

Minutes of the September 2025 Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the September session on Thursday, September 11, 2025, in PSU 313. Chair Mike Foster called the session to order at 3:32 p.m. Mike Hudson served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Tiglet Besara for Mike Reed, Physics, Astronomy & Materials Science; Conner Wilkinson for Andrew Albritton, Information Technology & Cybersecurity; Indira Palacios-Valladares for Gabriel Ondetti, Political Science & Philosophy; Leslie Baynes for Vadim Putzu, Languages, Cultures & Religions; Elizabeth Sobel for Maureen Templeman, Sociology & Anthropology; and Beth Walker for Adam McGee, Plant Science, Natural Resources & Animal Science.

Absences: John Rose, Defense & Strategic Studies; and Alejandra Cerdas Cisneros, Languages, Cultures & Religion.

Guests: President Williams; Provost Phillips; Theresa McCoy, Information Services; Randi Ulbricht, BMS; Jamie Atkinson, Chair, Committee on Rules; Johannes Strobel, Dean, Graduate College; Asif Ishtiaque, SEES; Andrea Miller, Library; Alan Schick, Chemistry/Grad Council; Kelly Wood, Office of the Provost; Austin Ball, Staff Senate; William Harwood, PS&P; and David Richards, Library Dean.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 2025 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16, at 3:30 p.m. (location TBD).
- Computer Services Upgrade
- Bear Pantry Drive: <https://www.missouristate.edu/CCE/aboutbearpantry.htm> or Bear Pantry Donation: <https://www.missouristate.edu/CCE/donate.htm>
- ATLAS transition

ELECTRONIC VOTE ON REVISION OF BYLAWS, ARTICLE I, SECTIONS 1-3

Chair Foster instructed the Senate on the voting procedure.

GUEST: PRESIDENT BIFF WILLIAMS

President Williams addressed the Faculty Senate.

GUEST: PROVOST CLARENDIA PHILLIPS

Provost Phillips addressed the Faculty Senate.

INTRODUCTION: JOHANNES STROBEL, DEAN OF THE GRADUATE COLLEGE

Dean Strobel introduced himself to the Faculty Senate.

INTRODUCTION: DAVID RICHARDS, DEAN OF THE LIBRARY

Dean Richards introduced himself to the Faculty Senate.

REPORT FROM ADVANCE TEAM

Randi Ulbricht, Provost Fellow, presented the report.

BALLOT RESULTS FOR VOTE ON REVISION OF BYLAWS

Article I, Sections 1-3 passed:

YES – 43

NO - 4

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

Senator Matthew Calihman/English moved the proposal to the floor
New Program: Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

APPROVED: SA 1/25-26

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Foster announced he will be including a report from the ad hoc GenEd Committee in October.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Kim Finch

Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 1-25/26

Adopted by Senate on September 11, 2025

Faculty Senate Chair Must Be Notified of Intent to Challenge By: September 26, 2025
Right of Challenge Expires October 14, 2025

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