

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, February 09, 2026, 12:00 Noon**

**MSC 2W16b / Microsoft Teams**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jessica Buerk

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

EX-OFFICIO, NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Zeli Rivas

FACULTY SENTE STAFF: Hailey Bibbee

GUESTS: Carl Mummert, Karen McComas, Andrew Morelock, Sonja Cantrell-Johnson (v), Craig Kimble (v), Allison Carey (v), Lindsey Harper (v), Eryn Roles (v)

The meeting was convened at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Shawn Schulenberg.

1. Approval of Proposed Agenda- approved
2. Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2026 - approved
3. Announcements – Chair
  1. Our HLC Accreditation visit has been rescheduled for March 30-31.
  2. Marshall Day at the Capitol was last Tuesday, followed by a Universities United reception at the Cultural Center. I want to thank everyone who attended, but a personal thanks to Nathaniel Ramsey for the tour of the aviation facility at Yeager Airport.
  3. Academic Affairs is currently working with the BAPC and Graduate Council to create a streamlined procedure for all academic appeals. As of now, they are scattered among several different policies.
  4. Given the number of extreme weather events over the past two weeks, I have asked the BAPC to consider revisions to UPGA-2: Policy Regarding Weather-Related and/or Emergency Closings and Delays. As of now, there is no option to “jump to virtual,” which is something that many other universities do and something we did during

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COVID. The BAPC will have some preliminary discussions this Spring, with plans to recommend revisions in September, well before our next winter storm season.

5. The Campus 365 Task Force is moving forward under Dr. Riner's leadership. The President has tasked the group to come up with a proposal to implement the suggestions it crafted in the fall. The goal is to keep our campus as operational as possible when nine-month faculty are not contract while respecting norms, best practices, and labor equity.
6. Academic Affairs is also beginning the first steps to assemble the Calendar Committee, which in the Fall 2026 semester will begin to create the next four-year academic calendar, 2028-32.
7. Upcoming Meetings/Events
  - a. We have three Faculty Senate meetings left this academic year. The items we consider today we be reviewed at the Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for February 19. Our next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for March 9 for items to be taken up at the March 26 Faculty Senate meeting. All recommendations and resolutions are due at senate@marshall.edu by February 27.
  - b. I will give my annual address to the Board of Governors during their April 8, 2026, meeting.
  - c. Academic units will hold elections 2026-28 Faculty Senate in March, receiving guidance from the Faculty Senate office in February. The newly elected senators will have their first meeting on April 30, 2026, at 4:00 PM in MSC Don Morris Room to choose their officers and executive committee.

#### 4. Recommendations/Resolutions

- a. **SR 25-26-15 CC – Recommends Undergraduate Program Addition, Deletion, Change** in the following college/schools/programs: **Public History Certificate, Public History Minor, Commercial Music.** - approved

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b. **SR 25-26-16 CC** – Recommends **Undergraduate Course Addition, Deletion, Change** in the following college/schools/programs: **HST 456, CHM 112, CMM 308, CMM 409, GEO 450**. - approved

Entered into Executive Session at 12:10 p.m.

Exited Executive Session at 12:18 p.m.

c. **SR 25-26-17 EC** – Confidential Recommendation for Spring Commencement Speaker.- approved

d. **SR 25-26-18 EC** -Confidential Recommendation for Spring Honorary Degree Recipient(s). - approved

e. **SR 25-26-19 FPC** – Recommends a New BOG Rule on Faculty Conduct. - tabled

5. Set Agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting, February 19, 2026 – approved

a. Approval of Proposed Agenda

b. Approval of Minutes

c. Announcements – Chair

d. Guest Speaker: Geoffrey Sheils (MU Board of Governors)

e. Recommendations/Resolutions

f. Regular Reports

i. University President – Brad Smith (10 minutes)

ii. Provost – Robert Bookwalter (10 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. Standing Committee Liaison Reports

i. Government Affairs Committee – Marybeth Beller (4 minutes)

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- ii. University Curriculum Committee – Tim Melvin (4 minutes)
- iii. Faculty Personnel Committee – Chair (4 minutes)
- iv. Research Committee – Philippe Georgel (4 minutes)
- v. Student Conduct & Welfare Committee – Tony Viola (4 minutes)
- vi. Faculty Technology Committee – Nitin Puri (4 minutes)

h. Other Requests to Speak

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Kelli Johnson*

Kelli Johnson, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

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Shawn Schulenberg, Chair  
Faculty Senate

Date Signed

**MINUTES READ:**

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Brad Smith, President  
Marshall University

Date Signed