

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, January 12, 2026, 12:00 Noon**

**MSC 2W16b / Microsoft Teams**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jessica Buerk

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

EX-OFFICIO, NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Zelideth Rivas

FACULTY SENTE STAFF: Hailey Bibbee

GUESTS: Carl Mummert, Karen McComas, Andrew Morelock, Sonja Cantrell-Johnson (v), Craig Kimble (v), R.B. Bookwalter, Damian Arthur, Jim Denvir, Allison Carey

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

1. Approval of Proposed Agenda - approved

2. Approval of Minutes of November 10, 2025 - approved

3. Announcements – Chair

1. This is our last semester as an Executive Committee and Faculty Senate, with academic units holding elections in March. The 2026-28 Faculty Senate will meeting on April 30 at 4:00 PM in MSC Don Morris room to choose their officers and executive committee.
2. Applications for the next dean of the College of Liberal Arts are due today. Please encourage any well-qualified applicants to submit their name.
3. Our HLC Accreditors will be on campus for a site visit January 26-27. Please keep your eyes open for 1) meetings in which you are directly invited and 2) those that are open to the entire campus community.
4. Due to several requests from faculty members, we have asked the Office of General Counsel for guidance on what to do if ICE appears on campus. We will share this information with you as we learn more.
5. In addition to the items we consider today, the Faculty Senate will consider some further amendments to MU BOG AA6, passed in October, and brought back to the table in our November meeting. The current draft is posted on the Faculty Senate website for all to review. Please review and email [senate@marshall.edu](mailto:senate@marshall.edu) with any corrections.

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6. Our shared governance working group on creating a policy on Faculty Misconduct met over break making further edits to our draft policy. We hope to have a version ready to present to the Faculty Senate for our February meetings.

7. Upcoming Meetings/Events

- a. We may have a larger schedule than normal for our February meetings. Please attend in person if possible and add a little space in your calendar as these will be longer meetings.
- b. Our next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for February 9 for items to be taken up at the February 19 Faculty Senate meeting. At those meetings, we are scheduled to review the candidate for Spring commencement speaker along with any honorary degree candidates. We may also have a policy on Faculty Misconduct to review. The Chairman of our Board of Governors will visit the Faculty Senate during our February meeting. All recommendations and resolutions are due at senate@marshall.edu by January 30.
- c. I will give my annual address to the Board of Governors during their April 8, 2026, meeting.

4. Recommendations/Resolutions

- a. **SR 25-26-04 BAPC** – Recommends **Revisions to UPAA-5 Midterm Grades** - approved
- b. **SR 25-26-08 APC** – Resolves **UG Degree Programs Continue at Current Level**: BA English, BA Journalism, BS Biomechanics, BS Computer Science, BS Occupational Safety and Health - approved
- c. **SR 25-26-09 APC** – Resolves **UG Degree Program Develops or Expands**: BS Exercise Science -approved
- d. **SR 25-26-10 APC** – Resolves **UG Degree Program Improves**: BS Computer and Information Technology -approved
- e. **SR 25-26-11 APC** – Resolves **UG Degree Program Discontinue after All Enrolled Students Complete It** – BS Computer and Information Security - approved
- f. **SR 25-26-12 CC** – Recommends **Approval of the Listed UG Program Addition/Deletion/Change**: Social Influence; Health Communication; Health and Wellness - approved
- g. **SR 25-26-13 CC** – Recommends **Approval of the Listed UG Course Addition/Deletion/Change**: SCLA 490; ESS 485; ESS 486; ESS 487; ESS 488; HS 485; HS 486; HS 487; HS 488; CMM 474; CMM 479; GEO 101; HST 475 - approved
- h. **SR 25-26-14 BAPC** - Recommends **Revisions to UPAA-4 Course Withdrawal** - approved

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**5. Set Agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting, January 22, 2026 - approved**

- a. Approval of Proposed Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes
- c. Announcements – Chair
- d. Recommendations/Resolutions
  - i. **SR 25-26-01 FPC** – Recommends **Revisions** to **MUBOG Rule AA-6** (on the table)
- 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. Academic Planning Committee – Daniel O'Malley (4 minutes)
  - ii. Athletic Committee – Suzanne Konz (4 minutes)
  - iii. Budget & Academic Policy Committee – Jana Tigchelaar (4 minutes)
  - iv. Faculty Development Committee – Liaison (4 minutes)
  - v. Government Affairs Committee – Marybeth Beller (4 minutes)
  - vi. Library Committee – Margie Phillips (4 minutes)
  - vii. Physical Facilities & Planning – Jamey Halleck (4 minutes)
  - g. Mark Zanter – “Marshall for All” Mural (4 minutes)
- h. Other Requests to Speak

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted:

*Kelli Johnson*

Kelli Johnson, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

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Shawn Schulenberg, Chair  
Faculty Senate

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Date Signed

**MINUTES READ:**

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Brad Smith, President  
Marshall University

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Date Signed