



Missouri University of Science and Technology

Faculty Senate Meeting

Online

21 July 2026



Faculty Senate

Online Meeting Procedure

- Only Senators (or their proxies) count toward a quorum
 - Two-thirds of the voting membership constitutes a quorum
- Only Senators (or their proxies) may vote
- The chair will recognize members of the Senate (including proxies and ex-officio members) for the purposes of motions and debate
- Members are requested to wait for recognition before speaking



I. Call to Order

P. Runnion, President

II. Roll Call

F. Han, Secretary

III. Consent Agenda

P. Runnion

Consent Agenda – 7/21/2026

Approval of the 14 May 2026 Minutes

Approval of the 18 June 2026 Minutes

IV. President's Report

P. Runnion

Summer Senate meetings

- Historically, our summer meetings have low attendance
 - We lacked a quorum at our June meeting
 - Summer meetings typically involve more proxies than during the semester
- We are holding today's meeting exclusively online to hopefully boost attendance among Senators
- Our June 2027 meeting will be exclusively online
 - If this works well, we plan to continue this in future summers

Curriculum Committee vote

- Due to June's lack of quorum, we held an electronic vote to approve the Campus Curriculum Committee report
 - The vote was unanimously in favor.
 - Per the bylaws, this result will be reflected in the minutes of today's meeting.

Bylaws Updates

- The bylaws changes that we approved in April were approved by the Board of Curators in June

COACHE Survey Results

- Our campus COACHE team received the survey results last week
- Stay tuned this fall for updates

Summer Textbook/Bookstore Concerns

- In May, I was made aware of Summer 2026 bookstore concerns
 - Equitable Access: A bookstore pricing and delivery model in which all students pay a flat fee (frequently tied to the number of credit hours taken) billed to the student account for required course materials.
 - S&T's Miner Book Bundle
 - Inclusive Access: A bookstore pricing and delivery model in which required digital materials are provided automatically, with pricing based on the specific materials required.
 - What S&T did before Barnes and Noble was brought in
 - Both are designed to give students Day 1 access to materials

Summer Textbook/Bookstore Concerns

- Summer 2026 students are not being given access to either Inclusive Access or Equitable Access pricing/delivery models.
 - This requires students to register for digital courseware using a code rather than automatically having access when they log in to Canvas
 - This inconsistency is very confusing for students and caused delays at the start of the summer term
 - Delayed onboarding into online courseware is a particular challenge for online courses
 - This has resulted in higher costs for students

General Textbook/Bookstore Concerns

- The changes to the bookstore model when Barnes and Noble was selected caused our agreement with Cengage Unlimited to end.
 - This has caused a notable increase in costs for both undergraduate and graduate students



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Faculty/Staff Lounge

- The Faculty/Staff Lounge in Toomey will be closing due to underutilization.
 - Faculty Senate leadership was consulted.
 - The space will be used by MAE to support Senior Design.
 - The transition of this space is underway.



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Officer Plans for AY26-27

- Frank Han will be stepping down as an officer by the end of December 2026
 - Frank will serve as President Elect in Fall 2026 only, with adjusted duties.
 - Frank will not serve as President in AY27-28.
 - Frank has indicated that he is interested in returning as an officer in the future.
- We will be looking for a former Senate President to serve as President in AY27-28
- We will be voting on some adjustments to our AY26-27 officer roles during New Business

Questions to Consider

- What is Faculty Senate?
- What do we want Faculty Senate to be?
- What do we want Faculty Senate to accomplish?
- What can we do to help Faculty Senate thrive over the next 5-10 years?

This is not a one-day discussion. Stay tuned – Josh has big plans for next year!

Thank You!

- It has been a true honor and privilege to serve as Senate President this year
- I look forward to remaining engaged with the important work of shared governance at S&T.

V. Unfinished Business

Standing Committee Elections

- Administrative Review Committee
 - Need one member
 - Must be tenured
 - Must have an administrative workload of less than 50%
 - No nominees currently

Standing Committee Elections

- Campus Curriculum Committee
 - Need one member
 - Must be a sitting Senator
 - Nominee: Paul Runnion

Standing Committee Elections

- Intellectual Property Committee
 - Need one member
 - Preference is given to those with patent and/or copyright experience
 - Nominee: Smitty Grubbs

Standing Committee Elections

- Personnel Committee
 - Need one member
 - Nominee: Matt Goldberg

VI. New Business

P. Runnion

Officer Plans for AY26-27

- Frank Han will be President Elect in Fall 2026 only, with reduced duties
- Paul Runnion will be Past President, with one key extra duty
- Joshua Schlegel will be President
 - No changes to the role of President
- Rachel Schneider will be Parliamentarian, with one key extra duty
- Jeff Schramm will be Secretary, with one key extra duty

Officer Plans for AY26-27

- IFC Representatives
 - Paul Runnion and Joshua Schlegel will continue
 - The President-Elect is normally a representative
 - Continuity on IFC is key
- We propose that Jeff Schramm serve as our third IFC representative for AY26-27

Officer Plans for AY26-27

- Staff Council liaison
 - President-Elect normally serves as the Staff Council liaison
- We propose that Rachel Schneider serve as our Staff Council liaison for AY26-27
 - Dave Westenberg also attends all staff council meetings and can represent us if Rachel is unable to attend.

Officer Plans for AY26-27

- Meetings with Provost
 - President-Elect and President meet regularly with the Provost
- We propose that Paul Runnion and Joshua Schlegel serve as Senate representatives for meetings with the Provost
 - Paul and Josh have built a lot of momentum with the Provost this year, and we want that to continue.

Officer Plans for AY26-27

- Other Duties as Assigned
 - In Fall 2026, Frank Han is available to help as needed
 - In Spring 2027, if there are additional duties of the President-Elect that need to be picked up, Jeff Schramm will likely be asked to step in.

Student Academic Regulations, Section IX

- The Academic Advising Council has proposed changes to Section IX of the Student Academic Regulations
 - Proposal was sent with the agenda for today's meeting
 - These changes are proposed to better align the existing regulation with current practice and make it clearer to students what will happen when their GPA drops below 2.000
 - Paul Runnion and Dave Westenberg are the faculty representatives on the AAC
 - Also includes associate deans and representatives from Academic Advising

X. Announcements

P. Runnion

Save the Date!

- September Senate meeting
Thursday September 17, 2:00 PM

XI. Adjourn

Thank You

P. Runnion
President, Faculty Senate

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