

Minutes of the February 2026 Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the February 2026 session on Thursday, February 12, 2026, in PSU 313. Chair Mike Foster called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Mike Hudson served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Beth Walker for Adam McGee, Plant Science, Natural Resources & Animal Science.

Absences: Jenifer Roberts, Merchandising & Fashion Design; Razib Iqbal, Computer Science; James Keaton, Anesthesia; and Shannon Hauschildt, Physician Assistant Studies.

Guests: Clarenda Phillips, Provost; Tonia Tinsley, LCR; Joshua Lambert, Faculty Concerns Committee; Andrea Miller, Library/Faculty Handbook Revision Committee; Timothy Pfeil, Greenwood Lab School; and Hillary Roberts, Graduate Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 2026 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on February 17, at 3:30 p.m. (location TBD).
- Continue to support the Bear Pantry.
- OER Email (Due Date is February 14th).
- Committee on Budget & Priorities Review to review all new program proposals, identifying budget implications and presenting a report of their findings to the Faculty Senate to weigh when the proposal comes to the floor for vote.
- CGEIP Charge to Compare MoState GenEd against CORE 42 (Report in April).

MONTHLY PROVOST UPDATE

Provost Clarenda Phillips presented the update to Senate.

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair-elect Heidi Backes, Committee Chair, presented the report.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FACULTY CONCERNS

Joshua Lambert, Committee Chair, presented the report. The link to the report is:

https://app.powerbi.com/links/NLpywWpDXX?ctid=cad830e4-554f-4361-bae5-c865233fb77f&pbi_source=linkShare&bookmarkGuid=b73304ab-6e97-4693-9de4-678036ac3547

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Andrea Miller, Committee Chair, presented the report.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

Leonard Horton/Communication, Media, Journalism & Film

New Program: Immersive Audio-UNDERGRADUATE

APPROVED: SA 13/25-26

Senator Alejandra Cerdas Cisneros /Languages, Cultures & Religions

New Program: American Academic Language-UNDERGRADUATE

APPROVED: SA 14/25-26

Senator Rebecca Woodard /School of Health Sciences
New Program: Coaching-UNDERGRADUATE
APPROVED: SA 15/25-26

ELECTION OF THE UNIVERSITY HEARING COMMITTEE

Secretary Finch conducted the annual UHC election.

Election Outcome:

Ximena Uribe-Zarain/School of Special Education, Leadership and Professional Studies

Sabrina Brinson/School of Teaching, Learning and Developmental Science

Melanie Carden-Jessen/School of Earth, Environment and Sustainability

Matthew Siebert/Chemistry and Biochemistry

Lating Yiang/School of Hospitality and Agricultural Leadership

Wajeana Bonczyk/School of Hospitality and Agricultural Leadership

Holly Holladay/Communication, Media, Journalism and Film

Christopher Collins/Communication, Media, Journalism and Film

William Meadows/Sociology, Anthropology and Gerontology

Stephen Haggard/Finance, Economics and Risk Management

Bogdan Kostic/School of Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences

Wesley Church/School of Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences

Melissa Penkalski/School of Nursing

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senator Albert Barreda/School of Hospitality & Agriculture Leadership

New Program: Agricultural Technology-UNDERGRADUATE

APPROVED: SA 16/25-26

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Calihman motioned to Amend Something Previously Adopted; the motion was seconded. The specific item to amend is the April 2024 Senate Action for Administration Response to the Faculty Concerns Committee.

Senator Thomas-Tate motioned to postpone to the next Faculty Senate meeting the debate on the motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted. The Senate approved the motion from Senator Thomas-Tate.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Kim Finch

Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 13-25/26

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