



Radford
UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2026

3:30-4:50 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

☒Pelletier ☒Archer ☒Carhart ☒Castor ☒Chatham ☒Chitwood ☒Choate ☒Close
☒Corey ☒Dunn ☒Farrell ☒Angelini ☒Galeshi ☒Gingrich ☒Glass ☒Huston ☒Haynes
☒Jenks ☒Jeong ☒Joseph ☒Fuhrer ☒Lahn ☒Lane ☒Lenhart ☒Liska ☒Mesmer
☒Mills ☒Mullenbach ☒Page ☒Van Patten ☒Plekhanova ☒Prince ☒Rakes
☒Reed ☒Rice ☒Riddle ☒Robinson ☒Rotert ☒Sallee ☒Santos ☒Sawyer ☒Shao
☒Sherman☒Smith☒Stewart☒Duncan Turner☒Vernon ☒Watson ☒Webb ☒Young

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes (4/16 and 4/21) approved by acclamation.
- II. University President's Report: President Bret Danilowicz
 - a. No report.
- III. University Provost's Report: Provost Bethany Usher
 - a. Lots of end-of-semester excitement and presentations.
 - b. The Provost attended the AAC&U Gen Ed meeting with a group of faculty. She wants to thank everyone participating in the Gen Ed work, and she appreciates the Senate's support for RADF 101.
 - c. The Provost also thanked everyone for their hard work and support of shared governance, and she expressed her commitment to shared governance. The Provost also thanked everyone who worked on updating the UIGRC documents (Dr. Close, Dr. Mullenbach, Dr. Hendrix, Dr. Hendrix, Katie, and Bruce). It was a collaborative and thoughtful process.
 - d. The Provost respectfully asked for Motions 38 and 44 to be tabled "because in the idea of shared governance, they're both things I really support, and both really need updates. But coming at the end of the semester, I haven't had a chance to work closely with those committees to be able to bring forth edits that we can bring forward to the Board of Visitors...I would really appreciate some support so we can work together to be able to bring passable items forward."
 - e. Questions

- i. Dr. Gingrich: “I find it rather unusual that the Provost would specifically ask that we table motions on our agenda. I’d like to know why you’re asking this...What is it about those motions?”
Provost Usher: “For 38 (extra employment), we need to work on a university policy and then make sure we’ve got reflective language in the handbook on that...It’s really important, and I think we need to be able to do some clarification. I want to be able to work collaboratively with that group to make a policy and handbook language that’s appropriate. For 44, I totally agree we need to be able to do that, but I have some edits I’d like to make that doesn’t restrict what a chair or a dean can say.”

IV. Faculty Senate President’s Report: Dr. Matt Close

- a. Dr. Close thanked all of the senators and said he appreciated their time and consideration with this year’s Senate business. He also thanked everyone who attended the special meeting.
- b. Dr. Close ceded the rest of his time for the Faculty Travel Survey report, which was presented by Senator Archer and Senator Liska. (Faculty Travel Report attached.)

V. Committee Reports

- a. Curriculum: The committee has motions in Old Business.
- b. Governance: No report.
- c. Faculty Issues: The committee has two motions in Old Business today.
- d. Resource Allocation: No report.
- e. Campus Environment: The closing date of the Faculty Morale Survey is 5/1. Please encourage your constituents to take the survey.

VI. Old Business

- a. 25-26.38: Motion to Revise the T&R Handbook for Extra Employment
Request to go into closed session.
39 in favor, zero opposed, seven abstained.
The motion passed.
- b. 25-26.44: Motion to Revise the T&R Handbook for Recommending Reappointment or Non-Reappointment of Special Purpose Faculty
A request was made for Senate to go into closed session.
43 in favor, zero opposed, one abstained.
The amendment to the motion passed.
42 in favor, zero opposed, two abstained.
The motion passed.
- c. 25-26.45: Motion to Adopt the Undergraduate Academic Advising Policy
42 in favor, zero opposed, two abstained.
The amendment to the motion passed.
33 in favor, four opposed, five abstained.
The motion passed.

- d. Motion 25-26.46: Motion to Limit Credits from a Prefix in Inquiry Areas⁴²
in favor, one opposed, two abstained.
The motion passed.
- e. Motion 25-26.48: Motion to Limit Inquiry Courses to a Single Designation
Point of order.
Motion to extend time an additional 10 minutes.
34 in favor, six opposed, one abstained.
The motion passed.
16 in favor, 22 opposed, six abstained.
The motion failed.
- f. 25-26.49: Motion to Limit Competency Courses to a Single Designation
Motion to extend time until we complete our agenda.
30 in favor, nine opposed, three abstained.
18 in favor, 18 opposed, seven abstained.
Referred to Parliamentarian for procedure.
Senate President Close voted no.
The motion failed.
- g. 25-26.50: Motion to Limit Integration Courses to a Single Designation
18 in favor, 13 opposed, 11 abstained.
The motion passed.

VII. New Business

- a. No new business.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Committee chairs, please make sure that you have continuity reports submitted before you leave for the summer.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 5:10pm.