

FACULTY SENATE

APPROVED MINUTES OF [08/27/25]

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The 1st Meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2025-2026 was held on 08/27/25, at 12:10 p.m. via Zoom.

Attendance

FIRST	LAST	DEPARTMENT	TERM ENDS (SPRING)	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL
		Accounting			
Valerie	Andrushko	Anthropology	2026	N	0/1
Jeff	Slomba	Art & Design	2027	Y	1/1
		Athletics	2026		
Nicholas	Edgington	Biology	2026	Y	1/1
Kate	Toskin	Business Information Systems	2028	Y	1/1
Jeff	Webb	Chemistry & Biochemistry	2026	Y	1/1
Shawneen	Buckley	Communication Disorders	2027	Y	1/1
Melanie	Savelli	Communication, Media & Screen Studies	2028	Y	1/1
Aashma	Uprety	Computer Science	2028	Y	1/1
Matthew	Ouimet	Counselor Education	2027	N	0/1
Laurie	Bonjo	Counselor Education	2026	N	0/1
Maria	Diamantis	Curriculum and Learning	2027	Y	1/1
Jennifer	Cooper Boemmels	Earth Science	2027	Y	1/1
Jia	Yu	Economics	2028	Y	1/1
Peter	Madonia	Ed Leadership	2027	N	0/1
Paul	Petrie	English	2026	Y	1/1
Mike	Shea	English	2026	N	0/1
Eric	West	Environment, Geography, & Marine Sciences	2027	Y	1/1
Sandip	Dutta	Finance & Real Estate	2028	N	0/1
Amanda	Strong	Healthcare Systems and Innovation	2028	Y	1/1
Matthew	Rothbard	Health & Movement Sciences	2028	Y	1/1
Daniel	Swartz	Health & Movement Sciences	2028	Y	1/1
Christine	Petto	History	2028	Y	1/1
Troy	Rondinone	History	2026	Y	1/1
Yan	Liu	Information & Library Sciences	2026	Y	1/1
Cindy	Simoneau	Journalism	2028	Y	1/1
Amy	Jansen	Library Services	2028	Y	1/1

Zenhi	Wang	Management & International Business	2028	Y	1/1
Melvin	Prince	Marketing	2026	N	0/1
		Marriage & Family Therapy		.	
Leah	Sturman	Mathematics	2027	Y	1/1
Daniel	Cicala	Mathematics	2027	Y	1/1
Natalie	Starling	Mental Health Sciences	2026	Y	1/1
		Music	2027		
Deborah	Morrill	Nursing	2026	Y	1/1
Elizabeth	Hurlbert	Nursing	2027	Y	1/1
Gabrielle	Ferrell	Part-Time Faculty	2025	N	0/1
		Part-Time Faculty			
Shenira	Billups	Part-Time Faculty	2027	N	0/1
Mike	Sanger	Part-Time Faculty	2027	N	0/1
Rex	Gilliland	Philosophy	2026	Y	1/1
Evan	Finch	Physics	2027	Y	1/1
Jonathan	Wharton	Political Science	2028	Y	1/1
		Psychology	2025		
Patricia	Kahlbaugh	Psychology	2025	Y	1/1
John	Nwangwu	Public Health	2027	Y	1/1
Deron	Grabel	Recreation, Tourism, & Sport Management	2027	N	0/1
		Social Work			
Stephen Monroe	Tomczak	Social Work	2028	Y	1/1
Gregory	Adams	Sociology	2026	Y	1/1
		Inclusive Education & Behavior Science			
Douglas	Macur	Theatre	2027	Y	1/1
Tricia	Lin	Women's & Gender Studies	2028	Y	1/1
		World Languages & Literatures			
Joan	Weir	SCSU Faculty Senate President	2028	Y	1/1
Sandra	Bulmer	Interim SCSU President		N	
Tricia	Lin	Co-Chair, Graduate Council		Y	
Venezia	Michaelson	Co-Chair, Graduate Council		N	
Meredith	Sinclair	Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Form		N	
Will	Moroz	SGA			

GUESTS

Gary Winfield
 Julia Irwin
 Lisa Vitale
 Patricia Gagliardi
 Trudy Milburn
 Sergio Perez
 Craig Hlavac

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Faculty Senate President Joan Weir called the 1st meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 1:12pm via Zoom.

I. Announcements

- A. Douglas Macur: Fall musical auditions are underway. Encourage your students to audition.
- B. Amy Jansen: The library has a large collection of textbooks. Please mention this to your students. The flyer was shared in the chat.
 - a. Question regarding availability: Some are available for semester loans and others are temporary use. It varies by book.
 - b. Comment: the library has a lot of books and some may be out of print. Students have 24 hours to check these out. Thank you to our colleagues at the library.
- C. Guests asked to provide updates from Administration:
 - a. Sergio Perez offered to meet with people about DEI, to understand the dynamic environment in which we currently reside.
- D. Faculty are asked to go to breakout rooms to meet with the committee of interest and elect a chairperson.
- E. UCF is meeting tomorrow so there is nothing to report yet.
- F. Graduate council: Co-Chaired by is Tricia Lin Yi-Chu and Venice Michealson
 - a. First Meeting September 8 where they develop a sketch of the work for the year.
 - b. First Official Council meeting to follow. They are still gathering the list of graduate council representatives.

II. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 05/07/25 were accepted as distributed.

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III. Faculty Senate President's Report

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- A. President Weir: Faculty Senate Report: No report for today. See emails for upcoming meetings in from Shawneen Buckley. Today's purpose is to elect chairs for the committees.

IV. Standing Committees

- A. Academic Policy: Co-Chairs Debbie Morrill and Maria Diamantis
- B. Finance: Jeff Webb Chair
- C. Personnel Policy: Co-Chairs Amy Jansen and Stephen Tomaczak
- D. Rules: Paul Petrie is currently the only member. Members needed.
- E. Student Policy: No elected chair currently.
- F. Technology: Co-Chair Aashma Uprety and Christine Petto

V.Special Committees

- A. UCF: No updates
- B. Graduate Council: No updates
- C. Elections Officers: Elections Officer Daniel Swartz: In dire need for the members of the Promotion and Tenure Committee. Please feel free to share and nominate and send to your departments. This committee requires a full complement to the function. Please look for emails. Note: members need to be tenured, and the chair needs to be Professor. The committee gets very busy in early spring. Files are sealed in fall; interviews begin in early spring. Deliberations then occur every Friday for all of January, February and maybe beginning of March

VI.Unfinished Business

- A. None.

VII.New Business:

- A. Next meeting will focus on establishing Committee members and further reviewing charges of each committee.

VIII.Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at 1:18pm.

Dr. Shawneen Buckley
Secretary