MINUTES

The Faculty Senate met on Thursday, October 22, 2026, in French Admin Conference Room 324F and via Zoom. Fifty-four (54) senators were present, seven (7) vacancies, thirty (30) absent, and eighteen (18) non-voting participants. The meeting was called to order by Senate Chair, Christine Horne, at 4:10 p.m.

Guest Presentation: Pam Scott, Vice President for System Communications and Strategy

Presentation materials

Guest Presentation: Justin Denney, Faculty Ombuds

Presentation materials

I. Call to Order 4:10 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes from October 8, 2026, Faculty Senate meeting (PDF)

Approved by unanimous consent

III. Additions or changes to the agenda

J. Miller moved to move Discussion Item 3 (Item #2026.10.22_650_CoC) Recommended Members for Vacant Faculty Senate Committee Seats to action

Motion approved; 43 approve, 0 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

Note: *Senators are encouraged to bring questions about discussion items to the Senate meeting. Senators are also welcome to contact committee chairs if they have specific questions that they would like addressed before the Senate meeting. Additionally, senators are encouraged to ask questions about exhibits before items are advanced to action items.*

VI. Agenda Items

A. Action Items

1. (Item #2026.10.08_644_FAC) Proposed update to the *Faculty Manual Section III.D.9 Process for Tenure and Advancement in Rank* (Exhibit 644A)

Motion approved; 40 approve, 2 reject

2. (Item #2026.10.08_645_GSC) Proposal for retroactive inclusion of Food Technologies graduate certificates in Data Analytics and Sustainability within the approved M.S. in Food Manufacturing Technologies program (Exhibit 645A, 645B)

   Motion approved; 45 approve, 0 reject

3. (Item #2026.10.08_646_GSC) Proposed Revisions to Graduate School Policy and Procedures to align certain graduate credit limits at nine credits. (Exhibits 646A, 646B)

   Motion approved; 47 approve, 0 reject

4. (Item #2026.10.08_647_AAC) Undergraduate and Professional Major Change Bulletin No. 1, Requirements (Exhibit 647A)

   Motion approved; 46 approve, 0 reject

5. (Item #2026.10.22_650_CoC) Recommended Members for Vacant Faculty Senate Committee Seats (Exhibit 650A)

   Motion approved; 47 approve, 0 reject

B. Discussion Items

1. (Item #2026.10.22_648_CRP) Undergraduate and Professional Major Change Bulletin No. 2, Courses (Exhibit 648A)
2. (Item #2026.10.22_649_CRP) Graduate Major Change Bulletin No. 2, Courses (Exhibit 649A)
3. (Item #2026.10.22_651_AAC) Undergraduate and Professional Major Change Bulletin No. 2, Requirements (Exhibit 651A)
4. (Item #2026.10.22_652_AAC) Proposed revision of AR 119: Requirements for an Undergraduate Certificate (Exhibits 652A, 652B)
5. (Item #2026.10.22_653_FAC) Proposed update to *Faculty Manual Section III.D.10 Salary – Alternative Allocation* (Exhibit 653A)

VII. Constituent Concerns

VIII. Adjournment 4:28 p.m.

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