

**Western Nevada College
Academic Faculty Senate Agenda**

Date: August 21, 2026

Zoom Meeting, 1:30-3:30 PM

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Opening Items

- Call to Order
- Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

Reports (Information)

- 1. Executive Updates (President J. Kyle Dalpe)**
- 2. Academic & Student Affairs Updates Report (VPASA Dana Ryan)**

Items 1 & 2 may be taken concurrently

- 3. Director of Liberal Arts Introduction (Director Rebecca Gates)**
- 4. Chair's Report (Rowe)**

Closed Session (*Academic Faculty, Senators and Officers, Others as Invited during specific agenda items*)

Item 5: Approval of Minutes [[Old Senate 5/8/26](#), [New Senate 5/8/26](#)]

- Purpose: Action
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 6: Senator Reports [Rowe & Senators]

- Description: Welcome, information, and brief introduction of new senators
- Purpose: Information
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 7: NFA Information [Bassen]

- Informational/Discussion
- Supporting Materials: <https://www.nevadafacultyalliance.org/wnc-nfa>

- Time allotted: [5]

Old Business

Item 8: Faculty Survey Ad Hoc Committee [Rowe]

- Background: In the 5/8/26 New Senate Mtg., the Senate declared intention to create an ad hoc committee in the first meeting of the 26/27 year to consider the results of the 1) Academic Faculty Senate Faculty Climate Survey and 2) Strategic Plan Climate Survey, identify common areas of concern, and bring these before the Senate to discuss action points, possible timelines, possible measures of improvement, and possible avenues of advisement. The formation of this committee is to be a means of moving toward actionable discussions before the Senate while balancing concerns regarding privacy and accuracy surrounding the responses.
- Purpose: Discussion/Action: Formation of Committee, Mission
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 9: Faculty Senate Roles [Rowe]

- Description: Ratification of the following Senate roles:
 - Recorder
 - Part-Time Senators (2)
 - [Executive Board Membership](#)
- Purpose: Information/Action: Ratify
- Time allotted: [5]

New Business

Item 10: Presidential Evaluation//NSHE [Rowe]

- Description: What it is; Timeline of Feedback; Faculty Point of Contact
- Supporting materials: [NSHE Procedures & Guidelines Manual Ch. 2; Sec. 2; Item 2](#)
- Purpose: Information
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 11: Faculty Senate & All-Faculty Digital Resources [Rowe]

- Purpose: Information
- Supporting materials: [[Website](#), [Bylaws](#), [Faculty & Staff Resource Page](#)/Faculty Handbook, [Shared Drive](#)]
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 12: Distance Ed Committee Online Course Review Mechanism Discussion [P. Bell]

- Background: Discussion of course evaluation policy under development by the Distance Education Committee, definition, purpose, timelines, avenues for advocacy and feedback.
- Purpose: Information
- Time allotted: [10]

Item 13: AI-Enabled Technologies in Classroom - Gemini, Meta Smart Glasses, Course Policies, Institutional Advocacy [Rowe]

- Background: Faculty discussion re: implications of and concerns surrounding AI-enabled and “smart” technologies in the classroom
- Purpose: Information / Discussion
- Supporting Information: NY Times Article ([Google Gemini](#))
- Time allotted: [10]

Item 14: Concurrent Enrollment/Affiliate Policies & Advocacy [Rowe]

- Background: The draft of this policy was presented to the 25/26 Faculty Senate in May to present the work and recommendations from the faculty workgroup towards a consistent policy manual. The workgroup met throughout the 25/26 academic year to deliberate on the WNC concurrent enrollment program and coalesce a policy to clarify and standardize the model. During the senate session, a robust discussion began surrounding such topics as language governing qualifications of concurrent/affiliate instructors, policies surrounding timelines for review, archiving, and usage of course materials, and assessment and mentorship of affiliates/concurrent instructors. This item is a continuation of the discussion and an invitation towards advocacy in preparation for JW Lazzari and team members visiting the 9/18 meeting to update and continue the discussion on this topic.
- Purpose: Information / Discussion
- Supporting Information:
 - Draft of Concurrent Enrollment Manual Faculty Workgroup Recommendations 5/8/26 (see e-mailed materials)
 - From JW Lazzari: The Advisory Committee for Concurrent Enrollment will have the first meeting on September 30, which will continue to provide opportunities for feedback on the model and continued alignment with NACEP.
- Time allotted: [10]

Public Comment

This is an opportunity for members of the faculty and the faculty senate to bring comments and information relevant to the body for the good of the whole. Please make an effort to keep comments to 3 minutes.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: September 18, 2026; 1:30-4:00; Zoom