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| <b>Meeting Title:</b>      | Faculty Senate  |
| <b>Meeting Owner:</b>      | Evelyn Porter, <i>Faculty Senate President</i>  |
| <b>Meeting Objectives:</b> | Collect faculty opinions and official positions to be communicated to university administration |
| <b>Date:</b>               | Tuesday, October 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2025  |
| <b>Time:</b>               | 3:00-5:00 PM  |
| <b>Location:</b>           | KB 306 & Teams  |

| Time                         | Item(s)  | Owner(s)  |
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| 3:00                         | <b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Approval of Minutes</a></li> <li>Silent Roll Call</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evelyn Porter, <i>Faculty Senate President</i></li> </ul>                                  |
| 3:05                         | <b>Academic Affairs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Security Updates</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wayne Vaught, <i>Provost</i></li> </ul>  |
| 3:20                         | <b>Policy</b><br>Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Policy 662- Graduate Program Credit &amp; Graduation Requirements</a> (Steven Sylvester)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jennifer Shubert, <i>Faculty Senate Policy Liaison</i></li> <li>Policy Stewards</li> </ul> |
| 3:30                         | Debate & Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Policy 648- Faculty Personnel Reduction</a> (Kat Brown)</li> </ul>  |   |
| 3:40                         | Voting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Policy 637- Faculty Tenure</a> (Kat Brown)</li> </ul>  |   |
| 3:45<br>4:00<br>4:10<br>4:15 | <b>Non-Policy Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolution</li> <li>Bylaws</li> <li>Task Force</li> <li>Letter to UBHE</li> </ul>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evelyn Porter, <i>Faculty Senate President</i></li> </ul>                                  |
| 4:55                         | <b>Good of the Order</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All</li> </ul>   |
| 5:00                         | <b>Adjourn</b>   |   |

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, KB 306 & Teams

### Announcements

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

**Compliance Training: Due by Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:facultysenate@uvu.edu).

**The Office of Teaching & Learning** is happy to announce the completion of the promised RSI training that fulfills the federal compliance requirement.

It is titled **Essential Elements of Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI)** and can be found on the [OTL Events page](#) for easy access.

This 30 minute training provides an overview of federal and institutional expectations for Regular and Substantive Interaction in online courses. Faculty will gain a clear understanding of the principles, requirements, and responsibilities necessary to ensure instructional activities meet compliance standards and promote effective student engagement.

A linked announcement is also posted in the News and Updates section of the [OTL myUVU Workplace homepage](#).

### **Teaching Technology Tune-Up (T3)**

We are excited to announce that [Jasper Roe](#), Assistant Professor in Education at Durham University UK and renowned expert in AI and education with a focus on the AI Assessment Scale, will be our keynote speaker.

T3 is a virtual event that will provide you with opportunities to learn and share best practices with Teaching Technologies at Utah Valley University.

All events will be live (or recorded) on the MS Teams Space. Attendance of each session will be collected during this pedagogical development event and added to your OTL Transcript (which can be requested at [otl@uvu.edu](mailto:otl@uvu.edu)). **More information and individual sessions will be provided throughout the event in the T3 UVU 2025 MS Team Space.**

[JOIN THE T3 CONFERENCE MICROSOFT TEAMS SPACE](#)

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:maria.blevins@uvu.edu)

Thanks,

Maria Blevins

Associate Professor, Communication

Director of the Research Institute

Join us for the **Durable Skills Lunch & Learn on Monday, Nov. 17 from 12–1:30pm.** Industry leaders will share top traits they seek in UVU graduates—communication, adaptability, teamwork, and others. Enjoy lunch, connect with colleagues, and shape how we prepare students for success in the workforce. [Register here.](#)

### Employee Photo Shoot

You’re warmly invited to join UVU’s upcoming Employee Lifestyle Photoshoot, happening **Wednesday, November 12th.** This is a wonderful opportunity to capture the authentic moments at UVU and celebrate the many backgrounds, experiences, and roles that make UVU a great place to work.

The shoot will feature two themes:

- **Late Morning (11am-1pm):** Capturing moments of wellness and energy, such as walking or running on the track, beginner’s yoga, or other exercises at the SLWC Gym. All fitness levels are welcome.
- **Afternoon (2pm-4:30pm):** Workplace collaboration, workshops, trainings, and everyday interactions across campus

Whether you’re interested in being part of a group shot or just want to represent your department, we’d love to have you involved. No modeling experience is needed. We welcome everyone and will guide you through everything.

These photos will be used in UVU’s marketing and outreach efforts, and we want every employee to see themselves reflected in our story. More details will be shared as we get closer to the date.

As a thank you, we are offering food vouchers to participants. Please take a moment to fill out the short survey below to let us know your interest and availability. Let’s celebrate the people who make UVU great!

[https://uvu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4T6YmIWNJz9Xlxs](https://uvu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4T6YmIWNJz9Xlxs)