

Academic New Faculty Senate (2026-2027) Meeting MINUTES 05/7/26: 3:56-4:30 p.m.

<b>Academic Senate</b>	Call to order at 3:56 pm	ZOOM
<b>Members Present</b>	Current Senate Members (2025-26)	
	New Senate Members (2026-27)	
	Jessica Rowe (Chair)	Present
	Patrick Bell (Vice Chair)	Present
	Winnie Kortemeier (Senator Carson)	Present
	Jolene Coverston (Senator Fallon/Douglas)	Absent
	Michael Coudriet (NAH Senator)	Absent
	Brigitte Dillet (Senator LA 1)	Present
	Christian Copley Salem (Senator LA 2)	Present
	Scott Morrison (Senator LA 3)	Present
	James (Tony) Spiker (WCTE Senator)	Present
	Jacob Council (Senator Adjunct Carson)	Absent
	Kelsey Penrose (Senator Adjunct Fallon/Douglas)	Absent
Eric York (Past Chair)	Present	
<b>Members Absent</b>		
<b>Guests</b>		

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>1. Call to Order</b>
<b>Action Taken</b>	Time: 3:56 pm

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>2. Roll Call</b>
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<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>3. Welcome New Senate Chair (J. Rowe)</b>
<b>Action Taken</b>	Info
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jessica R. chaired the new faculty senate meeting at the conclusion of the 2025-26 final meeting.</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>4. Meeting Dates and Modality</b>
<b>Action Taken</b>	Action
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<i>Review and vote on proposed Senate meeting dates (see below), times, and format (e.g. remote or in-person) for 2026–2027. The meeting dates have been selected to be a week after College Council meetings. The 2026-27 Academic Calendar has been consulted to ensure no meetings fall during breaks, holidays or off-contract times.</i>

	8/21/2026	9/18/2026	10/16/2026	11/20/2026	12/18/2026
	1/29/2027	2/19/2027	3/19/2027	4/16/2027	5/21/2027
<b>Discussion:</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January date can be shifted to start before the start of spring semester. Also, March date, typically before the start of spring break.</li> <li>Shift in dates (1/22/29, 3/12/2026, 5/14/26)</li> </ul>					
	8/21/2026	9/18/2026	10/16/2026	11/20/2026	12/18/2026
	1/22/2027	2/19/2027	3/12/2027	4/16/2027	5/14/2027
<b>Motion:</b> Motion approve date changes					
<b>Motion to Approve:</b> Winnie K.					
<b>Second:</b> B. Dillet					
<b>Approval:</b> Unanimously					
<b>Abstained:</b> None					

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>5. Nomination for Recorder</b>
<b>Action Taken</b>	Action
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p><i>Call for nominations or volunteers to serve as Senate Recorder for the year. This position comes with a \$750 payment per semester.</i></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Scott M. will serve as recorder if no one steps up. Jessica R. will poll new senate members to see if anyone is willing to serve as recorder.</p> <p><b>No Action</b></p>

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>6. Committees</b>
<b>Action Taken</b>	Action
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p><i>Senate committees for 26-27</i></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Jessica R. will send out a list of open committees to serve on. Two senators are chosen to serve on the FS executive board. Required to meet once a semester or as topics arise. Brigitte D. volunteered to serve, and Winnie K. will serve if any new senators step up.</p> <p><b>No Action</b></p>

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>7. New Business</b>
<b>Action Taken</b>	Discussion
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>17. Public Comment</b>
<b>Action Taken</b>	Info
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestions on keeping FS meetings within time scheduled. Suggestions include having items being voted on be placed first in the agenda and more adherence to Robert's Rules of order to keep the meeting flowing.</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Adjourn meeting Unanimously Adjourned at 4:30 pm
<b>Comments/Information</b>	Submitted by Patrick Bell, Recorder