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. **Executive Updates (President J. Kyle Dalpe)**
    a. Supporting Documents: [President's Message]
2. **Academic & Student Affairs Updates Report (VPASA Dana Ryan)**
3. **Chair's Report (Rowe)**

Fixed-Time Item: 2:00

Item 4: 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. We are continuing the discussion of such topics as clarifying the liaison role, clarifying the pay structure, 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. JW Lazzari and team members will provide updates and answer questions regarding this topic.
- Purpose: Information / Discussion / Possible Action
- 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]

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

Item 5: Approval of Minutes [8/21/26]

- Purpose: Action
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 6: Policy First Reads

- Purpose: Discussion
- Items for Review:
    - Bylaws Revision Digital Learning Committee
    - Policy 1-1-1
    - Policy 1-1-2
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 7: Sabbatical Information [Dillet]

- Informational/Discussion
- Supporting Materials: The Sabbatical Proposal, WNC Sabbatical Policy, Chair's Message
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 8: Senator Reports

- Purpose: Information
- Time allotted: [5-10]

Item 9: NFA Information [Bassen]

- Informational/Discussion
- Supporting Materials: https://www.nevadafacultyalliance.org/wnc-nfa, https://nevadafacultyalliance.org/MembershipApplication?

- Time allotted: [5]

Old Business

Item 10: Mediator Selection Policy [Rowe/Bassen]

- Background: Last year, the Senate discussed creating an Ad Hoc group to work with HR to develop a clear mediator selection policy for use in cases of faculty reprimand under NSHE Code Chapter 6, 6.6.4. The process was paused but should be revisited to develop a clear mediator selection process going forward.
- Purpose: Discussion/Possible Action
- Supporting Materials: NSHE Code Chapter 6.6.4, Excerpt of Minutes October 10/17/25.
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 11: 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 12: Distance Ed Committee Online Course Review Mechanism Discussion [P. Bell]

- Background: Updates on discussion of course evaluation policy under development by the Distance Education Committee, process, timelines, avenues for advocacy and feedback.
- Purpose: Information
- Time allotted: [5]

New Business

Item 13: Administrative Faculty Senate Liaison [Rowe]

- Background: In an initiative to collaborate with our shared governance partners on campus, we have invited the Administrative Faculty Senate to send a liaison to attend the open session portion of Academic Faculty Senate meetings and we will also send a liaison to attend Administrative Faculty Senate meetings. Our liaison is currently Ryan Johnson, Vice Chair of Admin FacSen. Liaisons can update our senate partners on topics and initiatives our respective bodies find

important, answer questions, and give context on what may be on the horizon in future actions.
- Purpose: Information / Discussion
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 14: Annual Plan & Evaluation Mechanism Review [Rowe]

- Background: Efforts to review and standardize the Annual Plan and Evaluation process were begun last year but were paused. This discussion is to revisit the topic in the Senate in order to provide counsel on taking the project of review forward.
- Purpose: Information / Discussion
- Supporting Information: President's Message
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 15: NSHE Plan for Syllabus linkage: WNC Public Safety Council [Greg Sly, WNC Public Safety Council Representative]

- Purpose: Information
- Supporting materials: Syllabus Safety & Emergency Preparedness
- Time allotted: [5]

Item 16: Discussion of Class Cancellation Protocol [Kortemeier]

- Purpose: Information
- Description: Starting a discussion regarding current methodology for class cancellation, considerations regarding transparency, consistency, implications for students and program progression
- Supporting materials: [NSHE Course Taxonomy/Weights by Discipline Clusters - Universities]
- Time allotted: [8]

Item 17: Bookstore Challenges/Single-Point Issues [Rowe]

- Purpose: Information
- Description: Starting a discussion regarding issues arising with books, materials, and communication with the implementation of the new bookstore, ie: bottlenecks and clarity on communication, correction, or clarification on materials, upcharges, and book delays
- Time allotted: [8]

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: *October 16, 2026; 1:30-4:00; Zoom*