



UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Minutes

October 10, 2023: [MS Teams, 3-5 PM](#)

Call to Order and Approval of Previous Minutes

Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:01pm

Present:

Senator (S), Exco (E), Other Non-voting Member (O)

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Ahmed Alsharif (S)        | Donna Fairbanks (S)      | Kat Brown (E)         | Peter Sproul (S)      |
| Alex Yuan (S)             | Doug Czajka (S)          | Ken Adams (S)         | Rich Paustenbaugh (E) |
| Anthony Ciccone (S)       | Dustin Shipp (S)         | Kenzie Jones ((E)     | Rick McDonald (S)     |
| Ashley Nadeau (S)         | Evelyn Porter (E)        | Laura Ricaldi (S) (E) | Sam Gedeberg (E)      |
| Ben Moulton (E)           | Gareth Fry (S)           | Maria Blevins (S)     | Sean Crossland (S)    |
| Bryan Sansom (S)          | Jennifer Shubert (S) (E) | Matthew Duffin (S)    | Stephanie Dunn (S)    |
| Christopher Goslin (S)    | Jim Pettersson (S)       | Max Aeschbacher (S)   | Tammy Parker (S)      |
| Colleen Hough (S)         | Jim Price (S)            | Merilee Larsen (S)    | Terrance Orr (S)      |
| Dallas Smith (S)          | John Hunt (S) (E)        | Ming Yu (S)           | Waseem Sheikh (S)     |
| Dan Perry (S)             | Jon Anderson (E)         | Nathan Jeppson (S)    | Wayne Vaught (E)      |
| David Frame (S)           | Joshua Fagan (S) (E)     | Nicole Gearing (E)    | Wioleta Fedeczko (E)  |
| Diego Alvarado Karste (S) |                          | Paul Morrey (S)       |                       |

Senators Absent/Excused:

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| Christopher Witt (S)  | David Knowlton (S)  | Joshua Hilst (S) | Lisa Hall (S) |
| Maureen Andrade (S)   | Michaela Sawyer (S) | Sayed Sajal (S)  |               |
| Michael Hollister (S) | Raiden Gaul (S)     | Tracy Sermon (S) |               |

Minutes stand approved

Faculty Senate President, Wioleta Fedeczko

UVU Update

President Tuminez will be attending the October 24 Faculty Senate meeting. She will be discussing legislative updates that we need to be aware of regarding higher education. Ask your faculty colleagues if they have specific questions for President Tuminez as we will probably have time for questions.

AI Town Hall and Future Events

Submit [Suggestions](#) for Workshops/Speakers/Panels

UVU is considering an AI Standing Committee or Council. We would need representation from all areas across campus. This is still being developed and Wioleta will keep the committee updated and may be asking for volunteers.

Policy Process Training, October 11, 9-10 AM ([Teams](#))

## Update: Provost Wayne Vaught

### English Language Learning (ELL)

The university has 2 English language study programs. One is English Language Learner (ELL) and the other is English Second Language (ESL). The ELL program was previously housed in University College but was recently moved to the Language department in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The program has been under financial stress for several years. This prompted us to take a deeper dive into this program. After much discussion and a look at their financials, it was identified that this program would continue to run in deficit for several years and a decision was made to discontinue the ELL program. We want to make sure we are meeting the needs of the students that are currently in the program. We will meeting be 1:1 with current students over the upcoming weeks and we will no longer be accepting new students into the program. We will continue to look at options for supporting our international students.

Stephen Clark: The current plan is to teach courses in the Spring 2024 semester and Summer 2024 and that will get the bulk of the students through the program. Regarding faculty and staff, we have talked to them about potential placement for each of them within the college. Details are still being worked out.

### BYU-I low credit 2 and 4 year degrees

How are these changes going to affect some of our programs – particularly GE and elective courses? It is important to note that BYU's 90-hour program has been approved by Northwest so they are fully credited to offer a 90-hour bachelor's degree. They are starting to offer those programs. You can visit their website and find out what they are but they are available in several disciplines. There has been a long-standing push to get students through as quickly as possible.

Is there some interest in developing some type of similar program? We have had faculty step forward and say that they would be interested in pursuing this. Wayne does not think anyone will happen quickly. Our goal is to continue to offer the best program we can and continue to maintain academic integrity.

## Evelyn Porter, GE Revision Task Force Chair

### GE anticipated timeline

- November – UBHE Decision
- November – January – GE Task will meet, hold town halls, and discuss with Faculty Senate
- February – Proposal goes to Provost
- March (early) – Provost makes a decision
- Fall 2025 – Anticipated implementation date

Poll has been posted in the chat. It is not anonymous. Poll has a place for comments and senators are encouraged to leave comments. (Reach out to Faculty Senate President Wioleta Fedeczko if you would like to see results of the poll.)

There will be a second committee related to the GE revision. This committee will include previous curriculum chairs, registrars office, curriculum office, scheduling office, etc. This will ensure that our systems will be able to accommodate the changes.

## Jim Mortensen, VP Planning, Budget, and Finance

We are very financially sound and will continue to be as long as we are good financial stewards. Jim continued to present several slides that overviewed where our money was being spent and where we are financially. Several questions were posed regarding a few items and Jim will look into those numbers and get answers back to Wioleta. These are public funds and Jim has a deep stewardship for it and making sure we are spending money wisely.

## Web Alignment Strategy: Matt Serrao, Assoc. VP Marketing

Utah Valley University has over 400,000 web pages.

There are four main entry points to the university.

1. Uvu.edu
2. College/School pages
3. Content hub/news site/blog
4. Campaign landing pages

Marketing used the Smart Lab to identify how long it took for students to find the information on our website and found the results were not great. It took students close to 90 seconds and several clicks to find the information they needed. From this experience, they were provided with some recommendations. Marketing is suggesting a new template for landing pages that includes most of the information instead of the current link farms that require multiple clicks. Matt showed the home page for each college/school and shared that on average a college student will change their major three times. As they change majors, each college/school website is so different that it is difficult for students to find the information they need. Marketing is proposing three templates.

1. College/School template
2. Department template
3. Program degree template

The goal is to have these live in March 2024. There are marketing reps assigned to each college/school and they will be working with you to create these landing pages. The list of marketing reps for each college/school can be found on page 4 of the minutes.

## Non-policy Related Action Calendar ([process overview](#))

Jennifer Shubert, Open Committee Positions

Jennifer is experiencing problems getting faculty from the School of the Arts to participate on committees. She has reached out to department chairs and they have communicated that their faculty are overwhelmed and they will not force them into serving on committees. While we appreciate that they are being protective of their faculty, there are four positions that we haven't been able to fill. Jennifer is asking if you know a faculty member in the School of the Arts, please encourage them to participate. If not, then the chair of those committees will need to decide how to proceed. Wioleta will brainstorm with Jennifer in ways to educate and encourage School of the Arts faculty to participate

## Good of the Order

Lots of policy will be coming up in the next few meetings

## Adjourn

Motion to adjourn

Motion seconded

Meeting adjourned at 4:58pm

**Announcements:** *No time allocated. Please review and send to your departments, as applicable.*

- a. **Working Mother's Conference 2023:** The [UVU Working Mothers Conference](#) will be held on November 13, 2023. All employees are welcome, including working fathers, allies of working mothers, and those who supervise working mothers.
- b. **FEA Awards:** [Nominations](#) open on September 26-October 17, 2023.
- c. **Fulton Library:** Prepare for a successful semester with the Fulton Library's [faculty resource guides](#), which offer in-depth topic overviews to help kickstart your research. Our latest faculty guide addresses a higher education hot topic: ChatGPT and AI. Regardless of your stance on AI, the [ChatGPT and AI Text Generators guide](#) offers an introduction to the advantages, limitations, and potential applications of AI. With tips on writing AI prompts, citing AI-generated content, and finding additional articles, our guide helps you use AI text-generators and understand their impact on higher education.
- d. **Office of Teaching and Learning:** The Office of Teaching and Learning (OTL) has launched a [Request an Instructional Designer](#) form so you can request a consultation meeting with an Instructional Designer at any time. Consultations will typically be through Microsoft Teams but may be in-person if needed.
- e. **Weekly Faculty Newsletter:** Check out and submit your accomplishments to the Faculty Newsletter. It comes out every Tuesday and contains stories about faculty, events, and policy updates. You can contact [Barb Smith](#), Director of Internal Communications, with suggestions.
- f. **MarCom College/School Reps:** Faculty and staff have college/school marketing and communications reps to help with marketing classes, events, majors, and more.

CET	Maddison Eborn
CHPS	Troy Pattee
CHSS	Allie Stratton
CoS	Chris Gonzalez
SoA	Erika Stone
SoE	Anna Tibbits
WSB	Emmy Bell

## Policy Related Debate Calendar ([process overview](#))

Policies Moving to Stages 3 or 4: *Faculty can provide public comments but past senate comments.*

- Policy 141: Cost Transfers for Students (Stage 3)
- Policy 201: General Fiscal Policies and Processes (Stage 3)
- Policy 202: Payroll (Stage 3)
- Policy 205: Investments (Stage 3)
- Policy 607: Course-based Fees (Stage 4)

Policy Proposals, Stage 1 Policies

*Coming in October 2023 (bolded below)*

- Stage 1
  - Policy 113: University Awards
  - Policy 116: Student Communication
  - Policy 136: Intellectual Property
  - Policy 203: Employee Fringe Benefits
  - Policy 329: Telephone and Cellular Phone Usage
  - Policy 336: Children in the Workplace
  - Policy 367: Employee Affinity Groups
  - **Policy 376: Reduction in Force**
  - Policy 445: Institutional Data Management and Access
  - Policy 450: Processing and Control
  - Policy 510: Graduate Admissions
  - Policy 522: Undergraduate Credit
  - Policy 524: Graduate Program Credit and Graduation
  - Policy 541: Student Code
  - Policy 601: Classroom Instruction and Management
  - **Policy 632: Assignment and Advancement in Rank**
  - **Policy 644: Department Chairs**
  - **Policy 649: Faculty Remediation, Sanction, and Dismissal for Cause**
  - Policy 704: Minors on Campus
- Proposed, Pre-Development, or Other
  - Policy 637: Faculty Tenure
  - Policy 654: Faculty Merit Pay