

Faculty Senate & Faculty Advisory Council Officers and Committees 2026-2027

Faculty Senate is a body of elected and appointed Faculty Advisory Council members who work to promote the interests of faculty individually and collectively. Faculty Advisory Council is open to all faculty, offers Faculty Senate strategic and specialized guidance, and provides faculty opportunities to participate in shared governance through committee work.

Appointed Executive Committee Members, 1-Year Term

May serve no more than six consecutive one-year terms

1. **President:** Christopher Krejci, English (3rd term)
2. **Vice Pres.:** Sandra Melendez, Engineering (4th term)
3. **Secretary-Treas.:** Lisa Keil, Business Management (2nd term)
4. **Past President:** Erica Perrine, Nursing

Elected Executive Committee Members, 2-Year Term

May only be reelected after the second anniversary of the last day of their most recent term

1. **AVP Main:** Ray Stockstad, English (FA26-SP28)
2. **AVP Hutto:** Reid Echols, English (FA26-SP27)
3. **AVP Taylor:** Dan Brown, Government (FA26-SP28)

Appointed Senators, 1-Year Term

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1. **BCP:** Jeremy Graham, CIS (1st term)
2. **FA:** Jessica Just, Visual Art (1st term)
3. **HP:** Angela Gutierrez, Nursing (2nd term)
4. **LA:** Kerry Bekkedahl, Economics (1st term)
5. **NS:** Shelly Buuck, Math (2nd term)
6. **WD:** Melissa Parker, Child Development (2nd term)

Elected Senators, 2-Year Term

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1. **BCP:** Demeka Simmons, Criminal Justice (FA26-SP28)
2. **FA:** Melissa Green, Communication/Theatre (FA26-SP28)
3. **HP:** Heather Reeder, EMS (FA26-SP28)
4. **LA:** Geoffrey Lewis, History (FA25-SP27)
5. **NS:** Philip Friedman, Chemistry (FA25-SP27)
6. **WD:** Elizabeth Barton, Medical Careers (FA25-SP27)

Standing Committees, 1-Year Term

Each committee consists of 5 members: a chair appointed by the Faculty Senate President from among the elected Senators, the outgoing committee chair or a Faculty Advisory Council member appointed by the Faculty Senate President, and 2 additional Faculty Advisory Council members elected by faculty.

1. Barnhart Award Selection Committee

1. **Elected Senator (Incoming Chair):** Libby Barton, Medical Careers
2. **Outgoing Chair:** Erica Perrine, Nursing (*Will work with incoming chair to pass on institutional knowledge*)
3. **FAC Member:** Ray Stockstad, English
4. **FAC Member:** Lisa Keil, Business Management
5. **FAC Member:** Sara Holton, Nursing

2. Elections Committee

1. **Elected Senator (Incoming Chair):** Demeka Simons, Criminal Justice
6. **Outgoing Chair:** Erica Perrine, Nursing (*Will work with incoming chair to pass on institutional knowledge*)
2. **FAC Member:** Ray Stockstad, English
3. **FAC Member:** Rebecca Sader, English
4. **FAC Member:** Vacant

3. Faculty Advancement Committee

1. **Elected Senator (Chair):** Geoff Lewis, History
2. **Appointed by FSP:** Piper Robida, Biology
3. **FAC Member:** Kirsten Iden, English
4. **FAC Member:** Chelsea Springer, Dental Hygiene
5. **FAC Member:** Cynthia Maldonado-Pobocek, Dental Hygiene

4. Faculty Orientation Group (FOG)

1. **Elected Senator (Chair):** Melissa Green, Communication/Theatre
2. **FAC Member Appointed by FSP:** Vacant
3. **FAC Member:** Piper Robida, Biology
4. **FAC Member:** Lisa Keil, Business Management
5. **FAC Member:** Lily Penfold, Communication

5. Social Committee

1. **Elected Senator:** Melissa Green, Communication/Theatre
2. **Outgoing Chair:** Sandra Melendez (*Will serve as chair for one more year while working with incoming Elected Senator to pass on institutional knowledge so Elected Senator can assume the chair position next year.*)
3. **FAC Member:** Jessica Just, Visual Arts
4. **FAC Member:** Melissa Michalewicz, Nursing
5. **FAC Member:** Wendy Armstrong, Biology

6. Ways and Means Committee

1. **Elected Senator (Incoming Chair):** Heather Reeder, EMS
2. **Outgoing Chair:** Ray Stockstad, English (*Will serve as chair for one more year while working with incoming Elected Senator to pass on institutional knowledge so Elected Senator can assume the chair position next year.*)
3. **FAC Member:** Vacant
4. **FAC Member:** Vacant
5. **FAC Member:** Vacant

Special Committees

There are 5 "special" committees. Special committees either deal with faculty concerns and address issues raised by faculty, or they are committees that have been delegated to Faculty Senate to run AND staff.

Faculty Concerns Committee

4 members, including an Associate Vice Presidents (AVP) who chairs the committee, the Immediate Past President (IPP), and two Faculty Advisory Council members elected by faculty

1. **AVPM (Chair):** Ray Stockstad, English
2. **IPP:** Erica Perrine, Nursing
3. **FAC Member:** Vacant
4. **FAC Member:** Vacant

Faculty Development Leave Grant Committee

10 members, including the Immediate Past President (IPP), who serves as chair, the Vice President, and eight Faculty Advisory Council members elected by faculty

1. **IPP (Chair):** Erica Perrine, Nursing
2. **VP:** Sandra Melendez, Engineering
3. **FAC Member:** Clifton Ellis, Men's Basketball
4. **FAC Member:** Jessica Just, Visual Arts
5. **FAC Member:** James Knabe, English
6. **FAC Member:** Kerry Bekkedahl, Economics (*Will serve as chair this year while IPP mentors incoming chairs of other committees*)
7. **FAC Member:** Vacant
8. **FAC Member:** Vacant
9. **FAC Member:** Vacant
10. **FAC Member:** Vacant

Grievance Advisory Committee

5 members, including the Faculty Senate President, who will serve as chair. When a Formal Grievance Procedure requires an Advisory Committee, the College President or designee, in consultation with the Faculty Senate President, will select four Senators, two elected and two appointed, to serve on the committee

1. **Faculty Senate President (Chair):** Christopher Krejci, English
2. **Elected Senator 1:** TBD if needed
3. **Elected Senator 2:** TBD if needed
4. **Appointed Senator 1:** TBD if needed
5. **Appointed Senator 2:** TBD if needed

Satellite and ISD Campuses Committee

8 members, including two Associate Vice Presidents (AVP) who co-chair the committee and six Faculty Advisory Council members elected by faculty

1. **AVP—Hutto (Co-chair):** Reid Echols, English
2. **AVP—Taylor (Co-chair):** Dan Brown, Government
3. **FAC Member:** Michelle McCullough, Psychology
4. **FAC Member:** Ryan Wade, Math
5. **FAC Member:** Christopher Douglas, Music
6. **FAC Member:** C. Scott Wyatt, Communication/English
7. **FAC Member:** Molly Peterson, Chemistry
8. **FAC Member:** James Knabe, English

Professional Consultation Committee

Executive Committee in addition to 4 members appointed by the Senate President to include two Senators and two Faculty Advisory Council members.

1. **President (Chair):** Christopher Krejci, English
2. **Vice Pres.:** Sandra Melendez, Engineering
3. **Secretary-Treas.:** Lisa Keil, Business Management
4. **Past President:** Erica Perrine, Nursing
5. **AVP Main:** Ray Stockstad, English (FA26-SP28)
6. **AVP Hutto:** Reid Echols, English (FA26-SP27)
7. **AVP Taylor:** Dan Brown, Government (FA26-SP28)
8. **Senator:** TBD if needed
9. **Senator:** TBD if needed
10. **FAC Member:** TBD if needed
11. **FAC Member:** TBD if needed

Ad Hoc Committee(s)

The Faculty Senate President may appoint a chair and at least two members for any ad hoc committee authorized by Faculty Senate.

College-Wide Committees

Elected from Faculty Advisory Council, unless otherwise stated, according to information listed below

Athletics Committee, 2 Year Term

5 total: 3 elected odd years, 2 elected even years

1. Melissa Machalek, Dental Hygiene (F25-S27)
2. Kim Sebek, Kinesiology (F25-S27)
3. Dan Brown, Government (F25-S27)
4. Chelsea Springer, Dental Hygiene (F26-S28)
5. Clifton Ellis, Men's Basketball (F26-S28)

Center for Teaching and Learning, 2-Year Term

1 elected every year

1. Wendy Armstrong, Biology (F26-S28)

Curriculum Committee, 2-Year Term

5 total: FS President or designee & 4 faculty, with 2 elected every year

1. Sandra Melendez, FS President's Rep.
2. Jean Montgomery, Nursing (F25-S27)
3. Geoffrey Lewis, History (F25-S27)
4. Christine Simon, Psychology (F26-S28)
5. Martha Richey, Math (F26-S28)

Educational Services Council 1-Year Term

FS President or designee

1. Christopher Krejci, FS President

Employee Benefits Committee, 1-Year Term

2 elected every year

1. Vacant
2. Vacant

IT Advisory Board Committee, 1-Year Term

5 elected every year

1. James Knabe, English
2. Reid Echols, English
3. Piper Robida, Biology
4. Vacant
5. Vacant

Policy Manual Review Committee, 2-Year Term

5 total: FS President or designee & 4 faculty, with 2 elected every year

1. Christopher Krejci, FS President
2. Erica Perrine, Nursing (F25-S27)
3. Vacant (F25-S27)
4. Vacant (F26-S28)
5. Vacant (F26-S28)

Safety and Security Committee, 2-Year Term

2 total: 1 elected every year

1. Vacant (F25-S27)
2. Megan Strmiska, Nursing (F26-S28)

[Please click here to see information about duties and responsibilities for each committee.](#)