

Faculty Senate Executive Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 25, 2025, 12:00 Noon

MSC 2W16b/Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Stark (v), Ross Salary, Uyi Lawani, Mike Huesmann, Zach Garrett, Shawn Schulenberg, Jessica Buerk (v), Mindy Varney, Kelli Johnson (v), Rick Gage, Amine Oudghiri-Otmani, Richard Egleton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nathaniel Ramsey

EX-OFFICIO, NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Riner, Del Chrol, Connor Waller

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Zeli Rivas (Parliamentarian) (v)

SENATE STAFF: Hailey Bibbee

EX-OFFICIO, NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Carl Mummert, Andrew Morelock, Eryn Roles, Sonja Cantrell-Johnson (v), Susan Tusing (v), Christopher Atkins (v), Craig Kimble (v), Anna Mummert (v), Karen McComas (v), Rich Jones (v), Clinton Brown (v).

The meeting was convened at noon by Chair Shawn Schulenberg.

1. Approval of Proposed Agenda - approved
2. Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2025 - approved
3. Announcements – Chair
 1. This year we are implementing an updated version of MU BOG AA 1 Sabbatical Leave, which includes an earlier time frame than normal. All sabbatical applications are due to their chair by next Monday, September 1.
 2. We have a few important searches recently completed or underway. We have hired a new Athletic Director, Gerald Harrison. The provost search committee is currently reviewing applications, and finalists are scheduled to be on campus the week of September 22-26. Faculty are especially encouraged to keep open the 10am hour for a forum on student success, and the 11am hour for a forum for faculty. The COLA Dean search first preference deadline for applicants was last Monday.
 3. The AI Task Force has revised its syllabus guidance on AI. Rather than encouraging course-level polices, best practices demonstrate indicate that assignment-level guidance is a better approach. Faculty can find this guidance on the Academic Affairs website. You will also hear information soon about an AI Innovation Challenge, which will accept proposals for innovative uses of AI in higher education. Accepted proposals will receive funding to pay for software/licensing, and top uses will come with a cash prize.
 4. The President has asked Robin Riner to assemble a “Campus 365” ad hoc committee to review how we can remain rapid and robust 12 months a year.
 5. We will have many important items to consider this academic year. The Faculty Personnel Committee will send us a recommendation to consolidate MU BOG Rules AA 6, 7, and 9, our promotion and tenure requirements. This proposal includes many changes and the FPC

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has been working on these changes for three years. The Chair of the ad hoc Post-Tenure Review Committee has also indicated he would like to send us a proposal by the end of the semester. Finally, our ad-hoc committee on Course Recommendations should also have a proposal for us to review by the end of the academic year.

6. We are searching for liaisons for three standing committees: Athletic, Faculty Personnel, and Faculty Development.
7. Upcoming Meetings/Events
 - a. The items we consider today will be reviewed at our first Faculty Senate meeting of this academic year on September 4. We will be in MSC BE5 for that meeting.
 - b. Our next Executive Committee meeting for the next Academic Year is scheduled for September 15 for items to be taken up at the September 25 Faculty Senate meeting. All recommendations and resolutions for those meetings are due at senate@marshall.edu by September 5.
 - c. The Fall General Faculty Meeting is scheduled for October 15 at 4:00 pm in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.
4. Set Agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting, September 4, 2025 (Held in the MSC BE5) - approved
 - a. Approval of Proposed Agenda
 - b. Approval of Minutes
 - c. Announcements – Chair
 - d. Parliamentary Procedures Primer – Chair/Parliamentarian
 - e. Recommendations/Resolutions
 - f. Regular Reports
 - i. President – Brad Smith (15 minutes)
 - ii. Provost – Robert Bookwalter (15 minutes)
 - iii. Board of Governors – Robin Riner (5 minutes)
 - iv. Advisory Council of Faculty – Amine Oudghiri-Otmani (5 minutes)
 - v. Graduate Council – Richard Egleton (5 minutes)
 - vi. Student Government Association – Connor Waller (5 minutes)
 - g. Other Requests to Speak

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Kelli Johnson

Kelli Johnson, Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:



Shawn Schulenberg, Chair
Faculty Senate

September 15, 2025

Date Signed

MINUTES READ:



Brad Smith, President
Marshall University

September 17, 2025

Date Signed