

**Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda**  
**February 10, 2026**  
**Via MS Teams & Morris Library Room 754**  
**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

- I. **Call to Order: Khalid Meksem**
- II. **Roll Call: John Farrish**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2025**  
Motion/Second/Vote
- IV. **President's Report: Khalid Meksem – 5 minutes**
  - A. **Promotion & Tenure Policies Ad Hoc Committee** – charge received from Provost via email 1.6.26; Erin Hascup volunteered to serve as Faculty Senate rep.
  - B. **Teaching Effectiveness Ad Hoc Committee** - (waiting for charge)
  - C. **Policy on Selecting University Distinguished Professors** – draft policy from Provost 1.20.26  
Motion/Second/Vote
- V. **Vice President's Report: Jennifer Sherry – 2 minutes**
  - A. **Faculty & Staff Excellence Awards Committee** – Jennifer Sherry volunteered to serve.
  - B. **Early Career Faculty Excellence Award Committee** - Jennifer Sherry volunteered to serve.
- VI. **Invited Guests:**
  - A. **Chancellor Lane** – 5 minutes
  - B. **Provost Tucker** – 7 minutes
    - 1. Update on DFW Resolution Advising Support
    - 2. Update on Dean's strategic planning
  - C. **VC Susan Simmers** (progress update on Business Practice Resolution) – 5 minutes
  - D. **Health Sciences Librarian/Professor: Amber Burtis** (faculty workshops) – 4 minutes
  - E. **Associate Provost for Student Success: Shelly Gehrke** (student academic concern reporting) – 5 minutes
  - F. **Executive Director: Jeff Harmon** (promote.siu.edu) – 4 minutes
  - G. **VCR/Dean of Graduate School: Costas Tsatsoulis** – 3 minutes
  - H. **Faculty Advisory Council to IBHE: Lichang Wang** - 2 minutes
  - I. **Graduate Council Chair: Kelly Bender** - 2 minutes
  - J. **Q & A** – 15 minutes
- VII. **Reports**
  - A. **Executive Committee: Chair, Khalid Meksem** – 2 minutes
    - 1. **Reminder for Chairs/Co-Chairs of Standing Committees:** Final Reports are due April 30, 2026.  
Reports will be posted online.
    - 2. **Reminder for Senators:** email Melissa Laake your Committee Preference Sheets for 2026-2027
  - B. **Election Committee: Chair, Jennifer Sherry** – 5 minutes
    - 1. **JRB Officer Election:** Motion/Second/Vote  
**Chair:** Liliana Lefticariu  
**Vice-Chair:** Asghar Esmaeeli  
**Secretary:** Cindy Buys
  - C. **Undergraduate Education Policy Committee: Chair Jonathan Remo** – 15 minutes
    - 1. **RMEs:**
      - a. **Resolution RME Minor AI in Creative Fields** – (continue discussion from Dec. 2025)  
Motion/Second/Vote
      - b. **RME Rename Minor in Mythology to Mythology and Religious Studies**
      - c. **RME Rename Sustainable Horticulture Systems Specialization to Urban Horticulture**
    - 2. **Priority Review Programs Committee:** (waiting on next steps from Provost Tucker)
    - 3. **Echo 360 Transition** (online content software going away)
    - 4. **ADA Title II Compliance Issues**
  - D. **Budget Committee: Chair, David M. Johnson** – 2 minutes

**E. Committee on Committees: Co-Chairs, Cheryl (Shelly) Page & Jonathan Remo - 8 minutes**

Motion/Second/Vote

**1. Approve Global Engagement Ad Hoc Committee members:**

Amer AbuGhazaleh, Ahmed Al-Asfour, Jebaraj Asirvatham, Randall Auxier, John Baluyut, Nilanjana Bardhan, Sakshi Bhati, Maria Franca, Juhi Kidwai, Jiyong Lee, Seung-Hee Lee, Khalid Meksem, Martia Albiol Tapia, Louise Yoho, & Geoffrey Young.

**2. Approve University Level Tenure Track Teaching Excellence Award Committee member:**

Katherine (Katie) Moore

**3. Approve University Level Non-Tenure Track Teaching Excellence Award Committee member:**

Jenna Jamieson

**4. Approve University Level Scholar Excellence Award Committee member:** Kwangho Choi

**5. Approve Business Practice Ad Hoc Committee members:**

Susan Howell, Jenna Jamieson, Jessica Alwerdt, Andrea Imre, Mohtashim Shamsi, Matthew Brown, Scott Hamilton-Brehm, & Hussein Soliman

**6. Approve new Chair of Faculty Status & Welfare Committee:** Mohtashim Shamsi

Motion/Second/Vote

**F. Faculty Status and Welfare Committee: *new Chair (after Senate approval today)*, Mohtashim Shamsi - 2 minutes**

**G. Governance Committee: Co-Chairs, Randall Auxier & Jun Qin - 2 minutes**

**VIII. Old Business – 5 minutes**

- **Release time for Vice President's role & UEPC Chair**

**IX. New Business – 8 minutes**

- **Extend term for NTT until SP28: Jenna Jamieson**

Motion/Second/Vote

- **Email received regarding concerns of new/simple "equal opportunity" wording for job postings**

- o **Resolution for discussion:** A Resolution of the Faculty Senate of SIU Carbondale Regarding Inclusivity (approved by Governance Committee)

**X. Adjournment**

Motion/Second