

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 2025– 1:00 to 2:30 PM
In Person: Conference Room 3B Conwell Hall, 3rd Floor

Minutes

Present in person: Shohreh Amini (President, CST), Mike Bognanno (Vice President, CLA), Robin Kolodny (Secretary), Gareth Jones (STHM), Jason Norris (TFMA), Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-President, Law), Michael Schirmer (FSB), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD)

Present via Zoom: Fauzia Ahmad (COE), Chad Curtis (TYL), Lisa Ferretti (SSW), Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Dale Haines (LKSOM), Di Liu (CEHD), Sabrina Minhas (TSPM), Deborah Racano (KMC), Ryan Tierney (CPH)

Absent: James D. Brown (TUJ)-excused, Renee Fennell (KSoD), Barry McCarthy (Law), Stan McDonald (CLA, Fac. Herald)

Admin: Sean Starosta

1. Call to Order – 1:05 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes: October 1, 2025.
 - Minutes approved unanimously.
3. President's Report: Shohreh Amini
 - A Freedom of Speech Forum was held on campus earlier today.
 - The nine Provost Task Forces were approved by the Board of Trustees.
 - A graduate assistant will be hired to help with the administration of the Faculty Senate. A job description will soon be posted.
 - Schedule of meetings for the remainder of the fall 2025 and for spring 2026 will soon be circulated.
4. Guest (1:30 p.m.): Interim Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Emily Moerer
 - Presentation on Undergraduate Studies began at 1:37 p.m.
 - A new streamlined syllabus policy template is coming and will be available for the spring 2026 semester.
 - Student Experience Project (SEP) continues to recruit interested faculty and will include a component for graduate TAs in STEM.
 - The realignment of the office for Undergraduate Education was explained. The Academic Resource Center and Cecil B. Moore Scholars program now both report to Enrollment Management (under the direction of Jose Aviles).
 - Moerer asked the FSSC to finalize the membership of the Educational Programs and Policy Committee (EPPC) including the appointment of a chair. Her office has business for the committee and hopes it will meet soon.

5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno

- Ellen Walker from the School of Pharmacy has agreed to serve on the University Tenure and Promotion Committee B – Sciences. The FSSC needs to approve her appointment. The appointment was approved unanimously.
- Remaining committee vacancies were noted. The current vacancy list will be emailed to the entire FSSC.
- All FSSC members should receive an email from the Budget Task Force for a meeting. Please select a time you can attend ASAP.
- Mike Bognanno distributed a motion to the committee about the Trump Administration's recent University Compact document. After the discussion, the FSSC decided to wait until the Representative Faculty Senate meeting on October 23, 2025, to move the motion forward.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- Will there be a student representative on the Budget Task Force Committee? One member suggested contacting Student Government for names.
- Mike Schirmer (FSBM) mentioned the First Generation Committee. He asked if this committee was or should be affiliated with the FSSC? Does the Faculty Senate currently have such a committee?

8. Adjournment at 2:18 p.m.

Next Meetings:

- Representative Faculty Senate, Thursday, October 23, 2025, 1:45 pm – 3:15 p.m., 140 Mazur Hall (Center for Anti-Racism)
FSSC, Wednesday, Wednesday, October 29, 2025, 1:00 to 3:00, Conwell 3B