

Faculty Senate Minutes

September 23rd, 2025: KB 306 & Teams, 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)	Douglas Gardner (E)	Kat Brown (E)	Noelle Taylor (E)
Abdenmour Seibi (S)	Erin Jones (S)	Kevin Smith (S)	Paul Morrey (S)
Ahmed Alsharif (S)	Evelyn Porter (E)	Laura Ricaldi (S)	Rich Paustenbaugh (E)
Allan Wong (D)	Frank Jones (S)	Laurie Toro (E)	Richard Cho (S)
Alma Laney (S)	Heather Thieset (S)	Machiel Van Frankenhuijsen (S)	Rick McDonald (S)
Amin Zollanvari (S)	Howard Fullmer (S) (E)	Maria Blevins (S)	Ron Miller (S)
Brett Breton (S)	James Cox (S)	Matthew Duffin (S)	Sean Crossland (S)
Chris Lindquist (S)	Jennifer Shubert (E)	Matti Smith (S)	Sean Tolman (E)
Craig Thulin (S)	Jim Oldham (S)	Mel Gurr (S)	Shelton Weech (S) (E)
Dan Perry (S)	John Cornell (S)	Michaela Giesenkirchen Sawyer (S)	Stephanie Dunn (S)
Darin Eckton (S)	John Newman (S)	Nate Jeppson (S)	Tracy Sermon (S)
David Connelly (E)	Jordan Allen (E)	Nicolas Clark (S)	Tyler Schnese (S)
Deb Dowd (S)	Joshua Fagan (S)	Nicole Gearing (E)	Vince Rossi (S)
Diego Alvarado Karste (S)	Karen Arteaga (E)	Nizhone Meza (E)	Wayne Vaught (E)
Doug Czajka (S)			

Absent/Excused:

Max Aeschbacher (S) - Sabbatical	Colleen Hough (S)	Matt Flint (S)	Summer Karafiath (S)
Carolyn Howard (S)	Jeff Packer (S)		

Welcome, Evelyn Porter, Faculty Senate President

[3:00-3:05]

Approval of Previous Minutes (available in Faculty Senate Teams)

- Minutes stand approved with one update regarding full revision of Policy 136 and noted that the Faculty Senate President cannot request policies to move to stage one

Academic Affairs, Wayne Vaught, Provost

[3:05-3:20]

- Campus Safety Measures & Emergency Response Review**
 - Increased police presence on campus due to September 10th shooting
 - Initiation of a third-party review of safety protocols
 - Faculty are encouraged to verify their contact information and participate in safety campaigns ("See Something, Say Something")
 - Faculty are invited to submit additional questions & feedback through the My Workplace platform; all concerns will be forwarded to the appropriate administrators and addressed as part of ongoing safety improvements

Presentation, Merrill Halling, Scheduling Committee Co-Chair

[3:20-3:35]

- Scheduling Efficiency & Faculty Workload Recommendations**
 - Pre-scheduling authority to be given to colleges and schools

- Automatic exceptions for cohort programs, programs with specialized accreditation requirements, and graduate programs
- Incentivizing the use of large classrooms
 - Proposed changes could be implemented by Fall 2026 if deans submit scheduling information by October 31st
 - Comment document will be circulated for faculty feedback, with 2 weeks provided for input before finalizing the recommendations

Non-Policy

- **Special Assignments & Investigations Chair**

- Howard Fullmer's name was ratified as the SA&I Chair [3:35-3:40]

RESULTS:

37 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstain

Policy

- **Comparison Tools**

- Introduced three AI-based and Microsoft Word tools for comparing policy drafts when changes are unavailable [3:40-3:45]
 - Rationale explained for their use
 - Faculty will vote on their preferred format

- **Voting**

- [444](#) Academic Freedom & Information Access (*Brett McKeachnie*) [3:45-3:50]
- [232](#) Honorary Names & Named Gifts (*Melanie Lafranca*)
- [106](#) Special Purpose Organizational Units (*Kat Brown*)

VOTING RESULTS

(Implementation of policies if comments are addressed):

Policy 444: 37 agree, 0 disagree, 1 abstain

Policy 232: 37 agree, 0 disagree, 0 abstain

Policy 106: 32 agree, 3 disagree, 3 abstain

- **Discuss/Comments**

- [136](#) Intellectual Property (*Bradley Baugh*) [3:50-4:30]
 - Explained legal framework for faculty ownership of scholarly works under copyright law
 - Clarified that works made for hire are owned by the university but that the policy aims to assign rights back to faculty through written agreement
 - Agreed to collect faculty comments, respond to them as required by policy, and consider forming a small group to work on future revisions to address broader concerns
 - Current policy will proceed to a vote, with the possibility of further changes based on ongoing feedback

Closed Session

[4:30-5:07]

- **Discussion of September 10th**

- Motion made that Faculty Senate gather & put forth the majority view, representing the UVU faculty, stipulating to the Utah Board of Education what the needs, nature, & parameters of a truly independent investigation ought to be, with the investigation having as at least one of its focuses be the failure of the Emergency Response, most especially in terms of communication.
 - Motion Passed

Adjourn

[session end time 5:08]

- Meeting ended at 5:08pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, KB 306 & Teams @ 3-5 PM

Announcements

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

Emergency Alert System Registration: Ensure all faculty and staff verify and update their phone numbers in the emergency alert system to receive notifications. The link can be found on my.UVU.edu

“See Something, Say Something”: Contact Campus Police (863-5555) if you notice something concerning.

Compliance Training: Due by Friday, October 31st

Faculty Senate Email: Faculty Senate has a generic Faculty Senate email address: facultysenate@uvu.edu.

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

Teaching Technology Tune-Up (T3)

The Office of Teaching and Learning invites you to share your knowledge and innovations at our annual Teaching Technology Tune-up (T3) Conference, happening virtually from **November 5th to 7th, 2025**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to present your work and engage with colleagues on best practices in educational technology. We are seeking proposals that explore topics such as:

- AI & Emerging Technologies in Education
- Bridging the Digital Opportunity Gap
- Instructional Innovation & Pedagogy
- Creativity, Media & Student Voice

If you have a project or strategy that enhances the student learning experience, we encourage you to submit a proposal for a 30-minute presentation. **Deadline to submit is Friday, October 3rd.**

Ready to share your work? We look forward to receiving your submissions! Use QR code below



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- Sunday: 1:00 pm–8:00 pm

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