

Faculty Senate

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February 17, 2026



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A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on February 17, 2026 at 3:15 PM via Zoom with Chairperson Aerni-Flessner presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the January 20, 2026, meeting were approved as presented.

Remarks

President Kevin Guskiewicz, Provost Laura Lee McIntyre, and Chairperson Aerni-Flessner provided remarks to the Faculty Senate.

Announcement of Vice Chair Elections Results

Secretary Cuellar reported the results of the Faculty Senate Vice Chair election. Senator Jack Lipton has been elected to serve as Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate and will serve for the rest of this term.

Announcement of ACRI Results

Secretary Cuellar reported the results of the Advisory Committee for Responsible Investing (ACRI) nominations. Senator Antoinette Tessmer (Broad College of Business) and Jean Hardy (College of Communication Arts and Sciences) were nominated by the Faculty Senate, and their names have been transmitted to the President's office.

General Education Modernization Initiative

Project Lead and Assistant Provost Stacia Moroski-Rigney and Co-Chair of the GEC Jonathan Weaver gave a presentation regarding the General Education Modernization Initiative. The presentation provided a background on the Presidential and Provost charge of the Initiative, who is participating in the Initiative, the phases of the Initiative, and how the University Committee on Undergraduate Education, University Committee on Curriculum, Faculty Senate and Academic Governance will be involved. Provost McIntyre also answered questions regarding the budgetary model and how changes will be made.

Faculty Election Slate Approval for At-Large Members and Athletic Council

Secretary Cuellar provided background on the process for the election slates for At-Large Members of the Steering Committee/Faculty Senate and the Athletic Council. As part of this process, the Faculty Senate is responsible for

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confirming the respective slates. Senator Bello-DeOcampo brought a motion to approve the ALM slate and there was a second. A vote was conducted with a majority voting in the affirmative. The ALM slate was approved. Senator Gardner brought a motion to approve the Athletic Council slate, and there was a second. A vote was conducted with a majority voting in the affirmative. The Athletic Council slate was approved.

Faculty Election for UMEAC and Department of Police and Public Safety Oversight Committee

Secretary Cuellar provided background on the process for the election slates for UMEAC and the Department of Police and Public Safety Oversight Committee. All eligible members of the Faculty Senate will be provided a Qualtrics link to select individuals to serve on these committees. Once the individuals are selected, the Faculty Senate will be asked to elect these individuals. Senator Gardner made a motion to have these slates go to faculty senators in their email inboxes, and there was a second. A vote was conducted with a majority voting in the affirmative. The motion was passed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM.

Teresa Cuellar

Approved: [month day, year]

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Present	73
Absent	9
Total	82
Quorum	42

Constituency/Title	Name	Attendance
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Satish Joshi	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Henry Chung	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Holly Wang	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Lorraine Weatherspoon	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	David Skole	Present
Arts and Letters	Lucas Nunn	Absent
Arts and Letters	Alejandra Marquez	Present
Arts and Letters	Tze-Lan San	Absent
Arts and Letters	Victor Rodriguez-Pereira	Present
Arts and Letters	Danielle DeVoss	Present
ASMSU	Tony Pham	Present
At Large	Justin St. Charles	Present
At Large	Antoniette Tessmer	Present
At Large	John Aerni-Flessner	Present
At Large	Kyoo il Kim	Present
At Large	Jack Lipton	Present
Athletic Council	Rebecca Malouin	Present
Business	Naveen Khanna	Present
Business	Michelle Nessa	Present
Business	Dwight Handspike	Present

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COGS	Priyanka Kothari	Absent
Communication Arts and Sciences	Casey O'Donnell	Present
Communication Arts and Sciences	Rabindra "Robby" Ratan	Present
Education	Matthew Brodhead	Present
Education	Doug Hartman	Present
Education	Kristy Stein	Present
Education	Jungmin Kwon	Present
Emeriti Faculty	Peter Berg	Present
Engineering	Neil Wright	Present
Engineering	Bei Fan	Present
Engineering	Rebecca Anthony	Present
Engineering	Ruigio Yang	Present
Engineering	Mark Worden	Present
Human Medicine	Natoshia Cunningham	Present
Human Medicine	Sabrina Ford	Present
Human Medicine	Kelly Hodges	Present
Human Medicine	Bruce Uhal	Present
Human Medicine	James C. Anthony	Present
Secretary for Academic Governance	Teresa Cuellar	Present
James Madison	Andaluna Borcila	Present
James Madison	Yael Aronoff	Present
Law	Glen Staszewski	Absent
Law	Stephen Wilks	Present
Non-College Faculty (FRIB)	Oscar Naviliat-Cuncic	Present
Non-College Faculty (Library)	Eli Landaverde	Present
Non-College Faculty (Library)	Gen Iverson	Present
Non-College Faculty	Jonglim Han	Absent
Non-College Faculty	Mahmoud Parvizi	Present
Lyman Briggs	Megan Halpern	Present

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Lyman Briggs	Samantha Cass	Present
Music	Guy Yehuda	Present
Music	Sarah Long	Present
Natural Science	Diana Bello DeOcampo	Present
Natural Science	Pavel Sikorskii	Present
Natural Science	Yuying Xie	Present
Natural Science	Andrew Christlieb	Present
Natural Science	Demetre Kazaras	Present
Nursing	Horng-Shiuann Wu	Present
Nursing	Rhonda Conner-Warren	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Nathan Tykocki	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Martha Faner	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Sarah Tilden	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Shane Crandall	Present
President	Kevin Guskiewicz	Present
Provost	Laura Lee McIntyre	Present
Social Science	Ani Sarkissian	Present
Social Science	Laurie Bullock	Present
Social Science	Sue Grady	Present
Social Science	David Wheat	Absent
UCAG	Liz Gardner	Present
UCC	Marci Mechtel	Present
UCFA	Jamie Alan	Present
UCFT	Kevin Douglas	Present
UCGS	Alfred J. (AJ) Robison	Absent
UCL	Tiffany Wahl	Present
UCUE	Chastity Warren	Present
UCSA	Erica Weeks	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Jim Wagner	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Andres Contreras	Absent
Veterinary Medicine	Vacant	Absent

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RCAH	Laura MacDonald	Present
RCAH	Kelly Richmond	Present