Meeting Title:	Faculty Senate
Meeting Owner:	Evelyn Porter, *Faculty Senate President*
Meeting Objectives:	Collect faculty opinions and official positions to be communicated to university administration
Date:	Tuesday, October 7th, 2025
Time:	3:00-5:00 PM
Location:	KB 306 & Teams

Time	Item(s)	Owner(s)
3:00	**Welcome** • Approval of Minutes • Silent Roll Call	• Evelyn Porter, *Faculty Senate President*
3:05	**Presentation** • Research (Maria Blevins, *Faculty Senator*)	• Evelyn Porter, *Faculty Senate President*
3:15 3:25 3:35	**Policy** • Members of Drafting Committees • Track changes doc on policies results Voting • Policy 136- Intellectual Property (Bradley Baugh) Introduction • Policy 648- Faculty Personnel Reduction (Kat Brown) Debate/Comments • Policy 637- Faculty Tenure (Kat Brown)	• Jennifer Shubert, *Faculty Senate Policy Liaison* • Policy Stewards
4:15 4:30 4:40	**Non-Policy Items** • AI Representative Nominations • Task Force- Campus Incident Response & Impact Assessment • Bylaws • Open Letter Discussion	• Evelyn Porter, *Faculty Senate President*
4:55	**Good of the Order**	• All
5:00	**Adjourn**	

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 21st, KB 306 & Teams

Announcements

Compliance Training: Due by Friday, October 31st

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.

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

The Research Institute
2025/26 Schedule of Events

The Research Institute at Utah Valley University is here to support faculty in their research endeavors. This campus-wide initiative is in its first year, to provide support for the research aspects of your job. The goals for this year are to connect people across campus who share similar research interests, provide a space for writing with others (if that is motivating to you), and connect faculty with grant opportunities on campus.

Weekly Writing Party (WWP): From Draft to Done
Every Week
Starting Wednesday, October 8, and Thursday, October 9

Co-Sponsored by: The Research Institute and the CHSS Faculty Engagement Committee
Come and join us weekly to create a space for writing and finding community. This group will meet every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:00 PM in FL 306. No pressure, but motivation and accountability with friends to get any of our writing goals done!
We will be using the Pomodoro method, in which we will set a 25-minute timer at 1 and 30 minutes and will write for 25 minutes with a 5-minute break.
If you cannot attend in person but would like to join a group to work online, please email maria.blevins@uvu.edu for an invitation to participate on TEAMS.

Faculty Grants Workshop
Location: SC 206 G/H
Time: Tuesday, October 28, 11:30-12:45
UVU offers resources to help faculty secure funding for research. This workshop is designed to introduce faculty to the grants available at UVU and the resources available for researching and applying for outside grants. Come and discover funding opportunities for your research and receive a lunch voucher!

Think Tanks
In an effort to connect UVU faculty conducting research on similar topics across disciplines, the Research Institute, UNESCO initiative, and the Integrated Studies program are collaborating to present three "Think Tanks" events during the 2025/26 school year. The goal is to create a network across campus that fosters interdisciplinary connections and support.
If any of these themes align with your research agenda, come meet other people on campus who share your interests. We can establish research networks and provide mutual support for one another's work.

This year's Themes/ Dates:
Environment and Culture, on Wednesday, October 29, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. SC 213 C
Living Healthy Lives, February 4, 2:00-3:00 PM SC 213 C
AI March 25, 2:00-3:00 PM SC 213 B

Please check out the events that are planned for this year, and if you have ideas for other support that you could use, workshops you would be interested in, or want to say hi, please email me at Maria.blevins@uvu.edu
Thanks,
Maria Blevins
Associate Professor, Communication
Director of the Research Institute