



MINUTES OF THE SUMMER MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE

July 28, 2026

APPROVED

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Gheni Abila, Krista Carraway, William Dalrymple, Jason Jarvinen, Ben Mudgett, Michael Mufson, Beth Pearson, Nina Shmorhun, Nicole Siminski, Anastasia Zavodny

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

All votes are presumed unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President, Nina Shmorhun, in LRC-116 at 2:34 p.m. The meeting was also streamed live on ZOOM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Shmorhun announced that the annual Faculty Senate retreat during Flex Week will be renamed the Faculty Senate Advance, reflecting the idea that the Senate advances its work rather than retreats from it. It is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 20, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. Participation is voluntary, and the event is not considered an official Faculty Senate meeting. President Shmorhun explained that, with several new senators joining the body, the session will focus on orienting members to Senate processes, setting goals and preparing for the upcoming academic year.

President Shmorhun also reminded senators that NOHE paperwork would be processed for attendees following the meeting for the 30-minute summer session.

AGENDA CHANGES

None.

ACTION

A. Committee on Committees (Exhibit 1), Zavodny

MSC: Zavodny/Pearson

Faculty Senate to approve the results of the ballot for the Director of Student Health Services Hiring Committee.

The Motion Carried.

B. Curriculum (Exhibit 2 & 3), Mellos

MSC: Pearson/Mufson

Faculty Senate to approve the Curriculum Committee courses and programs from the May 20th 2026 Curriculum Committee meeting.

The Motion Carried.

Discussion points included the appropriateness of approving curriculum during an out-of-cycle summer meeting with limited faculty representation. There was expressed concern that curriculum, as one of the Senate's primary responsibilities under the 10+1+1, benefits from robust faculty participation and that emergency meetings often do not provide broad representation.

Vickie Mellos acknowledged the concern and noted that the Curriculum Committee could consider adjusting its end of semester calendar, so curriculum approvals occur before the last Senate meeting, reducing the need for emergency meetings in the future.

Additional discussion centered on whether delaying approval until the fall semester would postpone work scheduled to occur over the summer. It was noted that postponing approval could delay implementation of course updates within Nuventive and potentially impact faculty assessment work.

A senator noted that the curriculum items had previously appeared on an agenda before the conclusion of the spring semester, providing faculty ample prior notice of the proposed actions.

MSC: Mufson/Jarvinen

Faculty Senate to approve Candace Rose as the Curriculum Committee Tech Reviewer.

The Motion Carried.

It was explained that Candace Rose has extensive curriculum experience, including service in credit for

prior learning and curriculum review processes. The Curriculum Committee unanimously supported the recommendation. A Senator also shared their own experience working with Candace Rose during prior curriculum service and expressed support for the recommendation.

Senators were reminded that the candidate's letter of interest was available through BoardDocs.

Clarification was provided that the appointment is a two-year term and carries 20% reassigned time under Appendix F.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 pm by President Shmorhun.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael A. Mufson, Secretary