2025-2026 Committee Report: IRB

Committee Chair: Joshua Smallridge (Social Sciences)

Other Members:

- Michael Ransom (Behavioral Sciences)
- Zach Moore (Behavioral Sciences)
- Andrea Haney (Behavioral Sciences)
- Deborah Struth (Nursing)
- Kristy Henson (Natural Sciences)
- Maria Agee (Education)
- James Long (Computer Science and Mathematics)
- Ganga Sharma (Computer Science and Mathematics)
- Shawn Reese (Health and Human Performance)
- Derek Dewig (Health and Human Performance)

Meeting information:

The majority of the work is conducted asynchronously. We utilize a Teams space and email to share and review the submitted proposals. Review meetings are only held if we have a proposal that fall under the full review category representing a higher category of risk. Outside of reviews we have a few meetings a year to set expectations and our review strategy.

All IRB submissions for this academic year were submitted under the exempt or expedited review category. We did not have any submissions this academic year that required a full review. Due to the nature of the committee most of the work was completed asynchronously.

The committee met on 11/16/25 for our first meeting. In this meeting we reviewed the charge of the committee, training requirements, and general process for reviews.

The committee met on 4/23/26 for our second live meeting of the year in order to take stock of the work completed and discuss possible special initiatives for the following academic year.

We also discussed that there is a possibility of proposals coming to the IRB over the summer. In which case we would review those reviews and add them to the 25-26 workload.

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

The committee reviewed applications for approval to conduct research involving human subjects from individuals planning projects for school courses, and faculty working on individual or departmental research projects. For class wide student research projects, the students' proposals were reviewed, and comments and approval were sent to the instructor for the class. As of the date of submission for this report the committee has reviewed 86 separate proposals. With around six still under review at this time.

Recommendations for Senate Action:

No actions required.

Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

Continue normal review process. Set subcommittees to review updating forms, policies and procedures.

2025-2026 Committee Report: Academic Appeals

Committee Chair: Barbara Wierzbicki & Gina Fantasia were co-chairs.

Other Members:

Aaron Saas, Amy Hutson, Jeffrey Hindal, Gina Fantasia, Michael Ransom, Ned Radulovich, Tabitha Lafferre, Shawn Reese, John Morrison, Howard Hively, Janet Floyd, Kristin White, Chelsea DiFilippo, Carole Norton

Meeting information:

A virtual meeting was held on Thursday, October 2, 2026, during which Gina Fantasia and Barbara Wierzbicki were elected as co-chairs. The committee did not reconvene, as no appeals required review or discussion.

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

No significant activities and accomplishments.

Recommendations for Senate Action:

No recommendations for Senate action.

Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

The committee will reconvene as needed.

2025-2026 Committee Report: Admissions and Credits

Committee Chair: April Townsend

Other Members:

Kylie Ford - Art, Architecture and Design
Bob Kelly - Art, Architecture and Design
Zachariah Moore - Psychology
Joe Riesen - Math
Toni Poling - Education
Bernadette Bamberger - Exercise Science
Donna Long - English
Nathaniel Myers - English
Andreas Baur - Chemistry
Beth Thompson - Chemistry
Lisa Eades - Nursing
Chelsea DiFilippo - Nursing
Denice Kirchoff - Nursing

Emily Seggie - Enrollment Management
Summer Boggess - Admissions
Bri DiBacco - LEAD Center
Pamela Stephens - Advising and Retention
Susan Ross - Academic Affairs
Lori Schoonmaker - Registrar
Stephanie Gabor - Registrar

Meeting information:

We met on September 9 and January 9. We will meet again in the summer to consider Spring 2026 appeals.

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

Sept 9 Meeting
- Elected a chair
- Examined the policy for minimum residence requirements. The registrar proposed that the language be adjusted to better cover certain exceptional cases that have arisen in the last couple years. The committee voted to pass the changes. The changes were sent to Senate, who also approved the changes.

January 9 Meeting
- Considered 3 student appeals from Fall 2025.
- One was appealing dismissal from ASN program. The committee decided that was not within our jurisdiction to approve. The appeal was approved by the Dean of Nursing.

- Two were appealing second suspension. One appeal was unanimously approved and one was unanimously not approved.

Recommendations for Senate Action:

It is unclear why the appeal for dismissal from the nursing program came to our committee. This process, and what types of appeals this committee considers, needs to be clarified.

It was very difficult to fit in the Fall 2025 appeals during the short winter break, since the offices processing the appeals were not working until a week before classes started.

Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

Considering appeals at the end of each semester. No known policy considerations for next year yet.

2025-2026 Committee Report: Faculty Welfare

Committee Chair: Jeff Hindal

Other Members:

Malisa Eades (ASN)
Julie Reneau (Education)
Lindsey Cutright (Computer Science and Mathematics)
Sunil Surendran (Marketing and Management)
Jeff Hindal (Architecture, Art, and Design) (CHAIR 2025-26)
Elizabeth Urse (Architecture, Art, and Design)
Deborah Nestor (Humanities)
Angela McKeen (Natural Sciences)
Mark Flood (Natrual Sciences)
Tadashi Kato (Behavioral Sciences)
Robert Bolton (Humanities)
Kim Wickham (Humanities)
Kristi Kiefer (Health and Human Performance)

Meeting information:

The committee meets on the last Thursday of the month, every month throughout the academic year.

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

The committee successfully brought to light issues with our spartan Parental Leave policy, working as a catalyst to create the new Parental Leave Committee and helped initiate a conversation regarding Child Care services with the administration. The committee also provided some assistance with the black-tie Gala event.

Recommendations for Senate Action:

None at this time.

Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

The Faculty Welfare Committee will be hosting Pecha Kucha style presentations at the August Professional Development sessions as a way for faculty, new and old, to meet colleagues and encourage collaboration across departments.

2025-2026 Committee Report: Technology Committee

Committee Chair: Maria Agee - Education

Other Members:

1. Annettee Arnett - Nursing
2. Karen Beal - Library
3. Stacey Bowers - Architecture
4. Bob Kelly - Architecture
5. Barb MacLennan - Behavioral Sciences
6. Kurt Meader - Education
7. Zach Moore - Behavioral Sciences
8. Josh Smallridge - Social Sciences
9. Victoria Valentine - Health & Human Performance
10. Paul Stenhaus (ex officio member) - Chief Information Officer

Meeting information:

Once a month, every third Thursday at noon

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

1. The committee developed the Gen AI Tool survey. The survey went through several revisions and approvals and was distributed to faculty and staff on April 23rd. This survey assesses current generative AI tool usage among Fairmont State University faculty and staff. It collects information on which AI platforms employees are using professionally, whether through paid or free versions, and how subscriptions are funded. Results will help the university make informed decisions about a potential campus-wide AI licensing agreement that supports faculty and staff while safeguarding student and institutional data.

2. Victoria, Barb, Annette, and Maria Agee presented on March 31st at the CTLI's Lunch and Learn on GoReact, Sway, GeoSavvy, and Voice Thread.
Abstract: Did you know the university offers powerful digital tools designed to transform the way you teach and connect with students? The University Technology Committee is excited to present an overview of three of these tools: Clipchamp, Go React, and VoiceThread. Join us to discover how each tool can elevate your instructional delivery, boost student engagement, and enhance the overall learning experience. Whether you are a seasoned tech user or just getting started, this presentation has something for everyone!

Recommendations for Senate Action:

I currently do not have any recommendations.

Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

Next semester, we plan to analyze the Gen AI tool survey results and develop a clear picture of the tools that used on campus. We also plan to design a monthly newsletter on instructional tools that will be shared with faculty.

2025-2026 Committee Report: International Education Committee

Committee Chair: Laura Guglani

Other Members:

See excel roster in Faculty Senate

Meeting information:

Met as a full committee or with subcommittees monthly.

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

Subcommittees:

Study Abroad (Chair: Laura Guglani)

International Student Committee (Chair: Andrea Haney),

International Agreement and Partnerships (Chair: Barbara MacLennan).

- World Languages: Hosted the 2nd World Language Showcase (statewide event for WV high school students) on campus.
- Laura Guglani served as President of the WVFLTA (West Virginia Foreign Language Teachers Association).
- Maria Agee served as WV Abroad Academic Coordinator of the WV Global Consortium to represent our university among six other universities. Her role focuses specifically on out-going U.S. students and faculty and the promotion of international education to U.S. students and faculty.
- Won a GlobalWV Strategic Internationalization Grant Sponsored by West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC) to help fund our committee work.
- Four of our committee members received COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) training.
- Rosemarie hosted 'icebreaker' breakfast event for the international students on 09/05.
- Reviewed applications and awarded International Student Scholarships.
- Reinstated the International Student Organization (renamed International Organization) through Engage.
- Held International Education Week events in November (Career key night, Virtual Reality with Maria Agee, coffee language culture night, GIS events (cross disciplinary collaboration) hosted by Barbara MacLennan.
- Moshe Machlev hosted International guest speaker series on Happiness.

Subcommittee Work:
Study abroad:
1. Rosemarie submitted 3 new MOUs (under review):
University of Nicosia, John Cabot University, Inc. (Rome, Italy), COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL

EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE (CIEE, INC)
Next, she will create MOU for International College of Seville (partnership agreement arranged by Global West Virginia, Laura Guglani, EPICS/International Education coordinator).

2. 3 Study abroad trips (Spring): Honors, Architecture, and Computer Science.
3. Rosemarie and Angela Schwer are drafting a proposal to create a General Studies course that would be based on a Study Abroad experience, possibly partnering with the Honors Program.
4. Plan to create a professional development session on Study Abroad for faculty during faculty development week.
5. Study Abroad Promotional Video: Planned for and assigned specific tasks, began work.

International Student:

1) Vetted and awarded international student scholarships.
2) Reviewed updates to the international student scholarship process and requirements.
3) Worked on reestablishing International Organization (Student organization).
4) Planned for upcoming Engage elections to ensure international student leadership.
5) Discussed additional resources or support services that may benefit our international students.

International Partnerships and Agreements

1) Advanced outreach for new partnerships by providing faculty professional development.
2) Identified priority regions of interest to Fairmont State (particularly Calabria).
3) Reached out to faculty with relevant international experience to invite them to collaborate.
4) Maintained ongoing meetings and discussions with Rosemarie in the Office of Global Engagement.

Recommendations for Senate Action:

None

Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

Continue work on present initiatives summarized above.

2025-2026 Committee Report: Student Publications Board

Committee Chair: Nathaniel Myers

Other Members:

Angela McKeen, College of Science & Technology
Stephanie Jones, College of Science & Technology
Michael Ransom, College of Liberal Arts

Meeting information:

Our committee voted and handled committee business via email.

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

This year, the committee, especially Dr. Laura Harbert, built a cohesive and strong staff for "The Columns." This publication garnered much positive feedback from across campus, including from the administration.

The staff of "Whetstone" plans to hold its Whetstone Evening at the Folklife Center on May 6 from 6-8.

Recommendations for Senate Action:

No recommendations needed at this time.

Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

We intend to elect editors-in-chief for the three publications The Columns, Whetstone, and Kestrel. We also intend to support and promote the publications.

2025-2026 Committee Report: Animal Care and Use Committee

Committee Chair: Kelley Flaherty and Aaron Saas (co-chairs)

Other Members:

Kristen Winter (Biology)
Glenna Pirner (Biology)
Kelsey Leiblii (Biology-Staff/has since left employment)
Moshe Mavlev (Psychology)

Meeting information:

The committee met once in the spring and worked through email and Teams.

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

The Committee succeeded in connecting with a local veterinarian willing to serve as the required veterinary consultant needed for review of non-exempt projects.
The committee is working with IT to develop a forward-facing website for students and faculty to access necessary policies, documents, and forms.
The committee further reviewed policies developed during 2024-2025 and worked on finalizing forms for faculty and student animal research for the website.
Kelley Flaherty indicated her desire to no longer serve as committee chair and the committee agreed Aaron Saas would serve as chair.

Recommendations for Senate Action:

None

Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

We anticipate that prior to the start of the fall semester, we will have the website in place in anticipation of student project next year. We anticipate that we will need to review student vertebrate research next year.

2025-2026 Committee Report: Faculty Handbook Committee (Joint with Provost's Office)

Committee Chair: Joseph Riesen

Other Members:

Faculty Members elected by their Colleges Chris Bondi - College of Liberal Arts, Joe Riesen (chair) - College of Science and Technology, M.E. Yancosek Gamble College of Business & Aviation, Jan Kiger College of Education, Health and Human Performance, Denice Kirchoff- College of Nursing

Provost Appointees Valerie Morphew - Asst. Provost for Teaching and Learning, James Matthews - Dean of College of Liberal Arts, Joel Dugan (vice-chair) - Chair of Architecture, Art, and Design

Ex-Officio Members Ashley Maxey- Director of Human Resources, Tanner James-University General Counsel, Robert Niichel-Faculty Senate President

Meeting information:

The committee met every two weeks starting in October 2025 and ending April 2026.

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

The committee emphasized the portion regarding promotion and tenure quite extensively for the past several years. The committee decided to concentrate on those parts of the handbook that were outside of the promotion and tenure portion.

As we are not a policy-making committee, our work was to update, clarify and organize those policies described in the handbook. We have had conversations with a number of administrative offices for this purpose. The alternative qualifications regarding promotion and tenure cited in Appendix A were reorganized by Colleges. Other portions were updated by discussions with the appropriate entities. We updated all links to make sure they are working and reference the appropriate item.

CMCS has agreed to reformat the handbook to be more user-friendly on the web.

One policy we did change was the term length of committee members. We adopted the following statement.

" Faculty Handbook Committee Member Terms

New document regarding lengths of terms and rotation of members.

The committee has determined that due to the importance of experienced members on this committee and the work that is done year after year which depends on previous committee work, that terms of members should be three years. This includes the five members elected by each college and the three members appointed by the Provost. Note that the Provost also is a voting member of this committee. Similar to the Provost being a member, the three ex officio members

belong to the committee due to their position at the University.

It was further determined that the terms should not all end in the same year, but should overlap to maintain continuity of the membership of the committee. The current rotation of members will be:

College of Business and Aviation (M.E. Yancosek Gamble) Expires in 2027 (Appointed 2024)

College of Education, Health and Human Performance (Jan Kiger) Expires in 2026

College of Liberal Arts (Chris Bondi) Expires in 2028

College of Nursing (Denice Kirchoff) Expires in 2027 (Appointed 2024)

College of Science and Technology (Joe Riesen) Expires in 2026

Provost Appointees: (All were newly appointed in Fall 2024)

(Valerie Morphew) Expires in 2026

(Joel Dugan) Expires in TBD

(James Matthews) Expires in TBD "

Recommendations for Senate Action:

1. We recommend the three-year terms and on a rotating basis in a manner that no 3 members' terms would terminate in the same year.
2. Provost office and Senate:
   "Formalize/produce the process for submitting alternative credentials for promotion and/or tenure. There is a pseudo-process but I don t think it is publicized, nor written down."
3.

Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

1. Address Academic Integrity (AI use, address cheating?)

2. Address Remote work and faculty availability expectations.

3. Animal and Human Testing Policy updates

4. Clear process for policy recommendations and communication.

5. Incorporate CourseDog implementation in wording of handbook.

2025-2026 Committee Report: Curriculum

Committee Chair: Stephanie Jones (2026), Computer Science & Math

Other Members:

Susan Ross, ex-officio representative for Academic Affairs
Adam Podlaskowski, ex-officio Director of General Education
Lori Schoonmaker, ex-officio FSU Registrar
Stephanie Gabor, ex-officio Degree Works Coordinator
Laura Ransom, ex-officio Academic Records Coordinator
Janie Leary, ex-officio Assurance of Learning

Katlyn Bunner (2027), ASN - Nursing
Kara Burgard-Clark (2026), BSN - Nursing
Marcie Raol (2026), Education
Paige Brown (2027), HHP
Eric Pulice (2027), Marketing & Management Studies
T. Jean Engebretson (2026), Accounting, Economics, & Finance
Kim Wickham (2027), Humanities
Julia Miller (2026), Behavioral Sciences
Robert Bolton (2026), Social Sciences
Kristen Winter (2027), Natural Sciences
Kaden Statler (2027), Engineering and Technology
Jacki Sherman (2027), Library
Bob Kelly (2027), Architecture, Art, and Design

Meeting information:

The Curriculum Committee met monthly during the 2025-2026 academic year for a total of 8 meetings.

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

The following curriculum proposals were reviewed and approved:

1. 25-26-01 Curriculum Revision BS Civil Engineering Tech
a. 25-26-01(a) New Course SURV 1100
b. 25-26-01 (b) New Course SURV 2240
2. 25-26-02 Curriculum Revision AS Civil Engineering Tech
3. 25-26-03 Curriculum Revision Community Health

Note: 25-26-03 involved substantive changes and will be submitted to HLC for final approval

4. 25-26-04 Curriculum Proposals English Literature Concentration
a. 25-26-04(a) New Course ENGL 2255 Professionalizing the Humanities
5. 25-26-05 Curriculum Proposal English Creative Writing Concentration
6. 25-26-06 Curriculum Proposal English Writing for the Workplace
7. 25-26-07 Curriculum Proposal English Education
8. 25-26-09 Curriculum Proposal Traditional BSN

a. 25-26-09(a) Course Proposal NURS 3402
9. 25-26-10 Curriculum Proposal Biology Minor Revision
10. 25-26-11 Curriculum Revision Data Science Minor
a. 25-26-11(a) New Course MATH 2650 Supervised Machine Learning
b. 25-26-11(b) New Course MATH 2651 Unsupervised Machine Learning
11. 25-26-12 Curriculum Revision Math Program
a. 25-26-12(a) New Course MATH 2545 Mathematical Modeling
12. 25-26-13 Curriculum Revision Surveying and Geomatics Engineering
a. 25-26-13(a) New Course SURV 1000
13. 25-26-14 Curriculum Revision A.S. Safety
14. 25-26-15 Curriculum Revision BSET Mechanical Engineering
15. 25-26-16 Curriculum Revision AS Mechanical Engineering
16. 25-26-17 Curriculum Revision BSET Electrical Engineering Tech
a. 25-26-17(a) New Course ELEC 1101
b. 25-26-17(b) New Course ELEC 1110
c. 25-26-17(c) New Course ELEC 2295
17. 25-26-18 Curriculum Revision AS Electronic Engineering Tech
18. 25-26-19 Curriculum Revision WGST Minor
19. 25-26-20 Curriculum Proposal Computer Science
20. 25-26-21 Curriculum Proposal Computer Science; Cybersecurity Concentration
a. 25-26-21(a) New Course COMP 2250
b. 25-26-21(b) New Course COMP 4430
21. 25-26-22 Program Discontinuation International Studies Minor
22. 25-26-23 Curriculum Revision Honors Program (pending 1/21 Dean Council approval)
23. 25-26-24 Curriculum Proposal LPN ASN
a. 25-26-24(a) New Course NURS 1100 Fundamentals of Nursing
b. 25-26-24(b) New Course NURS 1102 Health Assessment and Therapeutic Comm

Note: Proposal 25-26-08 is purposely omitted. The program decided to withdraw the proposal.

The following curricular notifications were approved and shared with the committee:
ACCT 2250 Prerequisite Change
ACCT 3303 Prerequisite Change
ACCT 3340 Prerequisite Change
ACCT 4408 Prerequisite Change
ASN Courses (multiple) Prerequisite changes
BIOL 2202- Prerequisite Change
BIOL 3301 - Prerequisite Change
BIOL 3302- Prerequisite Change
BIOL 3380 - Prerequisite Change
BISM 2000 - Prerequisite Change
BISM 3000 - Prerequisite Change
BISM 3400 - Prerequisite Change

BSN and RN BSN Program Learning Outcome Changes
CHEM 3301 Prerequisite Change
CHEM 3315 Prerequisite Change
CHEM 4412 Prerequisite Change
CHEP 3355 - Prerequisite Change
CHEP 4440 - Prerequisite Change
CIVL 2200 Course Discontinuation
CIVL 2240 - Course Discontinuation
COMP 1100 Prerequisite and Restrictions Change
COMP 2220 Prerequisite and Restrictions Change
COMP 3340 Prerequisite and Restrictions Change
ELEC 2210 PR Change Form
ELEC 2230 PR Change Form
ELEC 2250 PR Change Form
ELEC 2270 PR Change Form
ELEC 3300 PR Change Form
ELEC 4402 PR Change Form
[Note: There were 20 additional curricular notifications. The character limit did not permit me to submit them all. I can share the report as a Word document if needed.]

Sub-Committee Work:
A sub-committee was formed to gather and analyze information about how many credit hours are assigned for field experience hours across campus. Data has been gathered and shared with the full committee. Analysis is ongoing.

Recommendations for Senate Action:

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Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

Review curriculum proposals; Continue with analysis of credit hours assigned for field experience hours and reach a decision about how to best convey this information to faculty as new proposals involving field experience hours are developed; Assist with Coursedog Curriculum rollout (New proposal process coming soon!)

2025-2026 Committee Report: Personnel committee

Committee Chair: Matthew Scanlon

Other Members:

Denice Kirchoff
Julie Reneau
Amy Hutson
Elizabeth Savage

Meeting information:

we meet on the following dates
12/10/25
12/16/25
12/23/25
1/6/26
1/15/26
2/27/26
most meeting were a full 2 hours in length

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

Applicants recommended for promotion to associate professor
Robert Bolton
Rebecca Cepek
Barbara MacLennan
Jamie Miller
Ganga Sharma
Candice Moench
Laura Guglani

Applicants recommended for tenure
Robert Bolton
Rebecca Cepek
Barbara MacLennan
Jamie Miller
Ganga Sharma
Candice Moench
Laura Guglani

Applicants recommended to professor
William Harrison
Robert Niichel

Recommended for Emeritus status

Robert Kelly
Tia Como
Joe Reason
Tim Oxley
Dennine LaRue
Chuck Shields
Paul Reneau

Sabbatical recommendations
Kylie Ford
Mary Gamble

We also spent time discussing improvements in the promotion and tenure process. (We have a meeting in May to discuss this with the provost)

Recommendations for Senate Action:

None

Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

Same as this year. Make recommendations for promotion tenure, sabbatical and emeritus status

2025-2026 Committee Report: Library Committee

Committee Chair: Adam Podlaskowski

Other Members:

Adam Podlaskowski (Social Sciences)
Dan Garush (Behavioral Sciences)
Jacki Sherman (Library)
Brian Blackwood (Computer Science and Mathematics)
Derk Dewig (Health and Human Performance)
James Vassil (Engineering Technology)
Jason Frazer (Accounting, Economics, and Finance)
Mac Cassell (Marketing and Management)
Stacy Bowers (Architecture, Art, and Design)
Kristy Henson (Natural Sciences)
Robert Powers (Humanities)
Candas Moench (Education)
Bessie Fooks (ASN)
Vacant (BSN)
Jim Davis (Aviation)

Meeting information:

The Library Committee usually meets once each semester. That was the case this academic year.

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

We are happy to report that the Library doing well. Some highlights include:

- For the first time in a decade, there are funds available for PD.

- FSU's Library just applied to the PALCI consortium, which includes over 80 regional libraries. (The one to which FSU currently belongs is being sunset soon.)

- Student programming is has been successful (game nights, study sessions, trivia night, foraged foods program).

- Renovations are scheduled to start after the spring semester, which will include:

A student-run coffee shop
New study rooms
New anatomy lab space
New multi-use classroom

Regarding these renovations, the 1st and 2nd floors are part of phase one.
The expected completion of phase one is by Spring 27.

Recommendations for Senate Action:

There is no need for action at this time (thankfully).

Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

Since the library will be undergoing renovations, the Library Committee expects this to be a regular topic of discussion.

2025-2026 Committee Report: General Studies Committee

Committee Chair: Jamie L. Miller, Ph.D.

Other Members:

Jamie Miller (2027) Natural Sciences
Deb Struth (2026) Nursing BSN
Jared Tadlock (2027) Architecture, Art, & Design
Diana Noone (2026) Social Sciences
Karen Beal (2026) Library
Abby Chapman (2027) Engineering Tech
Jan Kiger (2027) H&HP
April Bostic (2027) Nursing ASN
Erika Williams (2026) Behavioral Sciences
Eric Pulice (2026) Aviation
Leisa Muto (2027) Accounting, Economics, & Finance
Billy Stone (2027) Marketing and Management Studies
Kurt Meader (2026) Education
Bishnu Sedai (2026) Computer Science & Mathematics
Laura Guglani (2027) Humanities

Meeting information:

The General Studies committee meets on the third Thursday of the month (12:30PM-1:20PM) during both the fall and spring academic terms.

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

There have been several significant accomplishments that have arose out of this year's committee, which are summarized below:

All General Study courses are on a five-year cycle where a course and its assessment are evaluated by the committee. The portfolios prepared by the course coordinator(s) details information on (1) outcomes being measured, (2) how those outcomes are being assessed, (3) is the course meeting its assessment goals, and (4) are those assessment results being evaluated and used to influence course revisions, etc. This academic term, the General Studies Committee successfully reviewed the five-year course portfolios (see below) and followed up with each course point of contact (POC) to share the committee's observations and recommendations.
General Study five-year course portfolio reviews:

Outcome 9: Citizenship
HIST 1107
HIST 1108
POLI 1100
RECR 1141

Outcome 10a: Global Awareness
FREN 2202
SPAN 2202
LANG 1101
POLI 2210
POLI 2220

Outcome 10b: Fitness and Wellbeing
CRIM 2212
CHEP 1101
CHEP 1110
HTLA 1100
HTLA 1150
NUTR 1110
PHED 1100

Outcome 10c: Technology
ART 2245
BISM 1200
CIVL 2210
EDUC 2201
MATH 1550
MANF 2250
MUSM 1100
TECH 1101

As a part of this review process, the committee flagged three courses as having concerns significant enough to warrant resubmission to the committee of their revised course portfolios during the Fall 2026 semester. These courses were: CRIM 2212, MUSM 1100, and FREN 2202. The programs and instructors responsible for these courses have been given clear guidance on the changes that need to be made to their outcome and assessment process in order to meet General Study Course guidelines. It is expected that all three of these courses will have a successful review of their revised portfolios during the Fall 2026 academic term.

This academic year, our committee received a memo requesting that LANG 1101 be removed from the General Studies course offerings effective Fall 2026.

Four courses were submitted to our committee for consideration for their inclusion in the general studies course offerings. Each course, along with its status is listed below:

1. TECH 2290 passed General Studies committee evaluation, recommendation for inclusion in General Studies course offerings has been submitted to the Faculty Senate.

2. SFTY 1100 passed first reading, sent back for revisions

3. MECH 1100- passed first reading, sent back for revisions

4. ELEC 1101- passed first reading, sent back for revisions

Recommendations for Senate Action:

The General Studies committee recommends the inclusion of TECH 2290 in the General Studies course offerings effective Fall 2026.

Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

The General Studies Committee will continue the review of all general study course portfolios for those courses that are due for their five-year review in the 2026-2027 academic cycle. It is also anticipated that the committee will begin the process of standardizing the general study expectations for those courses associated with associate degree programs.

2025-2026 Committee Report: Student Financial Aid Appeals Committee

Committee Chair: Brian Blackwood

Other Members:

April Bostic (BSN)
Cara Snyder (Architecture, Art, and Design)
Robin Payne (Social Sciences)
Keisha Kibler (Education)
Jim Weekley (Natural Sciences)
Rebecca Cepek (Humanities)
Kurt Meader (Education)
Angela Schwer (Humanities)
Kristen Winter (Natural Sciences)
Agnela McKeen (Natural Sciences)

Meeting information:

The Student Financial Aid Appeals Committee meets on an as-needed basis at the request of The Director of Financial Aid or their appointee. We did not receive any appeals.

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

None

Recommendations for Senate Action:

None.

Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

The Director of Financial Aid would have the best idea regarding that.

2025-2026 Committee Report: Faculty Development Committee

Committee Chair: Brian Blackwood

Other Members:

Secretary: Sharon Mazure (Library)
Andrea Haney (Behavioral Sciences)
Kristy Kiefer (Health and Human Performance)
Jason Bolyard (Engineering Technology)
Amy Hutson (Accounting, Economics, and Finance)
Jim Davis (Marketing and Management)
Elizabeth Urse (Architecture, Art, and Design)
Glenna Pirner (Natural Sciences)
Alyssa Schwartz (Humanities)
Courtney Miller (Education)
Jason Frazer (Aviation)
Haley Bowman (Social Sciences)
Amber Weaver (ASN)
Charlie Watson (ex-officio)

Meeting information:

Our committee meets throughout the academic year on the third Thursday of the month.

Significant Activities and Accomplishments

1) Solicited nominations for our grant and awards.

2) Reviewed nominations for the grant and annual awards to ensure eligibility in conjunction with Charlie Watson.

3) Collected and reviewed award application materials, conducted teaching observations, and determined award recipients as follows:
a. Boram Award for Teaching Excellence: Joe Riesen
b. Innovation in Teaching Award: Barb MacLennan
c. Faculty Recognition Award: Greg Cutlip
d. Excellence in Online Teaching Award: Keisha Kibler

4) Collected and reviewed proposals for the University Faculty Fellowship Grant, in conjunction with the Grants Office, to determine the recipient as follows:
a. University Faculty Fellowship Grant: Sakib Mohammad

Recommendations for Senate Action:

none

Anticipated Activities for 2026-2027:

The activities should be similar to those this year. Any issues will be discussed in the fall.