

Marshall University Faculty Senate
Special Election Meeting Agenda
Thursday, April 30, 2026, 4:00 – 5:30pm
Don Morris Room (MSC)

Quorum = 29

1. **Call to Order** (2024-26 Faculty Senate Chair)
2. **Approval of the Proposed Agenda** (2024-26 Faculty Senate Chair)
3. **Overview of Rules and Election Procedures** (2024-26 Faculty Senate Chair)
3. **Election of 2026-28 Faculty Senate Chair** (2024-26 Faculty Senate Chair)
 - a. Nominations: Call for nominations. Each nominee needs a second and must accept the nomination.
 - b. Speeches: Once nominations are closed, each candidate will have the opportunity to speak for up to two minutes. Candidates will speak in the order in which they were nominated.
 - c. Voting. The election will be conducted by secret paper ballot. The victor must receive a **majority** of votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority in the first round, only the top two candidates will advance to a second round of balloting. This process will continue until a candidate is successful.
 - d. *The newly elected Faculty Senate Chair-elect will assume the gavel and chair the remainder of the meeting once their election is confirmed by the Faculty Senate Chair.*
4. **Election of 2026-28 Faculty Senate Assistant Chair** (2026-28 Faculty Senate Chair-elect)
 - a. Nominations: Call for nominations. Each nominee needs a second and must accept the nomination. Note: Faculty from the same academic unit as the newly elected Faculty Senate Chair may not be nominated for Assistant Chair.
 - b. Speeches: Once nominations are closed, each candidate will have the opportunity to speak for up to two minutes. Candidates will speak in the order in which they were nominated.
 - c. Voting. The election will be conducted by secret paper ballot. The victor must receive a **majority** of votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority in the first round, only the top two candidates will advance to a second round of balloting. This process will continue until a candidate is successful.
5. **Election of 2026-28 Faculty Senate Recording Secretary** (2026-28 Faculty Senate Chair-elect)
 - a. Nominations: Call for nominations. Each nominee needs a second and must accept the nomination. Note: Faculty from the same academic units as the newly elected Faculty Senate Chair and Assistant Chair may not be nominated for Assistant Chair.
 - b. Speeches: Once nominations are closed, each candidate will have the opportunity to speak for up to two minutes. Candidates will speak in the order in which they were nominated.
 - c. Voting. The election will be conducted by secret paper ballot. The victor must receive a **majority** of votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority in the first round, only the top two candidates will advance to a second round of balloting. This process will continue until a candidate is successful.
6. **Selection of Remainder of the Executive Committee** (2026-28 Faculty Senate Chair-elect)
 - a. The meeting will adjourn for 10 minutes so that each academic unit can caucus and select/elect one of their members to serve on the Executive Committee. Note: This will include all academic units listed in By-Law 14 EXCEPT those academic units that already have representation in the elected positions of Chair, Assistant Chair, and Recording Secretary.
 - b. The chair will call the meeting back to order.
 - c. Each academic unit will announce their selections. If an academic unit cannot come to agreement on their Executive Committee representative, the entire Senate will ballot using the procedures outlined above.
7. **Adjournment**