Western Nevada College
Academic Faculty Senate Agenda
Date: September 18, 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. **Academic & Student Affairs Updates Report (VPASA Dana Ryan)**
2. **Chair's Report (Rowe)**

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

Item 3: Approval of Minutes [9/18/26]

- Purpose: Action
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 4: Policy First Reads

- Purpose: Information and Discussion
- Item for Review: Policy 3-5-4
- Context - No changes, simply bringing it before the body to update review dates
- Supporting Materials: Policy 3-5-4

Item 5: Senator Reports

- Purpose: Information

- Time allotted: [5]

Item 6: Faculty Senate Committee Membership/Call for Members [Rowe]

- Description: Ratification of the Faculty Senate Committee Roster
- Purpose: Information / Action: Ratify
- Time allotted: [5]

Old Business

Item 7: Presidential Evaluation/NSHE [Rowe]

- Description: Updates from E. York on the Evaluation Process
- Supporting materials: NSHE Procedures & Guidelines Manual Ch. 2; Sec. 2; Item 2
- Purpose: Information
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 8: Distance Ed Committee Online Course Review Mechanism Discussion and updates [P. Bell]

- Background: Updates on discussion of course evaluation policy under development by the Distance Education Committee
- Purpose: Information
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 9: Annual Plan & Evaluation Mechanism Review [Rowe]

- Background: Establish a procedure to review and standardize the Annual Plan and Evaluation process
- Purpose: Discussion / Possible Action
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 10: Update: AI-Enabled Technologies in Classroom - Gemini, Meta Smart Glasses, Course Policies, Institutional Advocacy [Rowe]

- Background: Updates regarding August discussion re: implications of and concerns surrounding AI-enabled and "smart" technologies in the classroom
- Purpose: Information / Discussion
- Supporting Information: Policy 8-1-4: Policy on Video and Audio Equipment Usage (https://wnc.edu/policies/policy/8-1-4.php)
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 11: Discussion of Class Cancellation Processes [Rowe/P. Bell]

- Purpose: Information
- Description: Follow up on discussion regarding current methodology for class cancellation
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 12: NFA Information [Bassen]

- Informational/Discussion
- Supporting Materials: https://www.nevadafacultyalliance.org/wnc-nfa
- Time allotted: [5]

New Business

Item 13: Discussion of Course Commissioning Processes [Rowe]

- Purpose: Information
- Description: Beginning the discussion on current methodology for course commissioning
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 14: Student Safety Resources and Campus Climate — Discussion [Rowe]

- Purpose: Information / Discussion
- Description: Discussion of the accessibility and clarity of information about sexual assault support resources and reporting processes, including Title IX, and the potential value of updating and distributing communication, training, and student survey tools to keep proactive on this topic.
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 15: Designating a Faculty Bathroom [Rowe/Bassen]

- Purpose: Discussion
- Description: A concern was raised regarding students following faculty into restrooms to continue conversations regarding class, with a request for a designated faculty bathroom on campus.
- Time allotted: [5]

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: *November 18, 2026; 1:30-4:00; Zoom*