



Judith Herb College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Education

2025–2026 JHCASE Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2025, 4:00 PM–5:20 PM

Location: Webex

Call to Order

Roll Call

Present: Alamina , Allred, Baltus, Benton, Bland, Brace, Christman, Compura (for Pearson), Crookston, Damschroder, DeRosa, Edgington, Feldmeier, Fitzgerald, Foss, Grazzini, Heban, Jin, Johnson, Kilpatrick, Kistner, Lawrence (for Nemeth), Martin, Mezo, Miner, Monteleone, Mossblad, Myers (for Srinivasan), Nelson, Sakowski, Schlemper, Semaan, Smith, Stauch, Stewart, Taylor, Wang, Zych (38)

Absent: Alam, Beatty–Medina, Mednick, Orloff (4)

Guests: Gregory, Keith, Ligan (3)

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Approval of the Agenda; Second; Motion approved. Approval of the Minutes from Oct. 28; Second; Motion approved.

Executive Committee Report: Debra Brace

The Executive Committee met on Friday, November 21. Discussion included the Policies posted for comment on November 4. Faculty Council discussion of these policies is tabled until the December 9 in-person meeting. The Elaborations for Faculty Evaluation of Tenure and Promotion will be revisited after the final Policies are posted.

Dean's Report: Melissa Valiska Gregory

Student evaluations are available and due at the end of the semester. The Department of Music's Holiday Showcase Concert is December 7 at 7:00 PM in Doermann Theatre.

Faculty Senate Report: Gaby Semaan

Faculty Senate met on November 18.

The Executive Committee Report included mention of the Provost's guidance on cross listing of courses, and the Board of Trustees' shift in practice regarding curriculum. An ad hoc committee is being formed for CRE (Creative and Innovative Thinking). The Executive Secretary is retiring and nominations are being accepted for an election.

President Holloway visited and discussed his UToledo initiatives: Advantage Toledo, Innovate Toledo, and Healthy Toledo.

Provost McKinney reported on the meetings held to discuss workload and retrenchment policies. The Senate Committee on Academic Regulations did not endorse the policies. Interim Vice President for Research Frank (Scott) Hall spoke and said there is no easy replacement of federal funding.

Graduate Council Report: Kristen Keith

Discussion topics included:

- Graduate student health insurance.
- International students and faculty.
- Senate Committee re: ParkUToledo and barriers to campus engagement with the community.
- February Graduate Fair at UTMC.
- ACA changes and potential impact on the number of students who take UToledo health insurance.

Constitution Committee Report: Stephen Sakowski – no report

Curriculum Committee Report: Melissa Baltus

New courses approved:

COMM 3770: Modern Dating and Communication

COMM 4840: Advanced Interpersonal Communication

DANN 4500: Applied Data Analytics 1 – Foundations and Automation with Excel VBA

DANN 4600: Applied Data Analytics 2 – Python Programming and Version Control

DST 4700: Eugenics Past and Present

DST 4900: Disability and Social Services: Housing, Health, and Habilitation

ENGL 3030: Careers for English Majors: Designing Your Life

Course modifications approved:

COMM 2000: Media Communication and Society (1 abstention)

COMM 2840: Interpersonal Communication

COMM 3820: Persuasion Theory

ENGL 3670: Literature of Marginalized Communities

Program modifications approved:

ANTH: Anthropology Minor

AE-THTR-BA-THAT: Theatre Arts Concentration

AE-THTR-BA-TDAT: Theatre Design and Technology Concentration

AE-THTR-BA-SASA: Theatre – Stage and Screen Acting Concentration

FILM: Film/Video Minor

SOCL: Sociology Minor

Elections Committee Report: Becca Monteleone

Shahna Arps will be subbing for Beth Schlemper (sabbatical) in Spring 2026.

No nominations were received for the vacant Lecturer At-Large position.

Special Committee on Tenure and Promotion Elaborations Report: Jami Taylor

Discussion paused until Policies have been finalized.

Old Business

None.

New Business

JHCASE Minor Review Committee Report; PowerPoint available in JHCASE Meeting Materials folder.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn; Seconded; Motion approved.