

Faculty Senate Executive Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 10, 2025, 12:00 Noon
MSC 2W16b / Microsoft Teams

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

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PARLIAMENTARIAN: Zeli Rivas

GUESTS: Carl Mummert, Karen McComas (v), Andrew Morelock, Eryn Roles, Anna Mummert (v), Sonja Cantrell-Johnson (v), Kelly Bradley (v), Shayna Morrison, Craig Kimble (v), R.B. Bookwalter

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

1. Approval of Proposed Agenda - approved

2. Approval of Minutes of October 13, 2025 - approved

3. Announcements - Chair

1. Now that the Senate has passed revisions to MU BOG Rule AA-6, these documents are under shared governance review until November 26. If there are no major substantive changes, its next stop will be the Board of Governors (maybe February).
2. The Five Families will meet today to discuss the general approach to a policy on Faculty Misconduct. The Faculty Personnel Committee created the first draft.
3. The provost search is complete and Dr. Diane Petrella from Kent State will join us on July 1, 2026. After another unsuccessful search, the COLA dean search will kick off again soon, with applications due January 12, 2026.
4. The SGA is hosting a pop-up food pantry. Please check your email for information on how to donate, including purchasing items from their Amazon wish list. In addition, the ACE Center is sponsoring a winter clothing drive. Please consider donating items this week (November 10-14) in the East Hall lobby.
5. Keep an eye out for a fundraiser and an evening of fun on December 4, Dancing with the Herd. On that night, four couples—Brad & Alys Smith, Toney & Cassie Stroud, Gerald and Lisa Harrison, and myself & Ariel—will compete to raise money for a variety of causes on campus. Support me to support the Study Abroad Student Support Fund.
6. Upcoming Meetings/Events

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- a. Our next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for January 12 for items to be taken up at the January 22 Faculty Senate meeting. All recommendations and resolutions are due at senate@marshall.edu by January 2.
- b. The Chairman of our Board of Governors will visit the Faculty Senate during our February 19, 2026, meeting.
- c. I will give my annual address to the Board of Governors during their April 8, 2026, meeting.

4. Recommendations/Resolutions

- a. **SR 25-26-06 CC** – Recommends Approval of the Listed **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM ADDITION, DELETION, CHANGE** in the following college and/or schools/programs: **Geography Education; Digital Humanities; Creative Writing. - approved**
- b. **SR 25-26-07 CC** - Recommends Approval of the Listed **UNDERGRADUATE COURSE ADDITION, DELETION, CHANGE** in the following college and/or schools/programs: **CE 417, PSC 217, PSY 450, BSPS 203, BSPS 480, HST 210, PSC 460, BSPS 340 - approved**

5. Set Agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting, November 20, 2025 - approved

- a. Approval of Proposed Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes
- c. Announcements – Chair
- d. Recommendations/Resolutions
- e. Regular Reports
 - i. University 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)
- f. Standing Committee Liaison Reports
 - i. Government Affairs Committee – Marybeth Beller (4 minutes)
 - ii. University Curriculum Committee – Tim Melvin (4 minutes)

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- iii. Faculty Personnel Committee – Clinton Brown (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)

g. Other Requests to Speak

6. Other items

- a. Robin Riner asks that we send suggestions to Campus 365 committee regarding which committees should work over the summer.
- b. Rick Gage requested clarification on the budget. The Provost confirmed what the President stated at the last FS meeting – a 0 to 2% cut.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kelli Johnson

Kelli Johnson, Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:



Shawn Schulenberg, Chair
Faculty Senate

January 12, 2026

Date Signed

MINUTES READ:



Brad Smith, President
Marshall University

1/29/2026