

The University of Toledo Faculty Senate Minutes

Call to Order

A reoccurring meeting of The University of Toledo Faculty Senate was held on September 15, 2026, at Collier 1000A and on WebEx. It began at 4:00 PM, and it was presided over by President Renee Heberle, with Dr. Raghav Khanna as Executive Secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included: Ahalapitya, Allred, Andreana, Avidor-Reiss, Baltus, Bamber, Barnes, Bellizzi, Benton, Bornak, Q. Chen, Z Chen, Cochrane, Compota, De Le Serna, Duggan, Emonds, Fink, Franz, Fribley (proxy for Haller), Gibbon, Gilstrap, Giovannucci, Harmy, Harold, Heberle, Insch, Javaid, Kalinoski, Khanna, Krantz, Lapitsky, Lawrence, Lee-Smith, Lipscomb, Machalow, Maktabi, Martin, Mattison, McKenzie, Miner, Mungo, Nazzal, Nesamony, Newland-Brown, Padilla, Pryor, Reinert, Scheuermann, Semaan, Smith (proxy for Fresenko), Steven, Wedding,

Members excused included: Hamer, Pappada

Members unexcused included: Assaly, Cherry-Bukowiec, Cooper, Ekwenna, Hamouda, Speer, Stotz, Willey, Yonker

Guests in attendance included: Dr. Mitchell McKinney, Dr. Scott Molitor, Dr. Sammy Spann

Approval of Agenda

The agenda for this meeting was approved by general consent with amendment as per motion listed below.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of September 1, 2026, were approved by unanimous consent.

Officer's Reports

Faculty Senate Executive Committee report was presented by President Heberle.

Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Committees report was presented by Chairwoman Barnes.

Ohio Faculty Council report was presented by Chairman Allred

Other Reports

Provost's report was presented by Dr. McKinney.

Annual review workload process report was presented by Dr. Molitor

Student Affairs report was presented by Dr. Spann. See attached.

Main Motions

- The Motion: To amend the agenda to include discussion of a nomination of Senate Representative to the newly configured Research Council under new business.
- Moved by: Senator Barnes
- Seconded by: Senator Semaan
- Vote outcome: **Motion carried**

New Business

New Operating Policy and Composition: President Heberle announced that the Research Council will operate under a new policy effective this academic year. Under the revised guidelines, the Research Council will consist of 15 members structured as follows:

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- One representative from each college;
- One nominee appointed by the Faculty Senate;
- One nominee appointed by the Council; and
- Five additional members were appointed to ensure necessary expertise and institutional representation.

Faculty Senate Representation: President Heberle opened the floor for nominations to select the Faculty Senate representative for the newly configured Research Council.

Selection: Following the call for nominations, **David Giovanucci** was selected to represent the Faculty Senate on the newly configured Research Council.

Announcements

none

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:41 PM.