

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah McDermott, Heather Stark, Phil Vallejo, Sandy York, Jamey Halleck, Amamda Thompon-Abbott, Uday Tate, Boniface Yemba, Sudipta Chowdhury, Ross Salary, Simon Shim, Mike Huesmann, Lanai Jennings-Knotts, Conrae Lucas-Adkins, Tim Melvin, Zach Garrett, Angela Graham, Shikeal Harris, Lisa Muto, Laura Stephens, Marybeth Beller, Clinton Brown, Puspa Damai, Shoshannah Diehl, Sara Henning, Marianna Linz, Megan Marshall, Boniface Noyongoyo, Daniel O'Malley, Jan Tigchelaar, Antony Viola, Raid Al-Aqtash, Kelly Beatty, Rick Gage, Philippe Georgel, Harman Mays, Sean McBride, Shane Welch, Jessica Buerck, Jim Denvir, Raj Khanna, Bryan Burk (substitute for Raj Khanna), Rahul Amin, Mindy Varney, Eryn Roles, Heather Lauer, Kari Mika-Lude

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leah Turley, Kevin Levine, Ammar Alzarad, Jerica Wesley, Sujoy Bose, Suzanne Konz, Alysha Nichols, Billy Gardner.

EX-OFFICIO, VOTING/NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Alissa David, Richard Egleton, Amine Oudghiri-Otmani

EX-OFFICIO, VOTING/NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Zeli Rivas

SENATE STAFF: Hailey Bibbee

GUESTS: In person – Andrew Morelock, Uyi Lawani, Shawn Schulenberg, Kelli Johnson

The meeting was convened at 4:00 pm by Chair Shawn Schulenberg. Chair Schulenberg reviewed meeting procedures and expectations.

1. Call to Order (2024-26 Faculty Senate Chair)
2. Approval of the Proposed Agenda (2024-26 Faculty Senate Chair) - approved
3. Overview of Rules and Election Procedures (2024-26 Faculty Senate Chair)
4. Election of 2026-28 Faculty Senate Chair (2024-26 Faculty Senate Chair)

a. Nominations:

Philippe Georgel

Clinton Brown

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Jim Denvir

b. Speeches

c. Voting.

Dr. Clinton Brown was elected.

d. The newly elected Faculty Senate Chair-elect assumed the gavel.

5. Election of 2026-28 Faculty Senate Assistant Chair (2026-28 Faculty Senate Chair-elect)

a. Nominations:

Michael Huesmann

b. Speeches: time yielded

c. Voting. By acclamation.

Dr. Michael Huesmann was elected.

6. Election of 2026-28 Faculty Senate Recording Secretary (2026-28 Faculty Senate Chair-elect)

a. Nominations:

Mindy Varney

b. Speeches: time yielded

c. Voting. By acclamation.

Dr. Mindy Varney was elected.

7. Selection of Remainder of the Executive Committee (2026-28 Faculty Senate Chair-elect)

a. The meeting will adjourned for 10 minutes so that each academic unit could caucus and select/elect one of their members to serve on the Executive Committee.

b. Executive Committee members:

Rick Gage, COS  
Phillip Vallejo, CAM  
Zach Garrett, COHP  
Boniface Yemba, LCOB

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Jessica Buerck, SOM  
Ross Salary, CECS  
Eryn Roles, Libraries

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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