

Faculty Senate Minutes, February 5, 2026

President, Jackie Johnston called the meeting to order.

Julie Ratliff moved to accept January minutes, second by Leah Reagan. Motion carried.

Treasurer report by Doug Richey; No change in treasury balance.

Elections committee report from Leah Reagan; Ballot will be available in April.

Motion by Jennifer Sparks, second by Karyn Skaar, to proceed with the request for adjunct faculty and librarians to be eligible for faculty senate membership. Motion carried.

Faculty Awards report by Melissa Fulgham; Nominations, one from the fall and one from the spring, will be taken in the spring with the date, April 28, set for the Eagle Award Event.

Lesa Presley reported that professional development opportunities are being planned.

Chantel Sokol reported that the Ways and Means Committee approved a one course reduction in teaching load for the Faculty Senate President during both the fall and spring sessions to be sent to Dr. Ingram and Dr. Rose for their approval and on to the Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

Safety Committee according to Jackie and Mandy is exploring the Safer Watch Phone app as an avenue for better communication of serious safety occurrences on campus.

Motion to adjourn by Julie Ratliff, seconded by Drew Murphy. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Richey, filling in for Rebecca Gardner, Secretary