)	Jamie Cohen-Cole (Thomas Choate, Co-Chair)	John Warren
Fiscal Planning & Budgeting (FPB)	Susan Kulp (Joe Cordes, Co-chair)	David Mendelowitz
Honors & Academic Convocations	Katrin Schultheiss	Scott Kieff
Libraries	Rhonda Schwindt (Holly Dugan, Co-Chair)	Rhonda Schwindt
Physical Facilities & Campus Safety (PFCS)	Anne Markus (John Traub, Co-Chair)	Jonathan Eakle
Professional Ethics & Academic Freedom (PEAF)	Shawneequa Callier (Dwayne Wright, Co-Chair)	Arthur Wilson
Research	Matt Kay (Karen McDonnell, Co-Chair)	Tarek El-Ghazawi
University & Urban Affairs (UUA)	David Rain (Maranda Ward, Co-Chair)	Amita Vyas