

Meeting Specifics		
Purpose	Frequency	
Regularly Scheduled	Bi-weekly	
Date	Time	Location
August 17, 2026	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Business and Economics Room 191
Faculty Senate		
☒ Chair: Hoch, Hanna	☐ Design: VACANT	☒ Honors: Wells, Matt
☒ Provost Liaison: Harper, Christine	☐ Design: O'Bryan, Mark	☒ Honors: Roberts, Sherelle
☒ Trustee: Petrone, Karen	☒ Education: Bennett, Stephanie	☒ Libraries: Weig, Eric
☒ Trustee: Vanderford, Nathan	☒ Education: Cormier, Marc	☒ Libraries: McDonnell, Andrew
☒ Agriculture, Food & Environment: Rentfrow, Gregg	☒ Engineering: Rankin, Stephen	☒ Medicine: Akpunonu, Peter
☒ Agriculture, Food & Environment: Teets, Nicholas	☒ Engineering: Poovathingal, Savio	☒ Medicine: Thibault, Olivier
☒ Arts & Sciences: Voss, Steve	☒ Fine Arts: Alley, Becky	☒ Nursing: Clemmons, Jill
☒ Arts & Sciences: Samers, Michael	☒ Fine Arts: Kerns, Bradley	☒ Nursing: Falls, Candace
☐ Business & Economics: Chait, Jon	☒ Graduate School: Butler, J.S.	☒ Pharmacy: Freeman, Trish
☒ Business & Economics: Vincent, Leslie	☒ Graduate School: Montgomery, Kathleen	☐ Pharmacy: Bauer, Bjoern
☒ Communication & Information: Tai, Zixue	☒ Health Sciences: Vanderford, Cheryl	☒ Public Health: Haynes, Erin
☒ Communication & Information: Pilny, Andy	☐ Health Sciences: Metzler-Wilson, Kristen	☒ Public Health: Ingram, Richard
☒ Dentistry: Dominguez Fernandez, Enif	☐ Law: VACANT	☒ Social Work: Jones, Aubrey
☒ Dentistry: Wiemann, Alfred	☒ Law: Murray, Michael	☒ Social Work: Ratliff, Stephanie
Standing Guests and Visitors		
☒ DiPaola, Bob	☒ Harmon, Camille	☐ Thomas, Rebecca
☐ Jasinski, Jana	☐ Frisby, Brandi	☒ Schmidt, Julie
☐ Visitor:	☐ Visitor:	☐ Visitor:
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Agenda Item	Presenter/Facilitator
Roll Call Approval of the Minutes 10 min	H. Hoch
Opening Remarks Updates Announcements 10 min	H. Hoch
Provost Updates and Consultation 20 min	B. DiPaola/ C. Harper
Title Series Ad Hoc Committee Updates 10 min	L. Vincent/ J. Hoch
Shared Governance Committee Updates 5 min	B. Alley
Senate Curriculum Committee Updates 5 min	H. Hoch
Faculty Affairs Committee Updates 5 min	L. Vincent
Faculty Trustee Updates 5 min	K. Petrone/ N. Vanderford
Call for Agenda Items	H. Hoch
Next Meeting August 31 3:00-5:00 p.m. White Hall Classroom Building Rm. 328	

Agenda Item: Roll Call Approval of the Minutes	Presenter: H. Hoch
• H. Hoch called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m. • Faculty Senate went through roll call. • May 4 meeting minutes were approved.	
Agenda Item: Opening Remarks Updates Announcements	Presenter: H. Hoch
• H. Hoch provided opening remarks to the Faculty Senate. ○ H. Hoch stated that her goal for the Faculty Senate this academic year is to strengthen communication. The Faculty Senate should be intentional when communicating with one another, constituents, and with administration. ○ H. Hoch shared that the Staff Senate in planning a shared governance networking event for October, and that the Faculty Senate will be more involved in the planning of that event this year. The objective of the event is to build relationships. ○ H. Hoch asked the Faculty Senate to solicit faculty from their colleges to serve on the Equal Dignity Hearing/Appeals Board. Nominations are due to Hanna by 5:00pm on Friday, August 21. ○ H. Hoch reminded the Faculty Senate that there is a scheduled retreat next Monday.	
Agenda Item: Provost Updates and Consultation	Presenter: B. DiPaola/C. Harper
• B. DiPaola and C. Harper provided updates from the Office of the Provost. ○ B. DiPaola told that Faculty Senate that there were three things that he wanted them to think about this academic year. ▪ Communication-The Faculty Senate represents faculty across campus. The Office of the Provost is here to work with and support the Faculty Senate to ensure their role as a Faculty Senator is effective in terms of communicating with constituents and receiving broad campus input. ▪ Transdisciplinary – Taking a transdisciplinary approach is thinking about the problem before everyone gets together. The level of expertise across campus is incredible. It is important for all disciplines to come together while respecting individual expertise. ▪ Trust- How can the Office of the Provost work with the Faculty Senate when external pressures are increased. • C. Harper provided updates on the Administrative Regulation (AR) revisions. ○ C. Harper reminded the Faculty Senate that the review period for ARs went from one week to two weeks last spring. There is a push to get as many of the remaining ARs out for community feedback. ○ Two student related ARs were made interim over the weekend to allow the University to move forward with publishing the 2026-2027 Catalog. Those ARs will go out for community feedback in the coming weeks. ▪ AR: Academic Programs (Interim) ▪ AR: Academic and Student Affairs (Interim) ○ C. Harper shared that the Office of the Provost webpage includes a breakdown of policies tied to the Administrative Regulations and a crosswalk that provides an overview of material changes. ○ C. Harper provided an update on Concourse Syllabus and how that relates to the Canvas/LMS minimum usage policy. ○ The Faculty Senate discussed the updates on the AR revisions. ▪ That discussion included when the changes were posted on the webpage, if the changes affect current syllabi, where additional information can be found, what policies will not go into effect until Spring 2027, whether the old policies are being archived, and what the difference is between the two interim ARs. ▪ Separately, the Faculty Senate asked for an update on HB 490 and UK FRAME.	

○ C. Harper shared that the changes were posted over the weekend and that the changes will not affect current syllabi. The link that faculty included in their syllabus that provided the Academic and Student Policies has been linked to the updated webpage. There are three policies with a Spring 2027 effective date. C. Harper shared that UK Libraries archives our webpage, so there is historic record of the previous policies. C. Harper stated that one AR is about programs and their requirements, while the other AR is about things that would go into the University Catalog. ○ C. Harper shared that the Office of the Provost is working on putting something together that they can share with the Faculty Senate on HB 490, and that B. Thomas will speak to that at their retreat next week. ○ C. Harper shared that B. Thomas asked for nominations from this body in the spring for the UK FRAME pilot. B. Thomas reached out to those individuals and met with many in addition to department chairs and college deans to get their feedback. B. Thomas is also making herself available for the retreat next week to continue the conversation with the Faculty Senate. ● H. Hoch encouraged the Faculty Senate to bring forward questions and concerns as they share these updates with the faculty in their college.	
Agenda Item: Title Series Ad Hoc Committee Updates	Presenter: L. Vincent/J. Hoch
● L. Vincent and H. Hoch provided an update from the Title Series Ad Hoc Committee. ○ The committee spent the summer analyzing data, completing benchmarking, and performing a preliminary analysis on the results of the survey they sent out in Spring 2026. ○ The next steps for the committee will be to post the quantitative and qualitative analysis, along with benchmark data, in a shared folder for the Faculty Senate to review so that the Faculty Senate can discuss further at the retreat.	
Agenda Item: Shared Governance Committee Updates	Presenter: B. Alley
● B. Alley provided an update and overview from the Shared Governance Committee (SGC). ○ The committee hopes to strengthen meaningful faculty participation in university decision making. The committee hopes to continue engagement during the AR revision process, work on the Faculty Senate newsletter, develop Faculty Senate service awards, and coordinate a response to HB 490. ○ B. Alley will be sending out a survey to the Faculty Senate to help prioritize what aspects of HB 490 the Faculty Senate should provide feedback on. The Faculty Senate should complete the survey by 5:00pm on Friday, August 21 so that they can go over the results at the retreat next week.	
Agenda Item: Senate Curriculum Committee Updates	Presenter: H. Hoch
● H. Hoch stated that the Senate Curriculum Committee (SCC) doesn't have a chair. H. Hoch presented an overview of the SCC and provided a summary of the committee duties.	
Agenda Item: Faculty Affairs Committee Updates	Presenter: L. Vincent
● L. Vincent gave an overview of the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC). ○ The committee had a heavy lift last year with UK FRAME and title series. ● L. Vincent shared that the committee will be looking for a new chair once they submit their recommendation on title series.	
Agenda Item: Faculty Trustee Updates	Presenter: K. Petrone/N. Vanderford
● K. Petrone and N. Vanderford provided updates from the Faculty Trustees. ○ The Board last met in June and will meet again in September.	

○ The June Board meeting included a discussion regarding hiring college deans. Updates will go back to the Board for discussion at the September meeting. ○ The September and October Board meetings will be held off campus. ○ The Faculty Trustees indicated that they are dedicated to working together and being a unified voice.	
Agenda Item: From the Floor	Presenter: Faculty Senate
• None were added.	
Agenda Item: Call for Agenda Items	Presenter: H. Hoch
• A. Jones asked that the Faculty Senate discuss the CGS process and how to make it more efficient. • E. Haynes Erin asked for an update on how the Vice President for Research and the Office of the Provost are working together to make things easier on faculty. • The Faculty Senate has asked for an update on college dean searches. They specifically asked for updates on the dean searches for the College of Pharmacy and the College of Nursing.	
Other Information	
Adjournment	
• Meeting adjourned at 5:05p.m.	
Next Meeting	
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