

Faculty Senate Minutes

February 11, 2025: MS Teams, 3-4 PM

Call to Order; Silent Roll Call (0 min.)

[session start time 3:00]

Present:

Senator (S), ExCo (E), Other Non-Voting Member (O), Designee (D)

Abdenmour Seibi (S)	Diego Alvarado Karste (S)	Kevin Smith (S)	Raiden Gaul (S)
Ahmed Alsharif (S)	Donna Fairbanks (S)	Laura Ricaldi (S) (E)	Rich Paustenbaugh (E)
Aicha Rochdi (E)	Doug Czajka (S)	Maria Blevins (S)	Richard Cho (S)
Alex Yuan (S)	Douglas Gardner (E)	Matthew Duffin (S)	Rick McDonald (S)
Alma Laney (S)	Dustin Shipp (S)	Max Aeschbacher (S)	Ron Miller (S)
Ben Moulton (E)	Erin Peeples (O)	Mel Gurr (S)	Sayed Sajal (S)
Chris Lindquist (S)	Evelyn Porter (E)	Merilee Larsen (S)	Sean Crossland (S)
Christopher Goslin (S)	Farzad Ahmadi (S)	Michaela Sawyer (S)	Shelton Weech (S)
Colleen Hough (S)	Howard Fullmer (S)	Ming Yu (S)	Stephanie Dunn (S)
Dallas Smith (S)	Jennifer Shubert (S) (E)	Nate Jeppson (S)	Tracy Sermon (S)
Dan Perry (S)	John Newman (S)	Nichole Ortega (S)	Tyson Riskas (S)
Dan Sutliff (S)	Joshua Fagan (S) (E)	Nicole Gearing (E)	Wayne Vaught (E)
Deb Dowd (S)	Ken Adams (S)	Nizhone Meza (E)	

Absent/Excused:

Anthony Ciccone (S)	Ian Gotcher (E)	Laurie Toro (E)	Summer Karafiath (S)
David Frame (S)	Jonathan Allred (E)	Matt Flint (S)	Terrance Orr (S)
Ezgi Sertler (E)	Kat Brown (E)	Matt Withers (S)	Wioleta Fedeczko (E)

Approval of Previous Minutes (available in Faculty Senate teams/[website](#))

- Minutes stand approved

Faculty Senate Vice President, Evelyn Porter

[3:00-3:05]

- Wioleta is at a conference

Academic Affairs, Wayne Vaught, Provost

[3:05-3:24]

- Provided update on President Tuminez's husband's passing and upcoming viewing and funeral
- In the interim, Provost has signature authority, and the cabinet is keeping everything running
- Compliance training is due by 11:59pm on Friday, February 14th; faculty who do not complete the training will be locked out and will be ineligible for merit raises. Adjuncts refusing to complete the training may not have their contracts renewed
- Discussed the budget reallocation, mentioning the university is looking at a \$7-8 million reallocation. Details are still being finalized by the legislature
- Provided updates on legislative matters, including a presentation to the Higher Education Appropriation Committee, discussing the university's performance funding measures. The university is doing well with completion rates but has some discrepancies in high yield award numbers.

Policy, Joshua Fagan, Faculty Senate Policy Liaison

Comments

- [Policy 153: Religious Accommodations](#) [3:24-3:35]
 - Addressed concerns regarding the definition of “burden”
- [Policy 522: Undergraduate Credit and Transcripts](#)
 - No comments; packaged with Policy 610
- [Policy 610: Credit Hour](#) [3:35-3:45]
 - Concerns regarding faculty responsibility in evaluating syllabi and credit hour assignments were addressed

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[3:45-3:47]

- Reminder again to complete compliance training by February 14th at 11:59pm
- Adjuncts should be paid for completing the training

Adjourn

[session end time 3:47]

- Meeting ended at 4:00pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 3-5 PM ([Teams](#))

Upcoming Agenda Items 2025

February	Introduction to new SRI Tool	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laurie Toro, Director of Faculty Development• Bryan Cowley, Business Systems Analyst II• Kat Brown, Deputy Provost
February (or March)	Campus Climate Survey Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Office of Institutional Engagement & Effectiveness

Announcements

The 9th Annual [Intermountain Teaching for Learning \(T4L\) Conference](#) will be held at UVU February 26-28. [UVU Faculty registration](#) is covered 100% for all current full-time and adjunct faculty. Promo code: UVUGREEN.

Graduation and Commencement 2025: Note the dates for [Commencement and Convocations](#).

Commencement will take place on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 PM. Convocations will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 1-2.

Faculty Senate Input Form: Faculty Senate now has an anonymous input [form](#) for faculty who have recommendations for Senate topics.

Cultural Competency Workshops: Foundations of Inclusion (FOI) workshops are now Cultural Competency (CCW) workshops. If you have an FOI certification, it counts as a CCW certification. Faculty are welcome to attend workshops to continue learning or to earn certifications. Check out all of the available [workshops](#).

Notes: UVU Email

UVU Policy 446 Privacy and Disclosure, Section 4.2.6: Consistent with USHE Policy 840, employees or other designated individuals who conduct university business shall use only electronic communication systems for university-related communications. Conducting university business on any personal or non-UVU enterprise email, unapproved electronic messaging or file-sharing systems, or other non-UVU electronic communication systems or methods is prohibited.

USHE Policy R840 Institutional Business Communications, Sections 4.1 and 4.2:

4.1 “Institutions shall establish a policy that requires its employees, officers, or other designated individuals to use only the institution’s enterprise email system when conducting institutional business by email.”

4.2 “The policy must specifically prohibit employees from using any private or non-enterprise email service for institutional email business.”