

Faculty Senate Minutes

September 9th, 2025: KB 306, 3-5 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)

Abbie Fisher (E)	Diego Alvarado Karste (S)	Karen Arteaga (E)	Paul Morrey (S)
Abdenmour Seibi (S)	Doug Czajka (S)	Kat Brown (E)	Peter Aldous (D)
Ahmed Alsharif (S)	Douglas Gardner (E)	Laura Ricaldi (S)	Rich Paustenbaugh (E)
Allan Wong (D)	Erin Peeples (O)	Laurie Toro (E)	Richard Cho (S)
Alma Laney (S)	Evelyn Porter (E)	Machiel Van Frankenhuijsen (S)	Rick McDonald (S)
Amin Zollanvari (S)	Howard Fullmer (S)	Maria Blevins (S)	Sean Crossland (S)
Brett Breton (S)	James Cox (S)	Matthew Duffin (S)	Sean Tolman (E)
Chris Lindquist (S)	Jeff Packer (S)	Matti Smith (S)	Shelton Weech (S)
Colleen Hough (S)	Jennifer Shubert (E)	Mel Gurr (S)	Stephanie Dunn (S)
Craig Thulin (S)	Jim Oldham (S)	Michaela Giesenkirchen Sawyer (S)	Summer Karafiath (S)
Dan Perry (S)	Jordan Allen (E)	Nate Jeppson (S)	Tracy Sermon (S)
Darin Eckton (S)	Joshua Fagan (S)	Nicolas Clark (S)	Tyler Schnese (S)
David Connelly (E)	Julie Heaton (D)	Nizhone Meza (E)	Vince Rossi (S)
Deb Dowd (S)			

Absent/Excused:

Carolyn Howard (S)	Joseph McRae (S)	Merilee Larsen (S)	Peter Sproul (S)
David Frame (S)	Kevin Smith (S)	Michael Hollister (S)	Qudrat E Alahy Ratul (S)
Dan Sutliff (S)	Matt Flint (S)	Nicole Gearing (E)	Ron Miller (S)
Frank Jones (S)	Max Aeschbacher (S) - Sabbatical	Noelle Taylor (E)	Wayne Vaught (E)
John Newman (S)			

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

- 8/26/2025 Minutes updated to show need for amending bylaws to address executive officer removal
- Minutes stand approved

Welcome & Updates, Evelyn Porter, Faculty Senate President

[3:00-3:05]

- **Syllabi Update:**
 - Two-week submission requirement is set by USHE rather than a legal mandate
 - Shared departmental strategies for efficiently meeting template requirements

Non-Policy, Evelyn Porter, Faculty Senate President

[3:10-4:00]

- **Special Investigations Chair Nominees**
 - Howard Fullmer has accepted nomination; ratifying vote will be conducted via email
- **Senate Representation on AI Committee**
 - Nominations from Senators with a short bio for each nominee & a vote to follow
 - Temporary representative will be appointed if not completed before the Committee's first meeting

- **Robert's Rules Primer**
 - See document provided in [Faculty Senate Teams- 09/09/2025 Supporting Docs](#)
- **Faculty Senate Resolution FSR-2025-1**
 - Debated resolution concerning the naming & structure of 90 credit hour degrees, focusing on protecting degree value, institutional neutrality, and the need for careful language
 - Motion passed to expedite the revision process by forming a committee to wordsmith the resolution, aiming to present a revised version for a vote at the next Faculty Senate meeting
 - Week allocation for faculty feedback prior to the vote

Policy, Jennifer Shubert, Faculty Senate Policy Liaison

- **Policy Primer** [4:00-4:05]
 - Overview of the UVU policy review process, including the roles of Faculty Senate, the stages of policy approval, & the importance of timely & focused comments, with clarification on how feedback is tracked & reported
 - Primer document can be found on [Faculty Senate Teams- 09/09/2025 Supporting Docs](#)
- **Debate/Comments**
 - [444](#) Academic Freedom & Information Access (*Brett McKeachnie*) [4:05-4:05]
 - Deletion
 - No comments to discuss
 - [232](#) Honorary Names & Named Gifts (*Melanie Lafranca*) [4:05-4:10]
 - One comment requesting required faculty consultation in facility naming
 - Another comment requesting disclosure of student & departmental benefits from donations tied to naming
 - [136](#) Intellectual Property (*Bradley Baugh*) [4:10-4:30]
 - Limited scope revision
 - Debated the scope & implications, focusing on university's license to scholarly works, definition of scope of work, & the distinction between work for hire and academic freedom.
 - Broader discussion will be held on intellectual property policy outside the limited scope revision
 - Discussion on a full revision Stage 1
 - Senate will seek a timeline extension if needed
 - [106](#) Special Purpose Organizational Units (*Kat Brown*) [4:30-4:35]
 - Concerns raised emphasizing the need for faculty governance in the creation & oversight of SPOU's, especially those affecting curriculum
 - Proposed multiple comments to strengthen faculty involvement & clarify policy language
 - [637](#) Faculty Tenure (*Kat Brown*) [4:35-4:50]
 - Concerns regarding administrative control, clarity of timelines, evaluation criteria, & protections for non-tenured faculty
 - Plan to extend the review period to ensure thorough discussion & comment

Presentation, Evelyn Porter, Faculty Senate President

[4:55-4:59]

- **Scheduling (Merrill Halling)**
 - Postponed until next Senate meeting
- **ISTE Standards (Krista Ruggles)**
 - Development, structure, & potential use in aligning faculty goals with technology integration
 - Resources & support will be shared through OTL

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Adjourn

[session end time 5:00]

- Meeting ended at 5:00pm

Next Meeting: September 23rd, 2025; KB 306 & Teams @ 3-5pm

Upcoming Agenda Items

Bylaws Updates & Voting

Faculty Senate Resolution FSR-2025-1 Vote

Announcements

No time allocated. Please review and send to your departments, as applicable.

ADA Requirements have been updated due to changes in law. Please talk to your department chairs for more details. There are deadlines as early as 15 September. Look for training announcements.

Office of Teaching & Learning: OTL's New Web Presence- You can now find the majority of OTL's pages on myUVU Workplace! [OTL'S NEW MYUVU WORKPLACE SITE](#). Also, please find the attached pdf of [OTL Accessibility Plan for Canvas Content.pdf](#) and this website: [Accessibility Course Design](#)

Faculty Senate Email: Faculty Senate now has a generic email address: facultysenate@uvu.edu. Please direct any questions here.

Provost: If you would like to submit questions for the Provost to address at the next Senate meeting, please email facultysenate@uvu.edu.

Fulton Library: As the fall semester begins, the Fulton Library is here to support faculty with a wide range of services tailored to your teaching and research needs. Whether you're preparing course materials, guiding students through research, or pursuing your own scholarly work, the library is a valuable resource.

Fall Semester Operating Hours:

- Monday–Thursday: 7:00 am – 10:00 pm
- Friday: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Saturday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Sunday: 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Find daily and holiday hours by visiting uvu.edu/library/about/hours

Key Services for Faculty

- **Library Instruction Support**
Collaborate with librarians to provide tailored instruction sessions to teach students how to build their research and information literacy skills.
- **Book Delivery Service**
Request delivery and pickup of materials directly to your office.
- **Subject Librarians**
Get personalized support from a librarian who specializes in your discipline- ideal for research assistance, course planning, and resource recommendations.
- Explore more faculty resources by visiting uvu.libguides.com/faculty-guide