

Meeting Specifics		
Purpose	Frequency	
Regularly Scheduled	Bi-weekly	
Date	Time	Location
October 12, 2026	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Classroom Building Rm. 328
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: Palmer, Aiyub	☒ 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: Lowry, Christy	☐ 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: Jones, Davy	☒ Visitor: Bergeron, Emily	☒ Visitor: Ray, Anne
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Agenda Item	Presenter/Facilitator
Roll Call Approval of the Minutes 5 min	H. Hoch
Opening Remarks Updates Announcements 10 min	H. Hoch
Provost Updates and Consultation 20 min	B. DiPaola/ C. Harper
New Graduate Certificate Proposals 10 min	C. Harper
Title Series Ad Hoc Committee Updates 60 min	H. Hoch/ L. Vincent
Shared Governance Committee Updates 5 min	B. Alley
Faculty Trustee Updates 5 min	K. Petrone/ N. Vanderford
Call for Agenda Items	H. Hoch
Next Meeting October 26 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. - September 28 meeting minutes were approved.	
Agenda Item: Opening Remarks Updates Announcements	Presenter: H. Hoch
H. Hoch provided opening remarks to the Faculty Senate. H. Hoch reflected on her attendance at the Staff Senate meeting by sharing an inspirational message on making a difference. H. Hoch described putting forth effort takes time, patience, energy and communication. H. Hoch reminded the Faculty Senate that there is a lot of work ahead of them on title series, as they continue this work, she wants to remind them that it will take time, energy, patience and effort. H. Hoch provided updates from the Shared Governance Social stating that there was representation from all three shared governance bodies. H. Hoch thanked B. DiPaola for his contribution toward catering for the event and stated that she hopes for continued participation in the future. H. Hoch shared the HR Solutions Center webpage that is described as the front door to human resources for any employees that have questions. H. Hoch submitted the nominations for the academic appeals and honorary degree committees. H. Hoch shared that though they didn't receive nominations from all colleges there were more nominations for this call. H. Hoch is going to work with T. Freeman and C. Harmon on the newsletter and reminded the Faculty Senate to complete the directory survey if they haven't done so already. H. Hoch shared that the Office of the Provost will not be supporting an anonymous email for the Faculty Senate. Individual colleges may have an anonymous email, and Senators should work with their college leadership if that is how Senators would like to gather information from faculty. The Office of the Provost would support a contact form equivalent to what is on the Staff Senate webpage.	
Agenda Item: Provost Updates and Consultation	Presenter: B. DiPaola/ C. Harper
B. DiPaola and C. Harper provided updates from the Office of the Provost. C. Harper invited R. Thomas to give an update on UK FRAME. R. Thomas provided an update on the meetings with college deans and department chairs, what numeric score will be provided to deans and the Office of the Provost, and shared that an update email will be going out to faculty from the Office of the Provost in the next couple of weeks with more information about UK FRAME. C. Harper shared a request that went out for seating committee for UK CORE. C. Harper reminded the Faculty Senate that we still have UK Core area experts, but there will be other committees gathering feedback on general education as SACSCOC is providing guidance in December on general education.	
Agenda Item: New Graduate Certificate Proposals	Presenter: C. Harper
C. Harper reminded the Faculty Senate that they are currently reviewing two new undergraduate certificates. The deadline for the Faculty Senate to provide recommendations on the certificates in Curriculum is 5:00pm on Tuesday, October 13, 2026. - Undergraduate Certificate in Future Leaders in Ethics and Business - Undergraduate Certificate in National Security Policy C. Harper asked K. Montgomery to provide an overview of the proposed National Security Policy certificate.	

- The Faculty Senate discussed the certificate proposal. The discussion included the potential impact on programs in the College of Arts and Sciences and support from those programs, whether the internal early notice of intent still occurs, if there are still academic councils that review curricular proposals, and how to incentivize collaboration across colleges.
- K. Montgomery shared that they had extensive conversations with departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. They have included courses and a letter from the Department of Political Science. They hope to continue collaborating with the college in the future.
- C. Harper shared that the internal notice of intent still exists. The internal early notice does go to college deans and associate deans. C. Harper confirmed that the academic councils (Undergraduate Council, Graduate Council, Health Care Colleges Council) are still meeting and reviewing curricular proposals. All proposals are reviewed and approved by an academic council before they get to the Faculty Senate.

Agenda Item: Title Series Ad Hoc Committee Update

Presenter: H. Hoch/ L. Vincent

- H. Hoch and L. Vincent provided updates from the Title Series Ad Hoc Committee.
 - H. Hoch went over the updated timeline and shared that it is tentative and subject to change.
 - L. Vincent thanked faculty senate for reviewing report and providing high level feedback. The Faculty Senate was asked to provide their general feedback on the report.
 - The Faculty Senate discussed what would be looked at in the financial analysis, whether data can be provided that shows the change in appointments over time, and if they can investigate college and department specific policies.
 - The Faculty Senate was asked to provide feedback on strengths of the report and where there are areas that need more development.
 - The Faculty Senate discussed feedback on faculty DOEs and whether increased flexibility would mean that less titles series are needed, if the University is trying to be consistent with benchmarks or whether that data was used for comparison, whether some of the limitations in title series are college/department specific, the value in having a tenure eligible extension title series, creating an executive summary, and whether it would be feasible for the faculty ARs to come out as interim while the work on title series is being completed.
 - L. Vincent shared that the benchmarks were used to support the recommendations. That data wasn't weighed differently than the evidence from the faculty feedback. Benchmark data gave the committee a collective understanding of perceptions. L. Vincent acknowledged that there does seem to be variations by college and indicated that they did not look at college level policy to identify trends or themes that emerged. This is a limitation in their data as they did not ask respondents to identify which college they were from.
 - C. Harper shared the ARs relative to title series will be coming out before the end of the semester. The Office of the Provost will discuss whether it is feasible for the faculty ARs to come out as interim while the work on title series is being completed.
- Please see Appendix A for the updated Title Series Structure and Review timeline.

Agenda Item: Shared Governance Committee Updates

Presenter: B. Alley

- B. Alley provided updates from the Shared Governance Committee (SGC).
 - The SGC met last week and drafted a procedures document as discussed in the last Faculty Senate meeting. The committee would like to take on concerns from the faculty. Ideally, those concerns would come to the committee through their Senators.
 - The SGC will meet regularly via zoom on the off-Mondays at 3:00pm.

Agenda Item: Faculty Trustee Updates

Presenter: K. Petrone/N. Vanderford

- K. Petrone and N. Vanderford provided updates from the Faculty Trustees.
 - N. Vanderford shared that the next Board meeting will be held off campus.
 - N. Vanderford attended a CPE retreat where they discussed 3-year bachelor's degrees and performance funding,
 - K. Petrone reminded the Faculty Senate that the agenda for the Board meeting is posted one week prior to the meeting. The agenda for the October Board meeting will be posted on October 16.
 - H. Hoch will communicate to the Faculty Senate regarding a streaming option from main campus in Lexington when that information is provided.

Agenda Item: From the Floor

Presenter: Faculty Senate

- The Faculty Senate discussed communication from the Faculty Senate and whether the newsletter can be added to the Faculty Senate webpage.
- The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled during students' fall break. The Faculty Senate discussed whether to hold the Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for October 26.
 - A motion was made to cancel the October 26 Faculty Senate meeting.
 - The motion to cancel the October 26 Faculty Senate meeting passed.

Agenda Item: Call for Agenda Items

Presenter: H. Hoch

- J. Chait asked if the Faculty Senate can discuss the impact on AI within the University and whether there is a role for the Faculty Senate to advise administration at the policy level.

Other Information

Adjournment

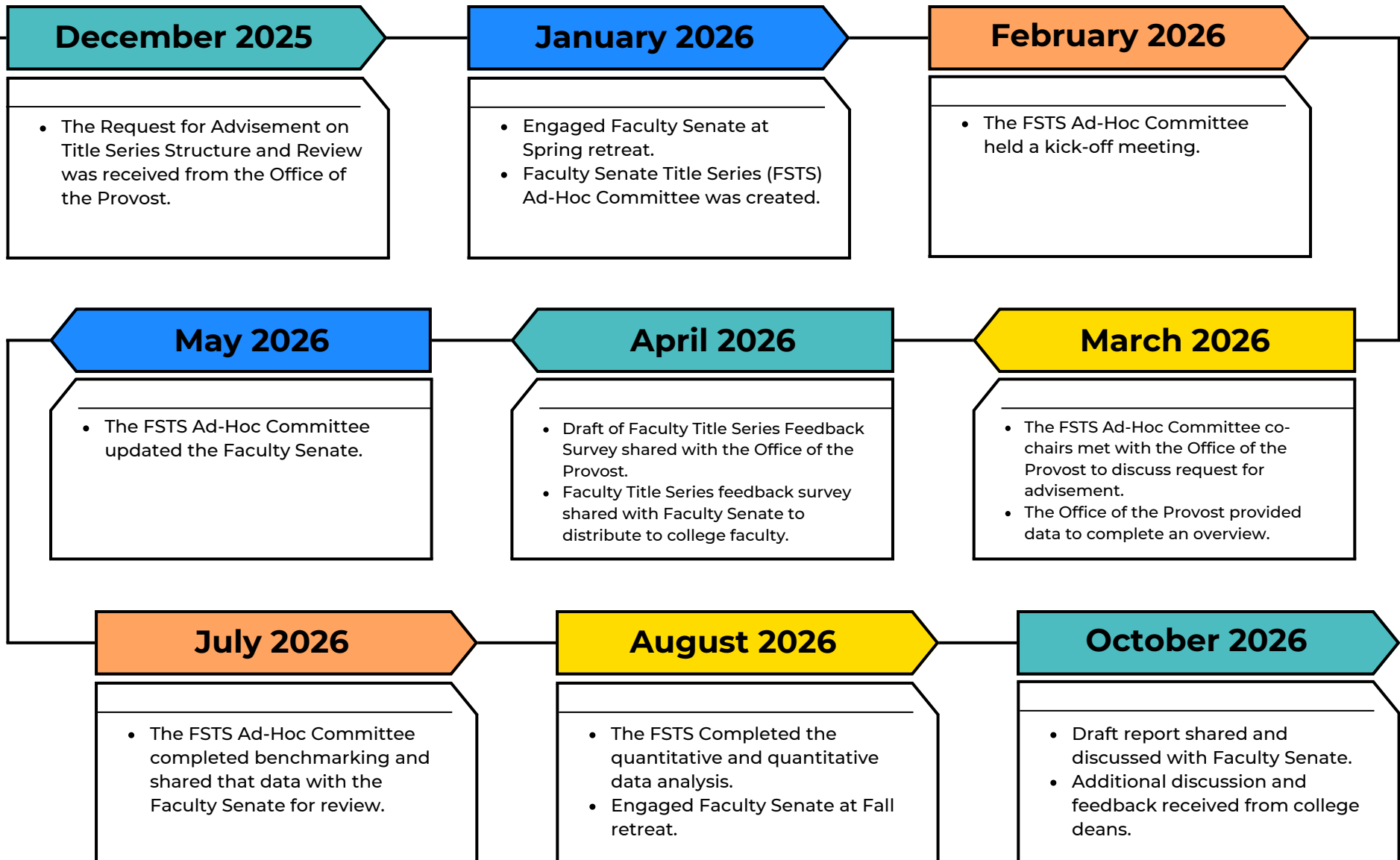
- Meeting adjourned at 4:24p.m.

Next Meeting

- November 9 | 3:00-5:00 p.m. | White Hall Classroom Building Rm. 328

Title Series Structure and Review Timeline

Appendix A



December 2026-October 2026

Title Series Structure and Review Timeline

November 2026

- The Faculty Senate will discuss feedback from the college deans.
- Invite speaker to discuss University budget and financial considerations.
- Identify 2-3 options for proposed revisions to report that streamline categories, reduce complexity, and clarify promotion pathways.
- The FSTS Ad-Hoc Committee will review draft report, feedback from the Faculty Senate and the college deans.

January-August 2027

- The Office of the Provost will complete the financial analysis.

January 2027

- Initial report approved by the Faculty Senate and shared with the Office of the Provost for financial analysis.

December 2026

- The FSTS Ad-Hoc Committee will provide a revised report to Faculty Senate and college deans for feedback.

August 2027

- The Office of the Provost will present the financial analysis with the Faculty Senate.

September 2027

- The FSTS will provide an advisory report to the Office of the Provost for further discussion with University leadership for consider on the Title Series at the University of Kentucky.