



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

March 27th, 2026

Attendees: Darrel Malamisura, Vanessa Godfrey, Rodney Montague, Dharshana Arachchi, David Balok, Jeff Yaegar, Julie Orr, Kristin Hicks, Sarita Rhonemus, Albert Berkoh, Julie Orr, Vincent Mateescu, Jack Sheffler, Amanda Matoushek, Tammy Martin.

Meeting start time: The meeting was called to order at 11:06 am

Approval of Minutes: Julie made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous Senate meeting and Vince Seconded. All were in favor and none opposed to approved the minutes with no changes.

Provost Report: Sarita had Tammy Martin attend to discuss the faculty's ability to start the process of dropping students that do not participate in class or attend. It is not that faculty just want to go in and drop them, but want to re-instate the form that starts the process. Once it was explained, for all parties to understand, Tammy agreed that this was possible to work with each other on the process.

Report from the chair: Darrel discussed in earnest the issue of low faculty pay with increased expected duties for them. Workload has increased for most with requests for recruiting, participate in community events, write grants, be active on multiple committees, and entertaining tour groups during class times ect. Understanding the financial state of the University does not lend itself to pay increases for faculty but would like some of the soft pressure of extra duties to be lessened. It was also brought up that it would be good to have some clarification on the duties/ responsibilities of some of the Cabinet/ Administrative positions.

Darrell also reminded senators that it is time to take nominations for Some of the Senate Officer positions. They are 2-year terms. This will be done during the general faculty meeting later today.

FAR report: Jami shared his job description with the senate and all the requirements of the FAR position. He will also present in the general faculty meeting. He will be keeping all documents in a binder to be able to pass along to his heir. The FAR reports to the Provost; but works very closely with the A.D.

Meeting Adjourned: With no further business to discuss, Vanessa made a motion to adjourn and Julie seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed and no abstentions. Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.