

**Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda**  
**April 14, 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 March 17, 2026**  
Motion/Second/Vote
- IV. **President's Report: Khalid Meksem – 5 minutes**
  - A. **Waiting on Chancellor/Provost signatures on resolutions passed by Senate on 3/17/26:**
    1. Resolution RME to Rename Minor in Mythology
    2. Resolution RME Rename Sustainable Horticulture System Specialization
    3. Resolution RME UG Certificate in AI Social Media Strategist
    4. Resolution RME Specialization Companion Animal
    5. Resolution Calling for Faculty Oversight of Risepoint Programs (from UEPC)
    6. Resolution Regarding Recent Instability in SIU's Academic Leadership (from Governance Committee)
    7. Resolution on Senate Support and Leadership - (from Governance Committee)
    8. Resolution of SIU Faculty Senate on Senate Support Staff (from Governance Committee)
    9. Resolution Regarding Delivery of Online Programs and Courses (from Governance Committee)
  - B. **Reminder for standing committees (Budget, Governance, UEPC, FSWC, & Committee on Committees) – Final Reports for the Faculty Senate website are due April 30th!**
  - C. **Announcement: There will be *no guest speakers* at the next Faculty Senate meeting on April 28, 2026. This time will be used to complete Senate work, do elections for officers and chairs/co-chairs of standing committees, and welcome new Senators.**
- V. **Vice President's Report: Jennifer Sherry – 2 minutes**
  - A. **Kevin Mercer – Proxy for Cinzia Padovani Fall 2026**
  - B. **Faculty Senate Food Drive "Feed the Pack" is from April 1<sup>st</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>**
    1. **Collection sites for non-perishable items: Pulliam Hall, room 312/307 & Student Center Admin. Office (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**
    2. **QR code is available to donate money – see attached flyer**
- VI. **Invited Guests:**
  - A. **Chancellor Lane – 5 minutes**
  - B. **Provost Tucker – 5 minutes**
  - C. **VCR/Dean of Graduate School: Costas Tsatsoulis – 3 minutes**
  - D. **Faculty Advisory Council to IBHE: Lichang Wang - 2 minutes**
  - E. **Graduate Council Chair: Kelly Bender - 2 minutes**
  - F. **Undergraduate Student Government President: Lydia Phelps (comment on Resolution Supporting the New UCC Course Requirements) – 3 minutes**
  - G. **Senator Jenna Jamieson (Special Olympics) – 5 minutes**
  - H. **Prof. Ryan Redner (CBIZ analysis) – 5 minutes**
  - I. **Faculty Association President: Matt Romero (CBIZ & Risepoint) – (invited to answer questions)**
  - J. **Q & A – 15 minutes**

- VII. Reports**
    - A. Executive Committee: Chair, Khalid Meksem – 3 minutes**
      - 1. Update from FSEC meeting**
    - B. Election Committee: Chair, Jennifer Sherry – 5 minutes**
      - 1. Results of Faculty Senate Election – Spring 2026**
        - New Senators:**
          - a. CALPS –Vjollca Konjufca & (returning Senator) Khalid Meksem**
          - b. COBA – Md Shariful (Sharif) Islam**
          - c. CAM – Qian (Jenny) Huang & Julia Rendleman**
          - d. COLA – Chris Stantis & Andrew Youpa**
          - e. CHHS – Steven Goetz & Irene Miller**
          - f. SOM – Duda Kvitsiani**
          - g. NTT Faculty – Brittainy Spears, \*Carissa Scroggins, & Diedra Hopes**  
*(\*see April 18, 2026 agenda for update)*
    - C. Undergraduate Education Policy Committee: Chair Jonathan Remo (*J. Jamieson will present*) – 15 minutes**
      - 1. RMEs: Motion/Second/Vote**
        - a. RME Rename School of Journalism & Advertising**
        - b. RME Merge BS Sport Admin & BS Recreation Professions**
        - c. RME for Minor Interior Design**
      - 2. Resolution for the Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Concerns Related to Risepoint Programs**  
Motion/Second/Vote
      - 3. Resolution Supporting the New UCC Course Requirements – effective FALL 2026**  
**(request for resolution from APAP Dunston)**  
Motion/Second/Vote
    - D. Budget Committee: Chair, David M. Johnson – 3 minutes**
      - 1. Update on April 6, 2026, meeting with admin.**
    - E. Committee on Committees: Co-Chairs, Cheryl (Shelly) Page & Jonathan Remo – (*no report*)**
    - F. Faculty Status and Welfare Committee: Chair, Mohtashim Shamsi - 3 minutes**
      - 1. Faculty Survey Regarding CBIZ Compensation Study**
    - G. Governance Committee: Co-Chairs, Randall Auxier & Jun Qin - 2 minutes**
- VIII. Old Business – 5 minutes**
- IX. New Business – 3 minutes**
- X. Adjournment**