

FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES FOR January 28, 2026

2301 VOX 3:30-5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Tom Arne, Eric Bush, Albert Erives, Aixin Tan

Electoral Group Representatives:

Present: Casey DeRoo, Alex Voss, David Dowling, Megan Knight, Yasmine Ramadan, Jonathan Allen, John Manak

Absent: Scott Shaw, Frederick Solt, Steve Duck, Andrew Owens

Elected Committee Liaisons

Executive Committee: Vacant

UEPCC: Anita Jung (excused)

GEPC: Drew Kitchen (excused)

Guests: Sara Sanders, Cornelia Lang, Roland Racevskis, Ryan Kirkey

UNIT REPRESENTATIVES (Please Circle Name and Sign)

DEPARTMENT	UNIT REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
American Studies/Latina/o/x Studies	Jose Fernandez	
Anthropology		(Sub) Katina Lillios
Art, Art History, and Design	Anita Jung	
Biology	Brandon Waltz	
Chemistry	Bess Vlasisavljevich	
Classics	Rosemary Moore	
Cinematic Arts	Kate Hinshaw	

Communication Sciences and Disorders	Inyong Choi	
Communication Studies	Jordan Conrad	
Computer Science	Peng Jiang	
Dance	Kristin Marrs	
School of Earth, Environment, and Sustainability	Frank Weirich	
English		Doris Witt
Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies		Cinda Coggins-Mosher
Health and Human Physiology	Aaron Schneider	Ray Fagenbaum
History	Rob Roupail	
Journalism and Mass Comm	Travis Vogan	
Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures (Rep 1)		
Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures (Rep 2)	Elena Gavrusseva	
Mathematics	Olga Sokratova	
Microbiology and Immunology	David Weiss	
Music	Jorge Montilla Morena	
Philosophy	Gabriel Siegel	
Physics and Astronomy	Jane Nachtman	
Political Science	Seongjoon Ahn	
Psychological and Brain Sciences	Dorit Kliemann	Jeffrey Cockburn
Religious Studies	Ahmed Souzaiaia	

Rhetoric	Dylan Nice	Anne Sand
Social Work	Aynsley Scheffert	
Sociology and Criminology		
Spanish and Portuguese		Alex Jimenez
Statistics and Actuarial Science	Boxiang Wang	
Theatre Arts	Paul Kalina	

- Agenda Approval (January 28)
- Minutes Approval from last meeting (November 12)
- Reports
 - EC (none)
 - UEPCC (none)
 - GEPC: Report given via email by Drew Kitchen; committee is discussing assessments of graduate programs
- Guest Speakers and Q&A

Presenters:

Sara Sanders, Dean, CLAS

Ryan Kirkey, Senior Director of Business & Financial Administration

 - **University Strategic Plan:** Faculty were reminded to review the University Strategic Plan via reSPARC. Departments were encouraged to initiate discussions aimed at improving efficiency to support the financial health of both the college and the university.

Examples discussed included: Hiring undergraduate students instead of graduate students for appropriate teaching tasks; Reducing waste, such as unnecessary printing.
 - **Budget & Finance:** Reviewed CLAS budget balance sheets and trends, including scenarios projected by estimated numbers of new undergraduates for the next 3-5 years; an observed reduction in indirect cost from grants; reduction in TA allocations across the college; increase in hiring ITF and visitors to meet instructional needs
 - **Legislation:** Faculty were encouraged to become familiar with Iowa's

legislative procedures. It was noted that only approximately 10% of bills introduced annually will become law, as legislation must survive two “funnels” to get to a floor vote. The University of Iowa has designated personnel who actively monitor legislation and policies affecting the university and advocate on its behalf.

Faculty should be aware of where to access the Iowa Board of Regents Legislative Summaries.

- Announcement: The Faculty Assembly Nominating Committee has been formed for the 26-27 FA. Committee members are:
 - Cinda Coggins (Rhetoric)— chair
 - David Cuning (Philosophy)
 - Drew Kitchen (Anthropology)

- The meeting was adjourned.