

Here's a more detailed version of the meeting minutes:

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: February 20th

Presiding Officer: Beth Crawford, Faculty Senate President

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order
- Minutes from previous meeting reviewed and approved unanimously with no revisions or concerns

2. Election Results and Updates

- Sarah Einstein elected as Faculty Senate President for 2026-2027 academic year
- Divisional elections status:
 - * Nearly complete
 - * Last divisional elections expected to be finished by Friday
 - * At-large nominations to launch Monday or Tuesday following divisional elections
- Election process includes potential for candidates who didn't win divisional seats to be nominated for at-large positions

3. New Business: University AI Policy

- New policy introduced by Beth Crawford
- Key characteristics:
 - * Aligns with existing campus syllabus
 - * Provides three categories of AI use
 - * Allows instructors to choose AI usage level in their courses
- Significant policy change: AI detection software cannot be sole method of determining inappropriate AI use
- Recommendation to modify syllabi to reflect new guidelines
- Full policy available on Board website

4. Committee Reports

a) Handbook Committee (Presented by Jaclyn Michaels)

- Vote on voting procedures postponed to April meeting
- Reason for postponement: Spring break delayed committee meeting
- Decision to consolidate three proposals into one
- Survey results on voting models:
 - * Model A (current handbook language): 9 votes (19%)
 - * Model B (minor changes): 17 votes (35%)
 - * Model C (removed abstain option): 22 votes (46%)

- Qualitative data from discussion board: Approximately 20 comments received
- Discussion about recusal language in Models B and C

b) Committee Assignments

- Committee assignment survey to be conducted in Canvas
- Key changes from previous years:
 - * Previously used Qualtrics, now using Canvas
 - * Non-response will be interpreted as having no committee preference
 - * Option to declare exemption from university-wide committee service
 - * Reminder emails will be sent to ensure participation

5. Administrative Reports

a) Provost's Report (Jerold Hale)

- Tenure and promotion process update:
 - * 36 cases under review
 - * Expected to complete letters to Chancellor by next week
- Addressed faculty concerns:
 - * Instructional minutes balance across different class schedules
 - * Wait list directive to improve course registration transparency
- Discussed potential compensation for faculty teaching over course capacity

b) WUTC Station Manager (Susan Lazenby)

- Initiatives:
 - * Investigating podcast production support for faculty
 - * Hosting monthly community meetups
 - * Offering internship opportunities across various disciplines
 - * Seeking faculty participation in pledge drive
- Advertising opportunities for university events

c) Organizational Health Update (Chris Cunningham)

- Encouraged participation in:
 - * Coach faculty satisfaction survey (closes April 7)
 - * In-house progress check survey (April 7-21)
- Emphasized ongoing commitment to organizational health initiative
- Discussed future plans to formalize and integrate initiative

d) Learning Management System (Joel Wells)

- Current status of Canvas-Banner integration:
 - * Limited integration capabilities
 - * Exploring cost-effective solutions

- * Potential future integration with new Dash Student system (estimated 2028)
- Upcoming class schedule publication
- * Acknowledged limited classroom availability
- * Requested faculty understanding of potential scheduling constraints

6. Chancellor Search Update

- Search committee timeline:
- * Candidates released to committee on March 31
- * Public announcement: April 8-10
- * Campus visits: Last week of April
- * Expected selection: May
- * Board approval: July 1

7. Closing Remarks

- Beth Crawford thanked participants
- Encouraged continued use of faculty concerns discussion forum
- Invited ongoing communication and feedback

8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Einstein
Meeting Secretary