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Faculty Senate - Executive Committee
Minutes
Monday, October 26, 2026

Attendance: Rob Godby (*Chair)*, Clifford Marks (*Secretary)*, Brandon McElroy (*Chair-Elect),* Rudi Michalak (*Member-at-Large),* Jordan Hemingway (*Member-at-Large)*, Jonathan Carrier (*Member-at-Large)*, Barbara Hickman (*Member-at-Large)*, Jake Hawes (*Member-at-Large),* Tiger Robison (*Member-at-Large),*

Members Absent:

Guests Present: Nathan Corley *(ASUW Director Internal Public Affairs and Advocacy)*

The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm.
A motion was called to approve the agenda; seconded and carried.
A motion was called to approve the minutes of October 19th, 2026; seconded and carried.

Chair's Report

Chair noted that Adrienne Freng was not present to provide an update on the Academic Freedom process. Chair provided an update on the low producing program committee, noting that he needs to deliver a charge to the committee and that a meeting with the provost yielded useful material. Chair noted that the committee needs to be inclusive and representative of the shared Governance processes. Chair noted that the committee is looking to expand the membership, and representative of more bodies from across campus, including administration and students.

Chair noted that the committee work is on-going and Jonathan Courier noted that efforts are continuing with certain committees still have problems, but overall progress has been made. Jonathan noted that most of the committees are in a good position.

Chair received updates on the overall membership of the Faculty Senate.

Chair provided an update on the Faculty Dispute Resolution Panel remains understaffed, but the immediate pressure may be dissipating.

Chair provided an update on the Shared Governance work on campus, with Adrienne Freng requesting a meeting for further opportunities for discussion.

Chair provided a reminder for the "Meet the Candidates" event that is being hosted on Wednesday evening.

Chair noted that Brandon and Himself, were addressed by the federal Director of Education requesting a statement on "Academic Rigor in the Age of AI".

Chair receiving a detailed report from Casey Frome on Title IX, Part B, investigations that may occur on campus. Chair noted that the institution is beginning to adjust how it responds to federal compliance laws, statutes, executive orders, etc. and that the Faculty Senate has a role in shaping how the institution adjusts to changing federal guidelines and the like.

Chair noted that the Execute Committee received an invitation to a poll regarding the search for a new Provost. Chair further noted that a revised proposal for 2-109, Academic Amnesty has been sent out to campus.

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Other Business

Nathan Corley provided an update on the resolutions that were recently passed by ASUW, including legislation related to AI use on campus and changes to ASUW rules. Nathan provided an update on the various committees that are operating on campus, including a Space Committee effort, which may intersect with Faculty Senates concerns with Space Allocation. Nathan was asked questions about the AI resolution from ASUW, noting that the AI legislation was targeted for some considerable pushback, but overall passed. Nathan also noted that Fraternity and Sorority Life (Inter-Fraternal Council & the Collegiate Pan-Hellenic are the governing bodies for fraternities and sororities) is currently undergoing external review.

The Executive Committee then discussed the next agendas for the full Faculty Senate for the final sessions in the Fall Semester. Including in the list of pending matters includes Regulation 2-109, and the Space Allocation resolution. Continuing business includes the Research Misconduct SAP that will be going before the full faculty senate for consideration. Chair discussed some of the options and possibilities for things that might need to go into new business for consideration by the full Senate. Chair noted the full senate will receive a few presentations for the November sessions.

MAL Hawes requested that Faculty Senate receive a report from the APC so that Faculty Senate understands the processes that are being changed in APC workflows.

The committee then turned to consideration of the Space Allocation resolution. Chair-Elect McElroy provided a report, noting that there were several amendments that were offered by various senators and are being incorporated into a final resolution.

The committee then turned to consideration of the Research Misconduct SAP. Chair requested MAL Michalak provide a report to the committee and walk the committee through the changes. Chair noted that the Research Council has reviewed it and has made no objection to the revised version that are now being considered. MAL Michalak noted several issues related to the proposed SAP. The committee discussed some of the relevant issues, including the role of the "Deciding Officer", rights for individuals accused of research misconduct, and concerns over timeliness. The Committee then discussed the way the resolution needs to be introduced to the Faculty Senate. It was decided to put the Research Misconduct will be brought before the Faculty Senate as a notification and invitation to discuss and comment. Comments from Exec committee to be delivered to GC include questions regarding AI and how this is dealt with (could it make a complaint?) Language to assure a timely process be strengthened (as long as necessary but no longer?), sequestered data access for grad students or other researchers? Deciding officer selection in case of conflict?, findings of misconduct by collaborator at other institutions/agencies/journals – how is this handled? RIO need to discover? Due diligence to deter conflict? As has happened? Is the length of time this is kept on record consistent with other policies (e.g. Title IX)?

The Committee then considered the Research Security and International Collaboration SAP. The committee discussed the SAP, which is derived extensively from federal guidelines and laws. No additional comments were received, and it will be passed back to GC with comment regarding how students are included in covered personnel section?

The Committee then discussed the initial USP review. The committee is desirous that some come and explain the proposed changes to the USP programs being proposed for Faculty Senate's consideration. Chair noted that the provost, Anne Alexander, has proposed a rapid implementation schedule designed to begin in Fall of 2028. Chair proposed that the full senate be notified that USP proposals will be coming before them.

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The Committee then discussed the ADA (Americans with Disability Act) SAP that is going to be presented to the Faculty Senate. Chair noted that the compliance element is due in April of 2027 and involves a great deal of education related to being compliant for faculty members. Chair noted that the SAP for the ADA compliance will be brought before the faculty senate.

Chair then requested any "items-not-yet-known". MAL Carrier then addressed the committee related to the Faculty Senate Bylaws. MAL Carrier then brought up the fact that the faculty senate committee by-laws neglect a seat for the School of Computing on the URTP. It was confirmed by the various members of the committee that the School of Computing should have a seat on the University Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee, and optional participation in other Faculty Senate committees.

Secretary Marks requested time at the next Executive Committee meeting to discuss questions and concerns related to the search for the provost.

A motion to adjourn was made at 2:35pm; it was seconded and carried.
The Executive Committee then went into executive session.