

Minutes of the January 2026 Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the January 2026 session on Thursday, January 15, 2026, in PSU 313. Chair Mike Foster called the session to order at 3:35 p.m. Mike Hudson served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Amy Rohr for Debbie Horine, Nursing.

Absences: Jenifer Roberts, Merchandising & Fashion Design; Brian Greene, Biology; Adam McGee, Plant Science, Natural Resources & Animal Science; James Keaton, Anesthesia; and Rebecca Woodard, Kinesiology.

Guests: Jamie Atkinson, Rules Committee Chair; Laura Foster, Counseling Center, Alicia Baum, Counseling Center; Alan Schick, Grad Council; Austin Ball, Staff Senate; Hailey Wecker, Nursing; Randi Ulbricht, SHS; and Clarendia Phillips, Provost.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 2025 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, at 3:30 p.m. (location TBD).
- Eric Shade Award nominations due January 27th.
- Curriculum Open Labs are being offered to support faculty in submitting proposals this curriculum year: [Open Lab Schedule](#).
- Chair Foster thanked the Senate for their support of the Bear Pantry.
- University Council met January 13. A link to the PowerPoint presentations is attached. https://www.missouristate.edu/President/UC/ files/1-13USC_Presentations.pdf
- Curriculum submission deadlines for this curriculum year can be found online at the Curriculum Proposals Submission Deadline and Effective Terms. The link is: https://www.missouristate.edu/CPM/proposal_deadlines-effectiveterms.htm

PROVOST REPORT

Dr. Clarendia Phillips, Provost, spoke to the Senate.

REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL REVIEW LETTERS

Dr. Tiffany Havlin, committee chair, presented the report.

REPORT FROM ADVANCE TEAM

Dr. Randi Ulbricht reported.

PRESENTATION FROM THE COUNSELING CENTER

Dr. Alicia Baum, Counseling Center Director, and Laura Foster, Mental Health Clinician, presented to the Senate.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

Senator Razib Iqbal/Department of Computer Science

New Course: CSC – AI for All-UNDERGRADUATE GEN ED

APPROVED: SA 8/25-26

Senator Bassett moved to postpone. The motion passed.

New Program: Agricultural Technology-UNDERGRADUATE

POSTPONED

Senator Damon Bassett/School of Earth, Environment & Sustainability
New Program: Geoscience Foundations-*UNDERGRADUATE*
APPROVED: SA 9/25-26

Senator Scott Zimmerman/School of Health Sciences
New Program: Human Anatomy Education-*GRADUATE*
APPROVED: SA 10/25-26

Senator James Sottile/School of Special Education, Leadership & Professional Studies
New Program: Innovation in Education-*GRADUATE*
APPROVED: SA 11/25-26

Senator Leonard Horton/Dept of Communication, Media, Journalism & Film
New Program: Media Production-*GRADUATE*
APPROVED: SA 12/25-26

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Kim Finch
Secretary of the Faculty

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New Program: Geoscience Foundations-*UNDERGRADUATE*

Senate Action 10-25/26

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New Program: Human Anatomy Education-*GRADUATE*

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