

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, April 13, 2026, 12:00 Noon**

**MSC 2W16b / Microsoft Teams**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nathaniel Ramsey

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

EX-OFFICIO, NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Zelideth Rivas (v)

FACULTY SENATE STAFF: Hailey Bibbee

GUESTS: Carl Mummert, Karen McComas, Anna Mummert (v), Gary McIlvain (v), Michelle Biggs (v), Herman Mays (v), Sherri Stepp (v), Sonja Catrell-Johnson (v), Kelly Bradley (v), Christopher Atkins (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 March 9, 2026 - approved
3. Announcements – Chair
  1. The Board of Governors met last Wednesday and approved our revisions to MU BOG AA6. The approval process will be finalized after the public comments period comes to an end (and effective AY 2028-29).
  2. Thank you to everyone who made it to the Spring General Faculty meeting last Thursday. It is always a pleasure to see the fantastic work being done by our award-winning faculty. You can find a link to the livestream recording and a PDF of the slide deck on the Faculty Senate website. Slide 24 discusses the raise structure that will be implemented this summer.
  3. Academic units held their elections for 2026-28 Faculty Senate in March. 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. This week the Faculty Senate office will email a meeting invitation and proposed agenda, including election procedures.
  4. This is our last scheduled meeting as an Executive Committee, although we stay in our roles until June 30, 2026. I want to thank you all for approaching this role with thoughtfulness and a forward-looking lens. We have been responsible partners in shared governance, even in the face of significant headwinds. I am especially proud of our work on AA-16 last term, and this term AA-6, Faculty Conduct Procedures, and Fitness-for-Duty—work that clarifies academic freedom, modernizes promotion and tenure, and establishes due process where it was not clearly defined. We have followed the main rule of scouting: leave the place better than you found it.

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4. Recommendations/Resolutions

- a. **SR 25-26-25 FPC** – Recommends Adoption of **New UPAA Fitness-for-Duty Policy** - approved
- b. **SR 25-26-26 BAPC** – Recommends Adoption of **New UPAA Student Academic Appeals** - approved
- c. **SR 25-26-27 BAPC** – Recommends Revisions to **Standardize Language in Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs** - approved
- d. **SR 25-26-28 CC** – Recommends Approval of the **Listed Undergraduate Program Additions, Deletions, Changes in the Following College and/or Schools/Programs**: Sound Production Minor; Pre-Occupational Therapy AoE; Abdomen-Extended/OBGYN AoE; Applied Res in Hlth & Mvmt Sci Minor; Cyber Security AoE; Manufacturing Processes AoE; BFA Theatre; Perform, BFA Theatre Emphasis; Production; BA Music Industry; Music Management; BA General Business; BA Elementary Education; Art Education, Pre-K-Adult; Biological Science, 9-Adult; Chemistry, 9-Adult; English, 5-Adult; PE Health Wellness, Pre-K-Adult; Music Education, Pre-K-Adult; Mathematics, 5-Adult; Multi-Categorical, 5-Adult; Physics, 9-Adult; General Science, 5-Adult; Social Studies, 5-Adult; BSEE, Electrical/Computer Engr; BS Medical Laboratory Science; Community Health; Kinesiology; Kin, Pre-Physical Therapy; Kin, Pre-Med; Kin, Pre-Physician Assistant; Nutrition; BS Biological Science; Forensic Biology Emph. BSC Mjr; BA Biological Sciences Major; Ecology, Evol & Organismal Bio; Cell, Molecular & Medical Bio; Military Science Minor (MINU). - approved
- e. **SR 25-26-29 CC** – Recommends Approval of the **Listed Undergraduate Course Additions, Deletions, Changes in the Following College and/or Schools/Programs**: MUSP 350; MUSP 351; CI 340; EDF 202; EDF 204; HS 370; HS 470; GEO 230L; HST 393; BSC 492; UNI 100H; MUSP 126; MUSP 127; MUS 121; MUS 218; MUS 219; MUS 432; CI 248; CI 348; ENGR 201; EE 202; EE 210; EE 320; EE 330; EE 340; EE 360; EE 375; EE 380; EE 410; EE 420; GEO 230; PSY 420; BSC 491; MS 221. - approved
- f. **SR 25-26-30 AHC** – Recommends Revisions to **UPAA9 Course Evaluation** - approved

5. Set Agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting, April 23, 2026 - approved

- a. Approval of Proposed Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes
- c. Announcements – Chair
- d. Recommendations/Resolutions
- e. Regular Reports

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- 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)
- f. Standing Committee Liaison Reports
- i. Government Affairs Committee – Marybeth Beller (4 minutes)
  - 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)
- g. Other Requests to Speak

6. Members of Faculty Senate Executive Committee expressed praise and thanks for Dr. Shawn Schulenberg's leadership.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Kelli Johnson*

Kelli Johnson, Recording Secretary

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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

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