



Judith Herb College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Education

2025–2026 JHCASE Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2025, 4:00 PM–5:20 PM

Location: CPA Recital Hall

Call to Order

Roll Call

Present: Alam, Alamina, Allred, Baltus, Benton, Bland, Brace, Compura (for Pearson), Coulter-Harris, Crookston, Damschroder, DeRosa, Edgington, Feldmeier, Fitzgerald, Foss, Grazzini, Heban, Kilpatrick, Kistner, Kumar, Lawrence (for Nemeth), Mednick, Mezo, Miner, Monteleone, Myers (for Srinivasan), Nelson, Orloff, Sakowski, Schlemper, Semaan, Smith, Stauch, Stewart, Taylor, Wang, Zych (38)

Absent: Beatty-Medina, Christman, Jin, Johnson, Mossblad (5)

Guests: Gregory, Keith (2)

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Approval of the Agenda; Second; Motion approved. Approval of the Minutes from April 29; Second; Motion approved.

Executive Committee Report: Debra Brace

The Executive Committee met on Friday, August 29, and discussed standing committee nominations, the need for a special committee for tenure and promotion guidelines, filling the Education representative spot on executive committee, and possible formation of a special committee to investigate minimum credit hour requirements for JHCASE minors.

Dean's Report: Melissa Valiska Gregory

- Fall 2025 JHCASE enrollment: 2009 total; 1776 undergraduate
- JHCASE has the widest range of programs at UToledo
- Classrooms are public spaces of inquiry and debate
- President's list of priorities
- Shapiro Lecture: Lauren Groff, Tuesday, September 9, Doermann Theatre, 7:00 PM

Faculty Senate Report: Gaby Semaan

Provost McKinney and President Holloway each gave a presentation to Faculty Senate and responded to questions.

Graduate Council Report: Kristen Keith

- Members of the English department will attend the next Graduate Council meeting to provide input on international students' English language proficiency
- GPA recalculation policy and procedure in discussion to support students meeting the 3.0 minimum for graduate program success
- September 29, 2025, is the deadline to comment on the proposed federal visa rule changes (Federal Register website)

Old Business

Standing Committee nominations; Motion to approve; seconded, all nominations approved:

Curriculum

- Melissa Baltus Zych (social science-chair)
- Megan Stewart (social science)
- Barb Miner (arts)
- Jason Cox (arts)
- Susanna Hapgood (education)
- Kate Delaney (education)
- Tony Edgington (humanities)
- Suzanne Smith (humanities)

Constitution

- Steve Sakowski (arts-chair)
- Jami Taylor (social science)
- Ammon Allred (humanities)
- Debra Brace (education)

Elections

- Rebecca Monteleone (humanities-chair)
- Sam Nelson (social science)
- Matt Foss (arts)
- Debra Heban (education)

New Business

- Special committee for tenure and promotion guidelines; motion to approve; seconded; committee formation approved
- Discussion on forming a special committee to investigate JHCASE minimum credit hour requirement for minors

Announcements

The Department of Art guest artist Margaret Lejeune will give a talk on Wednesday, September 24, at 2:45 PM in the CVA Haigh Auditorium.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn; Seconded; Motion approved.