

Minutes
Regular RFS meeting
March 18, 2026

In person and on Zoom

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m.
2. Discussion of special RFS meeting on 3/17/26.
3. Approve minutes of February 24, 2026 – approved unanimously.
4. President's Report

Searches for COO, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, Dean of the Law School and Dean of the College of Engineering are all ongoing.

Emilia Zankina, Vice President for International Programs and the Dean of TU Rome made a presentation to the FSSC. President Amini intends to post the slides she sent on the Faculty Senate website.

Matt Wilson, President and CEO of TU Japan campus is coming to the FSSC. On April 20th, we have our University Faculty Senate Meeting with President John Fry. There was discussion about the agenda for that meeting.

The Outstanding Faculty Service awards {RK – get the names of these} were presented at the university awards ceremony in March. The other Faculty Senate Service Awards will be presented at a luncheon in April.

5. Invited Guests: Interim COO & CFO, David Marino, Senior Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning Jaison Kurichi and David Matthew, NCUBO.

RK: Do we have slides to post?

The budget presentation emphasized structural deficits in our operating revenue and growth in operating expenses (some due to NIL).

Discussion about enrollment declines, student attrition, and relative faculty attrition. The new budget model will help deter us from across the board cuts as in the past. Still, they expect 5% cuts for next year.

Discussion about research cost recovery – needs to be informed by Josh Gladden, VP for Research.

6. New Business.

Petra Goedde, Chair of the Lectures Committee, announced that on April 3 & 4, there would be a conference titled “ Peace in the Age of Forever Wars” partially funded by the Faculty Senate.

7. No old business was discussed.

8. Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.