

MUW FACULTY SENATE

November 14, 2025

Via Zoom

Present: Kristy Alpe, Haley Bailey, Valentin Bogdan, Ashley Chisolm, Jianwen Crump, Lindsay Kemp, T. Kris Lee, Tina Long, Andrew Luccasen, Chad Murphy, Andrew Nguyen, Deana Pendley, Jared Quist, Chanley Rainey, Robert Sample, Bronwyn Teague, Brandy Wilson

Absent: Ian Childers, and Deana Pendley

1. President Murphy called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.
2. The Senate approved its meeting minutes from April 2025 (Lee, Nguyen)
3. Committee Reports
 1. President Murphy reported on the previous meeting of the Administrative Council and his meeting with President Miller.

Admin. Council met on Nov. 7 and discussed increased enrollment as well as the expectation that the IHL Board will be revising the funding formula. Administrators don't know much about what the reformulation might look like, but they expect IHL to use a third party. President Miller also discussed the apparent abandonment of attempts to relocate MSMS to SOSD and assured everyone that we will continue to be vigilant in advocating for MSMS and for The W.

Contributions to Thanksgiving baskets are due next week.

The academic calendar committee approved the academic calendar for the next three years. Murphy planned to email them to senators after the meeting.

He noted that he will meet with the President again before mid-Dec. and will be happy to take questions to her if senators send them to him.

- b. Vice President Alpe reported on the previous meeting of the Academic Council
- b. Secretary Rainey reported on the previous meeting of the Planning & Effectiveness Council (PIE)

PIE is working on revisions to PS #3538, which establishes and governs PIE, so the Senate should expect to see that policy and suggested revisions in the spring. More importantly, PIE is looking

for volunteers to help reconsider the university's strategic priorities beginning in the spring. Rainey noted that the strategic priorities are reviewed every five years and help guide budgeting decisions. In addition to the volunteers who join PIE+ (what we're calling the larger group that will work throughout the spring on the priorities), there will also be listening sessions for various groups of stakeholders.

4. Faculty Development Funds

Murphy reviewed the balances of the Faculty Development Funds and encouraged applications, noting that additional money might be available if any awardees had unspent funds to return. As of the meeting time, Fund A had a little over \$1500 and Faculty Foundation Funds (B) close to \$4,500.

5. October Policy Review

1. Approved PS 1203 Definition of a Credit Hour as is (Chisolm, Teague), but Murphy will ask why there's a discrepancy between internships and all other classes (40 v. 45 hours).
2. Approved PS 3502 Student Scholastic Appeals Committee as is, but with the recommendation to clarify the number of appeals and any time limits for appeals that students must follow in asking SSAC to allow their re-entry (Chisolm, Alpe).
3. Approved PS 3516 Honors College Committee as is (Chisolm, Alpe).
4. Approved PS 3523 Academic Grievances as is (Rainey, Chisolm).
5. Approved PS 3534 Academic Standards Board as is (Chisolm, Rainey).
6. Approved PS 7201 Textbook Adoption as is (Rainey, Alpe).

6. November Policy Review

1. Approved the proposed Accessibility Committee Policy Statement as presented (Rainey, Lee).
2. Tabled discussion of the proposed Disability Accommodations Appeals and Grievance Committee Policy Statement (Rainey, Nguyen) to allow time to get clarity on why the appeals process proposed for these cases does not include hearings, advisors, and other elements included in the appeals processes established in PS 3523 and 3534.

7. UFSAM Resolution on Free Speech

UFSAM asked that we consider adopting our own Resolution on Free Speech and asked us to support the one published by UFSAM.

Decided to forego creating our own resolution and instead to initiate a review of PS 3101 Free Speech and Assembly to better address the first amendment rights of faculty and staff (Lee, Alpe).

8. Adjourned at 1:26 p.m. (Lee, Quist).

The Senate will likely reconvene in January, but President Murphy noted that he will call a December meeting if events merit one.