

MINUTES

The Faculty Senate met on Thursday September 24, 2026, in French Admin Conference Room 324F and via Zoom. Fifty-seven (57) senators were present, six (6) vacancies with twenty-six (26) absent, and twenty-seven (27) non-voting participants. The meeting was called to order by Christine Horne, Senate Chair, at 4:12 pm

Guest Presentation: WSU President Elizabeth Cantwell and Provost T. Chris Riley-Tillman

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- I. Call to Order at 4:12 pm
- II. Approval of minutes from April 16, 2026, Faculty Senate meeting ([PDF](#))
Approved by unanimous consent
- III. Additions or changes to the agenda
P. Buckley moved to move discussion item #2 (Item #2026.04.16_638_CoC) to action
Motion approved; 54 approve, 2 reject
- IV. Updates
 - A. Remarks by Faculty Senate Executive Committee
 1. Faculty Senate Chair – **C. Horne**
 2. Chair Elect – **R. Thomas**
 3. Immediate Past Chair – **K. Roberts**
 4. Executive Secretary – **M. Hudelson**
 - B. Board of Regents – **T. Klein**
 - C. Legislative Update – **S. Bollens**
- V. Information Items
 1. (Item #2026.05.26_632_Steering) Fall 2026 Faculty Salary Increase Process (Exhibit [632A](#))
Requested incorrect reference to 2027 be corrected to 2026.
Motion approved as amended; 8 Approve, 0 Reject
 2. (Item #2026.09.24_634_Steering) New Administrative Policies, WAC rules, and revisions approved between January 2026 and July 2026 (Exhibit [634A](#))
 3. (Item #2026.09.24_635_Steering) Suspension of Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Ethnic Studies (Exhibit [635A](#))



4. (Item #2026.09.24_636_Steering) Suspension of Bachelor of Arts in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (Exhibit [636A](#))
5. (Item #2026.09.24_643_CRP) Minor Change Bulletin No. 1, Courses (Exhibit [643A](#))
6. Christine Horne appointed Matt Hudelson as Faculty Senate Parliamentarian

VI. Agenda Items

A. Action Items

1. (Item #2026.04.16_638_CoC) Proposed changes to Faculty Senate committee ex officio composition (Exhibit [638A](#))
Motion approved; 53 approve, 2 reject

B. Discussion Items

1. (Item #2026.09.24_637_Steering) Proposed University Centers and Institutes (C/I) Governance Policy (Exhibit [637A](#), [637B](#), [637C](#))
2. (Item #2026.09.24_608_CRP) Graduate Major Change Bulletin No. 7, Courses (Exhibits [608B](#), [608C](#))
3. (Item #2026.09.24_639_CRP) Undergraduate Major Change Bulletin No. 1, Courses (Exhibit [639A](#))
4. (Item #2026.09.24_640_CRP) Graduate Major Change Bulletin No. 1, Courses (Exhibit [640A](#))
5. (Item #2026.09.24_641_CRP) Professional Health Sciences Major Change Bulletin No. 1, Courses (Exhibit [641A](#))
6. (Item #2026.09.24_642_CRP) UCORE Renewals and Changes approved by the UCORE Committee Bulletin No. 1 (Exhibit [642A](#))

VII. Constituent Concerns

VIII. Adjournment 4:35 pm