Faculty Senate Minutes

The regular business meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 3:30pm in Henson Science Hall 103. The Senate President was in the chair, and the Secretary was present. The minutes of the September 23 regular meeting and the October 7 special topics meetings were approved as written.

> Acting VP of Academic Affairs made announcements on behalf of President Lepre
> Acting VP of Academic Affairs Clark made announcements
> The Senate President made announcements

After amendment and debate, the MOTION on Restructuring the GEOC Advisory Subcommittees PASSED.

> The Faculty Senate amends Section 6 of the GEOC standing rules to read as follows:
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> Section 6. GEOC Advisory Subcommittees
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> There shall be two Advisory Subcommittees of the General Education Oversight Committee:
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> - COMAR Requirements, associated with the following General Education categories:
> - Communicating Through Writing
> - Hands on Science
> - Human Experience
> - Humanity in Context
> - Quantitative Analysis
> - Social Configurations
> - Social Issues
> - Solutions Through Science
> - SU-Specific Requirements, associated with the following General Education categories:
> - Civic and Community Engagement
> - Diversity and Inclusion
> - Environmental Sustainability
> - Experiential Learning
> - First Year Seminar
> - Personal Health and Wellness

> Each GEOC Advisory Subcommittee shall consist of six Faculty members, one Faculty member elected by and from each Unit. 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 two 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.
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> 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 of the GEOC. Voting members of the General Education Oversight Committee may not serve on an Advisory Subcommittee of the GEOC.
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> 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.
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> The seats for these subcommittees shall be filled by the Membership and Elections committee during Spring 2026, for staggered 3-year terms beginning Fall 2026. Partial terms may be used by the Membership and Elections committee during this election to ensure proper staggering of the terms. The current subcommittees will cease to exist at the end of Spring 2026.

After amendment and debate, the MOTION clarifying the Faculty Retrenchment Committee was not voted on due to running out of time. It will be taken up as Old Business at the next meeting.

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate approves the following revisions to the Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 3 (Faculty Retrenchment Committee) to be put to the Faculty for approval:

To replace the section of reading:

"The committee shall have eleven voting members:

- Five ex officio Faculty members;
- The chairperson of the Faculty Welfare Committee;
- The chairperson of the Academic Policies Committee;
- Three University delegates to the Council of University System Faculty;
- Three department chairpersons (or their equivalent), elected by their department chairperson peers from departments not already represented by ex officio Faculty above, and not from program(s) or department(s) being recommended for retrenchment;
- A Designated Senator from a department not already represented above; and
- Two ex officio administrators: the President of the University, who shall be the chairperson, and the Provost, or his/her designee."

With the following:

The committee shall have eleven voting members:

- Ex officio, the chairperson of the Faculty Welfare Committee;
- Ex officio, the chairperson of the Academic Policies Committee;
- Ex officio, the three University delegates to the Council of University System Faculty;
- Three department chairpersons (or their equivalent), elected by their department chairperson peers, first, from any unit(s) not yet represented by the ex-officio faculty above, then from departments not already represented by ex officio Faculty members of the committee, and not from program(s) or department(s) being recommended for retrenchment;
- Additional department chairpersons with the same requirements, if needed, to substitute for any vacant positions from the list above;
- A Designated Senator, appointed by the Faculty Senate President, from a department not otherwise represented on the committee or, only in the event that it is impossible to appoint a Senator from a department not

otherwise represented, from a department represented by not more than one committee member; and

- Two ex officio administrators: the President of the University, who shall be the chairperson, and the Provost or the Provost's designee.

Meeting adjourned at 5pm

Erin Weber, Secretary
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