



AGENDA & MINUTES

Name of Committee or Team: Senate Engagement Committee

Support Documents Link:

Recording link:

Committee Members Present via WebEx: Lisa Whiting Dobson, Susan Hardie, Karen Tommasulo, Laura Bishop, Jessica Hester, Amy Simons, Kelli Herm, Eliza Lee, Brittany Barber

Resource Members Present via WebEx:

Guest(s):

Scribe: Kelli Herm

Date: October 3, 2025

Time: 11:10 a.m.-12:02pm

Room: WebEx

Agenda Item	Tentative Time	Discussion	Next Steps
Welcome	3 minutes		
Approval of Meeting Agenda	3 minutes	Agenda approved.	
Approval Of Minutes September 5, 2025	3 minutes	No minutes were taken for Sept 5.	
Approval Of Minutes September 19, 2025	3 minutes	Minutes were approved, given they were transcribed so not all members who were present were counted.	Scribe will send to Penny Tucker
Committees In Need Of Members	3 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura will check on Needed Committee Members- suggested sending reminder email to new senators with vacant spots. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senators can be on more than one committee. ○ Amy will look at what the needs are and may potentially switch if other committees have a greater need. ○ Curriculum committee is all set- some are appointed. ○ Budget committee needs 5 members- two need to be senators ○ Adjunct advisory needs more people- still having a hard time getting people to come. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ They met on Thursday- 5 people came. ▪ Need to work on crafting what the committee's purpose is- academic issues, not issues that MAHE would cover. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maybe we need to review during orientation what should be discussed in the Adjunct Advisory committee meetings. ▪ Adjunct member at large is in charge of their listserv ▪ Adjunct advisory committee chair should have access too. (suggested) ▪ The listserv could be used to get more members too. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are going to have a few open times for adjuncts to meet and plan the trajectory- a way to get people to join and to get some feedback. This will be planned for spring. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We want an inviting space to see how adjuncts can be supported. • Jennifer Muffett resigned from Senate. • Do we need someone from CEWD? 	
Review Committee Charter	5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed committee charter membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vice chair should say vice president of Academic Senate executive committee ○ Changing office of diversity and inclusion to office of empowerment ○ Change ex-officio to members of executive committee- academic senate president would go in parentheses here ○ Internal communications coordinator can go under resources. ○ It should read "members from at least four of the five following divisions" ○ This will go on the consent agenda for Academic Senate to vote on. 	Laura will check on this.
Senate Fall Marketing Plan Check In	5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have meet the senator in the Star. • We're set on elections. 	
Senate Image Discussion	20 minutes		

Senate Meeting Engagement Discussion	15 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ways we can make Senate more visible and make people want to join: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communicate that we meet on Web-ex. Can be a hard sell since there it is one more meeting. ○ Talking about Senate accomplishments and what we've done for students could help. ○ Getting more students involved would be good. ○ Faculty professional development could be a focus to help students and faculty mental health. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ e.g. Mental health first aid training, neurodiversity training ○ Faculty workload is only focused on teaching, there are so many other things that faculty have to do. We need to look at our priorities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The emotional work we do with students is a lot. ▪ Society is changing- less stable. ○ We talked about getting more students to join also- this may happen at the upcoming student forum- getting more students for SAC would be good too. ○ Our constituents and senators may have more ideas for helping to improve our image when we have the constituents' meeting. • We'll continue the discussion at the next meeting 	
Old Business	5 minutes	None	
New Business/Set Next Agenda	5 minutes	We'll continue some of the same discussions at the next meeting.	
Adjournment		Adjourned at 12:02pm. All approved.	

Meeting adjourned
at:12:02pm

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