

Faculty Senate Minutes

The regular business meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 3:30 pm in Henson Science Hall 103. The Senate President was in the chair, and the Secretary was present. The minutes of the May 13 meeting were approved with amendment.

President Lepre made announcements.

Acting VP for Academic Affairs Clark made announcements.

The Senate President made announcements.

After amendment and debate, the MOTION to form a Faculty Senate working group to review the Report from the Promotions Committee PASSED.

The FS President shall choose, from a list of volunteers, a group of 3, or more, Faculty Senators, to form a FS working group to carefully review the Report from the Promotions Committee (PC) entitled Promotions Committee Handbook Charge 050323, and to produce motions they determine are related to the report that should be brought to the FS. The FS President shall announce this working group to the FS by 17 Sep 2025. The working group may seek assistance or guidance from faculty who are not senators. Prior to bringing any motion to the FS, the working group will share the motion with the PC requesting feedback from the PC, and include this feedback with any proposed motions to the Senate. The working group should attempt to bring its first motion to the FS for the 11 November 2025 FS meeting and should attempt to have all motions prepared for the April 28 2026 FS meeting.

After debate, the MOTION to amend the GEOC advisory subcommittees was not voted on due to running out of time. It will be taken up as old business at the next meeting (**pending amendments in red**).

The Faculty Senate amends Section 6 of the GEOC standing rules to read as follows:

Section 6. GEOC Advisory Subcommittees

There shall be two Advisory Subcommittees of the General Education Oversight Committee:

- **Human and Societal Themes** ~~Humanities and Social Sciences~~, associated with the following General Education categories:

- Communicating Through Writing
- Human Experience
- Humanity in Context
- Social Issues
- Social Configurations
- Civic and Community Engagement
- Diversity and Inclusion

– **Scientific and Experiential Learning Themes** ~~Natural Sciences and Bookends~~, associated with the following General Education categories:

- Quantitative Analysis
- Solutions Through Science
- Hands On Science
- First Year Seminar
- Experiential Learning
- Environmental Sustainability
- Personal Health and Wellness

Each GEOC Advisory Subcommittee shall consist of five Faculty members, all elected at large by the Faculty. The GEOC Advisory Subcommittees shall be filled by eligible Faculty for three-year terms through elections run by the Membership and Elections Committee, following the same process as for other Senate committees. No more than one Faculty member from any one academic discipline may serve at the same time on a given Advisory Subcommittee, and no more than three members on a given Subcommittee may be from the same Unit. No Faculty member may serve on a given Advisory Subcommittee for more than six out of any seven consecutive academic years.

A Faculty member may not serve concurrently as a voting member of more than one Advisory Subcommittee of the General Education Oversight Committee. Faculty members serving concurrently as voting members of two Senate Standing Committees, or as voting members of the Senate and one Senate Standing Committee, are ineligible to serve within an Advisory Subcommittee of the GEOC. Participation in Senate Special Purpose Committees does not affect eligibility to serve within an Advisory Subcommittee. Voting members of the General Education Oversight Committee may not serve on an Advisory Subcommittee of the GEOC.

If a member of an Advisory Subcommittee becomes ineligible through election to the Senate and/or to a Senate Standing Committee in excess of the limit stated

above, or through election to the General Education Oversight Committee, they will be considered to have vacated their position on the Advisory Subcommittee at the time the eligibility criteria ceased to be met.

The seats for these subcommittees shall be filled by the Membership and Elections committee prior to the end of Fall 2025, for staggered 3-year terms beginning the semester after the election. Partial terms may be used by the Membership and Elections committee during this election to ensure proper staggering of the term.

Meeting adjourned 5:00pm

Erin Weber, Secretary
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