

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - Agenda
September 3, 2026 – 2:30 p.m.
Mississippi-Illinois Room

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comments**
- 3. Welcome to the 2026-2027 Senate**
- 4. Guests – see below**
- 5. Announcements**
 - A. Policy changes approved and posted:
 - i. 1C1 (Guidelines for Course Categories, Class Scheduling and Publications)
 - ii. 1D3 (Policy on Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards)
 - iii. 1F1 (Graduation Requirements)
 - iv. 1H1 (General Education Program)
 - v. 1I11 (Credit for Prior Learning)
 - vi. 1J7 (Student Evaluation of Teaching) (approved Feb 2026)
 - vii. 1K1 (Policy on Scheduling Final Examinations)
 - viii. 1Q8 (Implementation and Administrative Responsibility Policy)
 - ix. 1R2 (The John Martinson Honors Program)
 - B. Faculty Senate Membership Reduction - Bylaws changes approved
 - C. Business for Council meetings:
 - i. Consideration of policies for joint review with the Graduate School
 - ii. Designating authority under Robert's Rules
 - iii. Identification of an Open Meetings Act designee
- 6. Consideration of Minutes – May 2, 2026**
- 7. Action Items**
 - A. Temporary Rule on Remote Attendance
 - B. Remote Attendance Bylaws changes
 - C. 1D3 (Policy on Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards) – approval of edits
- 8. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Update on approval to changes to Retired/Emeritus Faculty Policy – May 6, 2025
 - B. Program Prioritizations: Phases 1 & 2 implementation
- 9. New Business**
 - A. Open Meetings Act: anyone who has not already completed the OMA training needs to do so within 90 days: <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/open-and-honest-government/pac/>
 - B. Council Chair for 2026-2027 Academic Calendar Year
 - i. Budget, Finance and Academic Operations Council – Wai Cheah (needs approval)
 - C. Faculty Senate Vacant Seats and Council Assignments
 - D. Charge to the Program Review Reform Ad Hoc Committee – Guests: Dr. Denise Cobb, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dr. Elza Ibroscheva, Associate Provost; Tim Kalinowski, J.D.
- 10. Reports from Standing Committees** (Read on Teams/SharePoint before the Senate meeting)
 - A. UPBC – Jonathan Pettibone
 - B. IBHE Faculty Advisory Council –Susan Wiediger / J.T. Snipes

11. Reports from Council Chairs (Read on Teams/SharePoint before the Senate meeting)

- A. Budget, Finance and Academic Operations Council
- B. Undergraduate Curriculum Council – Erik Krag
- C. Faculty Development Council – Jacob Del Rio
- D. Governance Council – Christine Simmons
- E. Graduate Council – Ramana Madupalli
- F. Welfare and Adjudication Council – Sorin Nastasia & Ken Rawson
- G. President-Elect – Igor Crk
- H. Past President – Wai Hsien Cheah
- I. President – Susan Wiediger

12. Adjournment

The next *Faculty Senate Meeting* will be held on **Thursday, October 1, 2026, 2:30pm**, in the **Legacy Room, Morris University Center**