

Faculty Senate Notes

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Senate President was in the chair. Also attending were the FS Vice President, FS Secretary, and FS Webmaster. Many Senators were in attendance, as were SU President Lupre and Interim Provost Clark.

SU President Carolyn Lupre made announcements and answered questions.

- Major announcement that SU plans to offer all FTNTT faculty PIN positions. Money has been saved, now working out the logistics.

Faculty Senate meeting minutes from May 12, 2026 were presented and approved.

Interim Provost Jessica Clark made announcements and answered questions.

The Senate President made announcements

- Apologized for not getting items emailed out on time
- Reminded designated senators to call first meeting, make sure a chair is chosen, and asked to report back to SP President and Webmaster
- Thanked IP Clark for her hard work
- Discussed revising academic status progression before academic dismissal
- Discussed motion recognizing faculty leadership on public purpose
- Introduced SGA vice president and treasurer Annielice Libertain to address Faculty senate

The Summer Advisory Committee (SAC) representative (Brian Flores) made a report on items worked on over the summer.

- AI in classrooms, allocation of money
- FTNTT and Adjunct access
- Student preparedness; options we can take to help students
- Digital accessibility
- Future Open Houses

Amit Poddar moved a motion, which after debate and amendment, (Deneen Long-White Second) regarding special session compensation. Bart Talbert discussed idea behind motion, Senator Poddar discussed his idea, Senator Freeman and Senator Muriel expressed concern that Henson would be penalized because Henson uses contact hours vs. credit hours currently to determine a faculty's load. Senator Bailey discussed work done on special session compensation by the Faculty Welfare Committee three years ago, and asked IP Clark if the Provost's office is planning to issue a report on special session compensation from sister

institutions, as is stated in the Faculty Handbook. IP Clark said that the report has been submitted to Administration and Finance for approval, and then it would be released. More debate continued, but there were questions about the numbers that Senator Poddar had provided with the motion, believing that the numbers for Henson were incorrect. A motion to table the Special Session motion was presented by Senator Freeman and seconded by Senator Long-White. A vote was held and passed, tabling the special session motion.

Anita Brown moved a motion to have Deans, chairs, and directors to meet and provide information to FTNTT regarding PIN lines and benefits. Senator Brown discussed the work she had been doing with FTNTT faculty, and how many of them feel uninformed and frustrated about their benefits. Debate ensued. Senator Rogers argued that the motion is too specific, and a more general motion would suit the FTNTT faculty better. While debate was ongoing, we approached 5:00 pm. A motion was made to adjourn, was seconded, and voted on. The FS meeting ended at 5:00 pm.