

WCU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: September 5, 2025

Facilitator: Kurt Kolasinski, President

Time: 3:00pm-5:00pm

Note Taker: Dan Forbes, Recording Secretary

Location: SECC 101A

Type of Meeting: Scheduled meeting

Attendees

Senators

❖ Amiruzzaman, Stefanie	Present	❖ Lawton, Bessie	Present
❖ Benedict, Kristopher	Proxy	❖ Lightner, Sarah	Present
❖ Brown, Ashlee	Present	❖ McInnis, Daris	Present
❖ Campillo-Fenoll, Marcos	Present	❖ Mishra, Vipanchi	Present
❖ Chen, Tianran	Present	❖ Mohajeri, Orkideh	Present
❖ Cherry, Dan	Present	❖ Panagiotidou, Eirini	Present
❖ Childs, Gary	Present	❖ Panichelli, Meg	Present
❖ Daltry, Rachel	Present	❖ Park, Innhwa	Present
❖ Dasilva, Michelle	Proxy	❖ Razon, Selen	Present
❖ Du, Wei	Present	❖ Ruchti, Simon	Present
❖ Forbes, Dan	Present	❖ Saboe, Matt	Present
❖ Garthwait, Clayton	Present	❖ Sanz-Sánchez, Israel	Present
❖ Grasseti, Stevie	Present	❖ Schugar, Heather	Present
❖ Guerriero, Tara	Present	❖ Smidt, Esther	Proxy
❖ Hill, Erin	Proxy	❖ Stokes, Jordan	Present
❖ Houser, Mary	Proxy	❖ Tennille, Julie	Absent
❖ Howard, Rick	Present	❖ Wade, Michelle	Present
❖ Junius, Premalatha	Present	❖ Waymouth, Heather	Present
❖ Kolasinski, Kurt	Present	❖ Wiest, Julie	Present

Representatives

❖ Adjunct Faculty Representative: Bill Sawyer	Absent
❖ Adjunct Faculty Representative: (Vacant)	Choose an item.
❖ APSCUF Representative: Julie Wiest	Present
❖ Student Government Association Representative: Avery McKnight	Absent
❖ Graduate Student Association Representative: (Vacant)	Choose an item.
❖ ROTC Representative:	Choose an item.

Senate Proxies

❖ Asempapa, Bridget	Absent
❖ Brenner, Jim	Absent
❖ Jussaume, Timothy	Absent

❖ O'Brien, Lia	Proxy Esther Smidt
❖ Owens, Jackie	Proxy Michelle Dasilva
❖ Patriarca, Ashley	Absent
❖ Tully, Greg	Absent
❖ Whidden, Melissa	Absent
❖ Vealey, Kyle	Absent
❖ Wolff, Dominik	Absent

Guests In Attendance

Josh Auld, Sarah Freed, Heather Sharp (proxy Kristopher Benedict), Hope Rose (proxy Erin Hill), Brittany Severino (proxy Mary Houser), Linda Stevenson, Tashell Jenkins

Agenda

Welcome to Senators, Proxies, and Guests

Introductions of Executive Committee, Senators, and guests.

Senate Business and Announcements

1. Approval of minutes from Faculty Senate meeting on April 25, 2025. Israel moves, Julie Wiest seconds. All senators present vote to approve the minutes.
2. Meeting updates and related discussions
 - a. Shared governance meeting July 28, 2025 (Senators Julie Wiest and Kurt Kolasinski)
 - i. Kurt: The Board of Governors and state budget was discussed; those issues haven't been settled. There is a small tuition increase of \$140 per semester; we'll know more later. Please contact your state senators and express your concern. The university is not planning serious cuts; the gap looks like \$1m, the equivalent of about 100 students. Departments have received 75% of their budget at this time, though this is not a cut. 100% of faculty development and startup funds have been made available. There is consideration of the formation of a Staff Senate. Retention is going well.
 - ii. Kurt: There was discussion of federal changes in financial aid. Right now federal forms are going well. At federal level they are discussing accountability with respect to Pell Grants. They are considering looking at median earnings after graduation, and there could be clawbacks if students aren't retained or default on loans. It's not clear how they will measure this. There is concern that they may look at it at a program level.
 - iii. Kurt: Interim Provost Jeff Osgood is serving as President at Commonwealth now, out of town four days of the week and comes back to West Chester. It is a one-year appointment, though the search for a permanent president hadn't started as of July. Josh is acting interim Provost. President Bernotsky has taken on some of Jeff's responsibilities, and Sarah Freed others.
 - iv. Kurt: International students are back, and their visas have not been a problem. There haven't been any new cancellations of federal funding. There were 16 or 17 faculty retirements and fourteen new hires.
 - v. Kurt: There is now centralized funding for tech acquisition and repair.

- vi. Kurt: Web content accessibility issues were broached.
- b. Shared governance meeting August 29, 2025 (Senators Israel Sanz, Julie Wiest, and Kurt Kolasinski)
 - i. Kurt: ACE, the Learning Center, and IS&T are working together to comply with a federal ruling that web content must be accessible to all. This includes PDFs, Word docs, websites—video, print, or audio all must be accessible. The deadline is April 2026. If you have D2L courses that are no longer in use, deactivate them—they will be looking at all active material using some AI software which will scan for inaccessible content. It’s not clear how completely accessible things will need to be—100% would be practically impossible—but they will flag inaccessible content and contact you. The AI will not use your content for AI training. Third-party materials will be assessed too—though the accessibility of Inclusive Access is the responsibility of the publishers. Heather Waymouth: Can we communicate with students that these D2L shells will be deactivated? Some of our students go back into them to access old materials. Israel: It is the choice of the instructor to make a D2L course inactive—it just becomes their responsibility to make that material accessible. Simon: Will we have resources to help make them accessible? Making PDFs accessible is harder than I thought. Julie Wiest: They claim there will be. Israel: The tool will tell you things are inaccessible, and will be able to recommend solutions. Yuja is the name of the software. Third-party content that you include that is not part of the university—you will still have responsibility for that. Kurt: Workshops are planned. We want them to realize that not all curricula are updated constantly; software writers don’t think like that. Sarah Lightner: If I close a course, students lose the link to the book. Kurt: That’s a one-year license. Sarah: That can be negotiated—the content of some books are built on in subsequent courses and referred back to later. Heather Schugar: There needs to be more urgency about this—this will come up fast. Not all of us look at the templates that are provided—the accessible syllabus template was provided very recently. Q: Do we deactivate those older D2L shells so they won’t get feedback? Some of those things we have already changed in more recent shells. Orkideh: So we can ask ServiceNow to close shells for us from some point in time? Kurt: It was ambiguous; they can clearly close all of your shells at once. Q: Who will enforce this? CAPC? Israel: They have framed this in terms of liability—it is a federal law. We don’t have a sense of what degree of compliance is satisfactory. The concern is that some external audience might sue the university; whether there will be internal enforcement or compliance was unclear. Heather Waymouth: We were proactive in our department and invited OEA to talk with us. Julie Wiest: Accessibility in online materials is absolutely required in Quality Matters, so that is a good resource. Gary: Machine-generated captions for videos are not very reliable; we have to correct those.
 - ii. Kurt: There is a new Dean search for the College of Arts and Humanities; Israel is our representative on that committee. Israel: First meeting with the search firm

Greenwood and Asher is Sept. 19. The interviewing process will happen in the spring.

- iii. Kurt: Student success and Moon Shot for Equity—Academic Support Advocacy is still hiring; the Student Success Coordinator role is evolving to the Student Success Advocate. They are trying to stick with traditional students for now, and rolling out a program for adult learners. Stations set up around campus during the first week of classes were considered successful. They are trying to get information to students in a timely manner. They are planning fairs and registration rallies to pass on information. They had a program for learning to use a laptop—it turned out this was essential. Israel: ASA sent a sheet to every department chair with information about that department’s assigned SSC. If you are wondering who it is, and want to support your first-year students, you can contact your chair for that information. Kurt: The assigned SSC can also come to your department meeting.
- iv. Kurt: Visibility—they are discussing whether RamPortal could enable having D2L gradebooks visible to other faculty. That raises concerns. Israel: It is just the assignments that would be visible. One wouldn’t see the current overall grade, just assignment grades. Simon: Isn’t this a legal violation of some sort? Kurt: And it’s just the grade number that would be visible. We’ll be discussing this further with Josh. Heather Schugar: Banner has ways of pizazzing up things; they are activating things for efficiency but not considering the pros and cons. Kurt: This was proposed by Navigate.

3. Additional announcements and items

a. New Faculty Ombuds, Bessie Lawton

- i. Kurt: Our fellow Senator is the new Faculty Ombuds! Bessie: I sent out a message; please reach out! The alternate is Linda Stevenson. Rachel: There is no longer a Student Ombuds; Lisa Montgomery has taken on a new role in Student Affairs. Q: Why? Rachel: There were issues with the position itself. Students did not know what an ombuds is. Bessie: The Student Ombuds was also reporting to Student Affairs, but this shouldn’t be; they should report higher. The Student Ombuds could not assure the confidentiality of those seeking help.
- ii. Kurt: There are changes in Student Affairs. One of the roles concerns communication. They have a theme of “Connect, Belong, and Engage.” Residence Life and Conduct are being combined with Student Engagement. There is a search for a new AVP/Dean role. Simon: So then the group policing student behavior is also responsible for helping students feel comfortable in their space. Rachel: Student Engagement is a new title for something already existing.

b. Matlack Court temporary student housing (Senator Dan Forbes)

- i. Dan Forbes: Matlack Court is new temporary student housing located in M-lot, next to the Matlack parking deck. I watched its construction over the summer and was concerned; its layout reminded me of internment camps. There was an open house held by Residence Life the week before the start of classes, and I was able to attend. The units were made available via the housing lottery like

any other student housing. It is exclusively housing upperclassmen. The units are attractive; there are 100 single units and 28 beds in double units. The double unit on display was a traditional residence hall room with beds and desks; they are in an enclosed building with communal lavatories and showers (these were not available for viewing because some residents had already moved in). The single unit that was on display had its own bathroom and shower, as well as a microwave and refrigerator unit and a fixed-mount television screen. The residence life representative I asked questions seemed very well informed on the buildings. The units have their own independent environmental controls. The water and sewage is connected to the existing system. Students are prohibited from using tacks or nails in the walls because they are not constructed with drywall. The housing is attractive, but I wonder about its durability long-term (the units have a five-year contract). I also noticed garbage bags next to a campus trash receptacle right outside Matlack Court; I wonder if they have adequate garbage collection.

- ii. Dan Cherry: The Swope building is getting time limits for playing music. Were there complaints, or was this preemptive? Israel: If you get a ticket for parking behind Matlack Court—those with an employee permit are permitted to park there, so contest it!
- c. Searches for Dean of College of Arts and Humanities, AVP and Dean of Students
 - i. [See liaison reports below.]
- d. Senate Liaison vacancies
 - i. Kurt: We have some vacancies in Senate liaison positions. Sarah: I'm still serving on Institutional Effectiveness. Tara: I'm the alternate. Bessie: Is the Multicultural Faculty Commission active? Orkideh: It was in suspension in years past, and last year we had a retreat, so it should be active now.
- e. APSCUF updates
 - i. Julie W.: Exec committee met recently, Meet and Discuss is coming up. There was a budget presentation—we've been significantly in the red, but this is okay—the state level has asked us to pay down some of our reserves, which are too high. We did that by buying T-shirts and holding lunches. DRC meetings will be held in the space Senate used to meet on the Library 6th floor, to get more in-person interaction, and there will be catering. There will no longer be catering at Meet and Discuss team meetings. The Facebook group had discussion about allowing anonymous posting; it will be allowed for now, but administrators can see who is posting. There was discussion about low-completer programs—there are 42 at WCU; PASSHE is directing some examination what to do; moratorium is possible. Laurie Bernotsky, Josh Auld, and Bill Helszlsouer will be there. We participated in the Labor Day parade in Philadelphia, and there will be a rally in Harrisburg on Monday, Nov. 17.
- f. Adjunct Senator vacancy for AY 2025-26
- g. Other announcements

Guest: Josh Auld, Interim Provost; Sarah Freed, Vice President for Enrollment Management

1. Josh: I've served as a faculty member in Biology for eleven years, and associate provost for three years. While Jeff Osgood is president at Commonwealth, one of the merged universities, for one year while they conduct a search, I am serving as acting interim Provost. Jeff wore the provost hat in addition to the executive vice president role; I am taking on just the provost role. The executive vice president role has been split between others, including Sarah.
2. Sarah: I've been at WCU for 17 years. I've been serving as vice president for enrollment management, one of Jeff's hats. I have some experience in this role at PennWest under Laurie while she was serving as president there.
3. Josh: Are there questions about these administrative changes?
4. Sarah: We worked hard to get students here; there are still students who are asking to start, though we're into the semester. We had an enrollment projection of 17320, and we're at 17400 or so, about sixty students ahead; more students are returning from last year. There are about 3025 in the first year class, though we won't know a final number until the census in a bit over a week. That is typical for the last three years. There are 1050 transfer students. We have 900 new graduate students, so a total of 2750 for all graduate student enrollment. We are in a wonderful place where we can stabilize enrollments. We have grown very quickly, and now we are evaluating that from infrastructure and student service perspectives. We're working to keep undergraduate enrollment at the current size, and grow graduate enrollment—because a lot of that is online and doesn't have as much impact on infrastructure. Once the snapshot happens (Sept. 16) we can report our numbers to PASSHE.
5. Heather Schugar: Has bundling tuition and fees been considered? Employers will cover tuition but not fees. I had to enroll double the students to fill my class. Sarah: We are looking at a lot of factors. Competitors are taking advantage of how we present tuition and fees. We are looking at graduate assistants and financial assistance, as well as graduate scholarships in two pilot programs. We discuss it in terms of accessibility and affordability. Heather: There is a lot of interest, but we can't sell something that is double the price of our competitors. Sarah: Dr. Bernotsky is focused on growing our graduate enrollment. We have to review what was working before but isn't working any more.
6. Q: Different grad programs have different needs. Can you speak to involvement of grad programs in setting targets? Sarah: We work with Institutional Research (which reports to me); we get historical data over five to ten years on enrollments for each program, and identify trends. We determine targets according to trends. We look at whether programs are capped. We look at admissions data and compare application numbers. This process is both math and art. We set possible goals, present them to each of the deans, who we assume go to the programs to talk with them. We will be fine-tuning this process this year. When we have solid data after the snapshot we will start having those conversations. Undergraduate enrollment is not managed program by program. Some programs have high enrollments, but we don't set goals.
7. Israel: When we have spoken about enrollment projections...there's a new federal landscape for student financial aid. Do you have a sense or a plan for how this might affect us? Sarah: This is discussed at university and system level. The PHEAA grant is on hold at the state level. We find out new information every few months, and decisions get reversed; it is a moving target. We

focus on what we control. We can prevent students with PHEAA grants from having their schedules canceled. It is difficult, but we are always talking about it.

8. Josh: There's no state budget yet, so we don't know our appropriation. We're expecting a 0% increase (6.5% was requested). If there's an appropriation that covers the budget, we'd reimburse our tuition increase. There would still be a \$14M deficit for PASSHE, which is \$1M for us. We can find ways of covering that—but we don't have a budget so this is still unknown. Sarah: The system office does not want to increase tuition; the uncertainty hurts students. Kurt: Has responsibility been shared differently—is there discussion for next year about roles being redefined in terms of interim roles? Josh: Jeff will resume VP and provost role—the shifts taken would be undone. Julie W.: Jeff is still interim!
9. Heather Schugar: Comparing WCU materials we are providing little AP credit compared to other places; can that be updated? Sarah: That would be Registrar's office; we can talk about that. Kurt: It is very difficult for an outsider to find courses; we're not friendly on that point. Sarah: RamPortal has made things difficult; the teams are working day and night to make the best out of the situation.
10. Israel: How do we get the list of peer programs for program evaluation? These are fifteen years old and the list is outdated. Josh: I'll follow up with you on that.
11. Josh: We have been approved to initiate a project to add 220 beds to the South Campus apartments, adding a floor to them. This will take some time. 128 beds have been added to Matlack Court; this will be used as support for these renovations. Matlack Court is mix of singles, doubles and triples in modular buildings put in M2 parking. Sarah: It is for upperclassmen. Q: How are the students living there feeling about it? Josh: The feedback has been positive. Sarah: There are different sorts of accommodations. But we have not heard complaints so far. Parking is an issue; there is space on South Campus and a shuttle, but many don't want to park there. Dan Cherry: Many music students in Swope are using South Campus parking; the shuttles don't run on time and they have problems. Sarah: We'll look into that. Gary: I know when I park in the morning I'm fine—but I may have to go to the Grad Center, and then come back and have trouble finding parking. Josh: We aren't able to add parking on North Campus.
12. Sarah: We have 91% of first-year students opting to live on campus. They were all housed. There was a waitlist of about twenty; they all got beds.
13. Josh: We have 96 international students; 44 were new. This is more than we had last year. So despite the issues we have faced, we have more international students.

Guest: Tashell Jenkins, Assistant Vice President, Division for Access, Compliance, and Engagement, and Director of Equal Opportunity and Compliance

1. Tashell: My predecessor casts a long shadow and worked her way up here. Previously I was in the Department of Education in the Department for Civil Rights. All the laws I enforced there I will be enforcing here. But instead of managing five states, I'll be managing one campus. I was onboarded in June; Lynn helped me a lot. I have a labor relations background; I was responsible for ADA compliance during COVID. I've been an employee rights litigator—I am a licensed attorney—and I was responsible for labor relations at the university of California. And I've represented actors for SAG-AFTRA.
2. Tashell: There are multiple groups under me, serving various interests on campus. I'm Director of Equal Opportunity and Compliance. I serve on several committees including CARE. We don't

only want to respond to complaints; we also do proactive trainings, so if there are areas you would like training in, we'd love to have a conversation with you all about that.

3. Tashell: My goal is that we are thought partners with you. There are black-and-white matters of the letter of the law, but we want to collaborate with you. We can ensure that the spirit of our programs can be protected. We want to maintain diversity of ideas; we may need to be creative about how that is expressed.
4. Heather Schugar: I've heard from faculty about incident reports online for which they got no response, and they contacted HR who said they hadn't heard anything. Where is that form going? Tashell: Maxient? I've been getting inundated with incident reports; we can look into this—was it a specific time period? Heather: Before you started here. Tashell: We're currently understaffed by two. I've been carrying that work; we've been responsive, same day. If you don't hear from us within a week, call my extension or email me. I monitor three emails. If you are not getting responses I want to know that. We will do better.
5. Israel: The landscape we find ourselves in, how we talk about DEI...suppose there were a program a department tries to implement concerning diversity and inclusivity. What can they be proactive about—do they contact you first? Tashell: If you have concerns, please reach out to me. I'm currently working on one case. We are required to ensure programs do not exclude members of our community. But we can work to find ways of making sure they have the intended effect. We want to avoid front-page news; again, we want to be a thought partner.

Liaison Reports

1. ADA Committee – Senator Heather Waymouth – No new report; Lynn Klingensmith has retired and been replaced by Tashell Jenkins.
2. Alumni Association – Adjunct Faculty Representative Bill Sawyer – No report.
3. APSCUF Exec Representative – Senator Julie Wiest
 - a. The APSCUF-WCU Executive Committee met on Aug. 26, 2025. The treasurer presented budget details, both from the just-ended fiscal year and for the current one (which still needs to go to the Department Representatives Council for approval). Last year's budget was a little over \$18,000 in the red, and this year's is projected to be about \$8,600 in the red, but this is not a problem because we are working on spending down our chapter reserves (per State APSCUF's request). Another important item was discussion of needed updates to the chapter bylaws, particularly the addition of three permanent committees (Scholarship, Health & Welfare, and Member Support), as well as adding those committee chairs as members of the Executive Committee.
 - b. Smaller items include: (1) moving the DRC meetings to the library's 6th-floor lounge so that catered snacks can be provided (this is not permitted in classrooms, where the meetings have been held in recent years), which is balanced in the budget by eliminating catered snacks at the Meet & Discuss Team meetings; (2) discussion about whether anonymous posting should be allowed in the APSCUF-WCU Facebook group (it's still allowed for now, though group administrators have always been able to see the identity of "anonymous" posters); and (3) discussion about PASSHE's examination of programs with "low completers" (an update and more information will be requested at Meet & Discuss).
 - c. Last, we heard updates about upcoming events, including the (now past) Philadelphia Labor Day Parade on Sept. 1 and a planned Harrisburg rally on Nov. 17 that is focused on

increasing funding for public higher education ([registration link](#)). Upcoming meetings: Meet & Discuss on Sept. 9, State Assembly in Harrisburg on Sept. 11-13, DRC on Sept. 16, Executive Committee on Sept. 23, and All Member Meetings on Sept. 29 & 30.

4. Budget Review Committee – Senator Kurt Kolasinski – No report; has not met yet.
5. Campus Climate Intervention Team – Senator Simon Ruchti – No report; has not met yet.
6. Council for Diversity, Inclusion, and Academic Excellence – Senator Daris McInnis – No meetings held yet, Taz will send out meeting Doodle once other liaisons are confirmed.
7. External Relations – Senator Michelle Wade – The faculty senate president and I have invited Julie Dietrich to a faculty senate meeting to update us on the Center for Community Solutions.
8. Faculty Mentoring Committee – Senator Innhwa Park – All new faculty have been paired with mentors. Onboarding events for mentors and mentees are scheduled as the following: Monday, September 8 from 2-2:50 pm (zoom) and Friday, September 12 from 12:00-12:50 pm (in person).
9. Institutional Effectiveness Committee – Senator Sarah Lightner, alternate Senator Tara Guerriero – No report.
10. IS&T Faculty Advisory Committee – Senator Dan Forbes – No report; committee has not set meeting schedule yet.
11. LGBTQIA+ University Caucus – (Vacant)
12. Military Veterans Coordinating Committee – (Vacant)
13. Multicultural Faculty Commission – Senator Orkideh Mohajeri – The annual retreat for last year’s Commission was successfully held on May 9, 2025. This was after the annual retreat was unable to be held for a couple of years in a row. President Bernotsky and Provost Osgood attended and answered questions.
14. Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Research Advisory Board – (Vacant)
15. Philadelphia Campus – Senator Meg Panichelli – No report.
16. President’s Commission on the Status of Women – Senator Michelle Wade – No new report. The commission hasn’t met yet; however, the Recruitment & Retention for Women of Color Faculty & Staff committee has scheduled a Brunch Mix & Mingle on Monday, September 29th from 12-1:30 pm in Phillips Autograph Library. This special gathering is designed to foster connection, community, and conversation among students, faculty, and staff at WCU. [Please register.](#)
17. Sustainability Advisory Council – Senator Kurt Kolasinski –
 - a. The Sustainability Research and Practice Seminar series will be meeting again on Wednesdays Noon-12:50. [Details available online.](#)
 - b. [A historical archive of most presentations is available online.](#)
 - c. [Other planned events can be found on the Sustainability website.](#)
18. Search committees:
 - a. Assistant Vice President and Director of Equal Opportunity and Compliance (and Title IX Coordinator) – Senator Kurt Kolasinski – Tashell Jenkins, Esq. has been hired and taken this position.
 - b. Dean of College of Arts and Humanities – Senator Israel Sanz-Sánchez – The committee has been convened, chaired by Tabetha Adkins (Dean, University College) and Desha Williams (CESW Dean) and with representation from each department in CAH as well as the unions (APSCUF, SCUPA, AFSCME) and Faculty Senate. Search will be managed by Greenwood Asher and Associates. First meeting on Sept. 19 for orientation and

committee start-up. Listening sessions in the fall (if requested), ad placed and recruitment also in the fall. Prospect review meeting on January 26, 2026. Round one interviews Feb. 4 and 5. Round two interviews Feb. 23-27. Committee discussion and recommendation to follow (date TBA). Start date: July 1, 2026.

19. Ad hoc Liaisons:

- a. Facilities Master Plan – Senator Julie Wiest – The steering committee has concluded its work, last meeting in October 2024.
- b. Students At Risk Taskforce (Equal Opportunity Programs and Strategic Initiatives Office) – Senators Daris McInnis and Heather Waymouth – No meetings scheduled. Chancey Page (the taskforce leader) has taken another position; Heather and I have reached out to Tracey for updates. We will report on any changes or updates as they become available.

20. Student Liaisons:

- a. Student Government Association – Avery McKnight
- b. Graduate Student Association – Matheeha Majeeth
- c. ROTC – Vacant

Committee Reports

1. Faculty Welfare/Ethics – Senators Eirini Panagiotidou (chair), Marcos Campillo-Fenoll, Tara Guerriero, Erin Hill, Mary Houser, Michelle Kaulback, Simon Ruchti, Michelle Wade
2. Student Welfare – Senators Dan Cherry (co-chair), Daris McInnis (co-chair), Rachel Daltry, Heather Waymouth
3. Membership & Elections – Senator Kurt Kolasinski (chair)
4. Communications – Senator Gary Childs (chair)
 - a. Faculty Senate website has been updated to include 2025/26 information including the list of senators, proxies, meeting dates, and those serving on the executive board and committees.
5. Research and Creative Activities – Senators David Bolton (co-chair), Stevie Grasseti (co-chair), Kris Benedict, Tienran Chen, Gary Childs, Wei Du, Prema Junius, Kurt Kolasinski, Sarah Lightner, Vipanchi Mishra, Orkideh Mohajeri, Innhwa Park, Selen Razon, Bill Sawyer, Heather Schugar, Esther Smidt

Faculty Senate Executive Committee

- ❖ President – Senator Kurt Kolasinski
- ❖ Vice President – Senator Julie Tennille
- ❖ Recording Secretary – Senator Dan Forbes
- ❖ Corresponding Secretary – Senator Gary Childs
- ❖ At-Large Members – Senators Rachel Daltry and Orkideh Mohajeri
- ❖ Immediate Past President – Senator Israel Sanz-Sánchez
- ❖ Past Presidents – Senators Bessie Lawton, Heather Schugar, and Julie Wiest

Senate Meetings 2025-26

Fall 2025

(First meeting of semester in-person; all other meetings via Zoom)

- ❖ Friday, September 5, 3-5pm, SECC 101A
- ❖ Friday, October 17, 3-5pm
- ❖ (Open Forum) Monday, October 27, 10-11am
- ❖ Friday, December 5, 3-5pm

Spring 2026

(First meeting of semester in-person; all other meetings via Zoom)

- ❖ Friday, January 30, 3-5pm, SECC 101A
- ❖ (Open Forum) Tuesday, February 24, 3-4pm
- ❖ Friday, March 27, 3-5pm
- ❖ Friday, April 24, 3-5pm