

## Agenda for the May 2026 Session of the Faculty Senate

FACULTY SENATE MEMBERS (For Action)  
ALL FACULTY MEMBERS (For Information)

The Faculty Senate will meet on **Thursday, May 7, at 3:30 p.m.** The agenda is as follows:

- A. Roll call by Secretary of the Faculty – Tracy Stout
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the April 2026 session
- C. Chair's Report
  - **4/13 meeting with President Williams:** FSEC raised faculty concerns about budget cuts and constraints with hiring, ongoing low morale related to the budget and overworked faculty. Williams plans to submit a written response to the Faculty Concerns survey by Aug. 1.
  - **Meeting with Provost Phillips:**
  - **4/1 ALC meeting:** FSEC asked for clarification regarding the academic policy review process and how Faculty Senate can be informed of changes in academic policies; Ken Brown will now forward policies to FSEC before sending them to the President's Cabinet. Provost-led discussion about possibly reducing student service fees for distance ed students.
- D. Announcements
  - If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12, at 3:30 p.m. (location TBD)
  - Email from Financial Aid Office (4/27): Students must take 6 credit hours during the summer in order to apply financial aid (up from 3 credit hours)
  - New "Chair's Report" to be included in monthly agendas
  - College Council audit of RTP guidelines
  - Creation of ad hoc committee on Department Chair model
  - Creation of ad hoc committee on Distinguished Professor requirements
- E. Testing Center Director, Lance Renner, Introduction – Dave Richards, Dean of the Library
- F. Report from SGA – Ruby Knight, SGA Cabinet
- G. Report from Committee on University Budget & Priorities – Beth Walker, Committee Chair
- H. Resolution for the 2025/2026 Senate Chair, Micheal Foster – Heidi Backes, Faculty Senate Chair
- I. Resolution for the 2025/2026 Secretary of the Faculty, Dr. Kim Finch – Heidi Backes, Faculty Senate Chair
- J. Resolution for the 2025/2026 Parliamentarian, Dr. Michael Hudson – Heidi Backes, Faculty Senate Chair
- K. Unfinished Business
- L. New Business
- M. Adjournment

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Heidi Backes, Chair