

**FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETING
MINUTES FOR February 18, 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, Scott Shaw, Alex Voss, David Dowling, Yasmine Ramadan, John Manak, Shawn Flanagan

Absent: Frederick Solt, Steve Duck, Megan Knight, Andrew Owens

Excused: Jonathan Allen

Elected Committee Liaisons

Executive Committee: Alberto Segre (excused)

UEPCC: Vacant

GEPC: Nathan Platte

Guests: Brent Gage, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Strategy

Unit Representatives:

UNIT REPRESENTATIVES (Please Circle Name and Sign)

DEPARTMENT	UNIT REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
American Studies/Latina/o/x Studies	Jose Fernandez	
Anthropology	Cynthia Chou	
Art, Art History, and Design		
Biology	Brandon Waltz	
Chemistry	Bess Vlasisavljevich	

Classics	Rosemary Moore	
Cinematic Arts		
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Inyong Choi	
Communication Studies		
Computer Science		Naimul Hoquex
Dance		
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	
History	Rob Roupail	
Journalism and Mass Comm	Travis Vogan	
Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures (Rep 1)	Waltraud Maierhofer	
Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures (Rep 2)	Elena Gavruseva	
Mathematics	Olga Sokratova	Frauke Bleher
Microbiology and Immunology	David Weiss	
Music	Jorge Montilla Morena	
Philosophy		Ali Hasan
Physics and Astronomy	Jane Nachtman	
Political Science	Seongjoon Ahn	

Psychological and Brain Sciences		Jeffrey Cockburn
Religious Studies	Ahmed Souaiaia	
Rhetoric	Dylan Nice	Anne Sand
Social Work	Aynsley Scheffert	
Sociology and Criminology		
Spanish and Portuguese	Pilar Marce	
Statistics and Actuarial Science	Boxiang Wang	
Theatre Arts	Paul Kalina	

- Agenda Approval (February 18)
- Minutes Approval from last meeting (January 28)
- Reports
 - EC (none)
 - UEPCC (none)
 - GEPC: Nathan Platte
 - Dean Sanders has asked GEPC to help develop a graduate program review process starting Fall 2026.
 - The review aims to promote program self-reflection and accountability and to inform the Dean's office about strengths and areas for improvement.
 - It will also support decision-making amid financial constraints, including potential program mergers or closures.
 - GEPC has served as a sounding board, especially regarding TA roles in graduate programs.
 - As of Feb 11, EC is drafting the review document, and GEPC will provide input.

- Guest Speakers and Q&A

Brent Gage, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Strategy

Topic: Updates on Enrollment and Strategy

Admissions hosts a large number of prospective student visitors each year and maintain a regularly updated, effective enrollment forecasting model. The Admissions team is evaluating their strategies for reaching prospective students.

Both in-state and out-of-state enrollment remain strong. Overall, enrollment is projected to be healthy in the coming year.

If needed, any faculty member may request access to application and enrollment data.

- Updates from the FA Nominating Committee on prospective officers for 26-27AY (chaired by Cinda Coggins-Mosher)
- Announcements
 - CLAS is re-imagining their annual faculty meeting
 - Process for the new Strategic Plan is underway
 - FA Officers will meet with EC in the coming weeks
- New Business (from the floor)— None
- Meeting Adjourned