



Judith Herb College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Education

2026–2027 JHCASE Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2026, 4:30 PM–5:20 PM

Location: CPA

Call to Order

Roll Call: Benton

Present: Akitikori, Alam, Allred, Baltus, Benton, Bland, Boyer, Brace, Cheng, Crookston, Damschroder, DeRosa, Edgington, Gamble (for Stroud), Grazzini, Heban, Janak, Kilpatrick, Lawrence, Layng, Lindia, Martin, Mezo, Mihura, Miskell, Monteleone, Nelson, Orloff, Pearson, Piedra (for Mossblad), Schlemper, Semaan, Stauch, Stewart, Taylor, Wang, Zych (37)

Absent: Alamina, Beatty-Medina, Brace, Mednick, Miner, Sakowski, Zeigler (7)

Guests: Gregory, Keith, Ligan

Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Monteleone

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

Executive Committee Report: Edgington

The Executive Committee met Friday, September 4, with Dean Gregory, who provided updates on summer JHCASE work: move to Gilham Hall 3100, department Chairs returning to 12-month positions, 13 new JHCASE faculty, web site updates, and ASCEND Toledo (Applied Skills for Career Experience, Networking, and Development).

Challenges discussed included budget (increased costs, decreased enrollment (down 35% since FY 2021)); 10% budget cut; enrollment headcount in JHCASE up 11.4% before census day (Sept. 14).

Dean's Report: Gregory

Discussion included move to Gilham Hall 3100, move to 3 Associate Deans from 4, summer updates and Chairs planning, and University priorities and enrollment growth goals. See full PPT in JHCASE Council Meeting Materials AY 2026–2027 > Deans Reports.

Faculty Senate Report: Lawrence

Report from September 8, 2026, Senate meeting: Executive Committee requests feedback on policies related to SBI compliance and the SB461 (not yet enacted). Board of Trustees members invited to sit in on classes and have been asked to move BoT meetings to Main Campus. Provost McKinney spoke and applauded Simple Syllabus success, 67 new faculty, 170 new Lourdes students, and the University's Higher Learning Commission mid-cycle accreditation reaffirmation.

Additional topics included move to Watermark from Faculty180 (fall 2027) and discontinuing contract with Barnes & Noble as textbook resource by summer 2027. See Faculty Senate Minutes for full report.

Graduate Council Report: Keith

Enrollment down but FTE are up; plan to enhance graduate student awards and update handbook; create policies on leave of absences and AI in theses/dissertations; ad hoc committee creation for stipend review; the "Molitor Report" included mention that AY 2027-2028 will see Registrar remove Independent Study sections without enrolled students.

Constitution Committee Report: Monteleone

No Report

Curriculum Committee Report: Allred

Request for committee members, and reminder that SLOs must include measurable outcomes to pass Senate. Final approval dates being moved up by Senate, meaning JHCASE Curriculum will also have earlier final submission date for curriculum and program changes and proposals that need to be approved by fall 2027.

Elections Committee Report: Monteleone

Call for nominations for Committee Chair; Shara Crookston nominated; seconded; approved by acclamation.

Old Business: Monteleone

No old business

New Business: Monteleone

Dates of future Council meetings available in shared JHCASE Meeting Materials OneDrive folder. Executive Committee Education representative nomination: Ed Janak; seconded; approved by acclamation.

Announcements

Ethics Bowl Club creating a Team for competition. Students can contact Christopher Martin for information. Club meets Wednesdays at 3:00 PM in FH 2660.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn; Seconded; Motion approved.