

## Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

February 3, 2026, 3:00-4:15 PM, Rabbi Reich Room, WEBB

### MINUTES

*Attendance:* Chair Corrin Gillis, Vice-chair Wie Yusuf, Secretary Tatyana Lobova, Senator David Burdige, Senator Dennis Gregory, Senator Elizabeth Burns, Senator Ali Hosseini, Senator Lee Land. *Absent:* Senator Lucy Wittkower,

- The President is scheduled to come to the next Senate meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>. An email was sent to confirm his attendance.
- The University Policies Review Committee was not meeting regularly.
- [BoV Policy 1462](#) **Policy for the Review of Academic Programs, Departments or Colleges for the Purpose of Possible Curtailment or Discontinuance:**
  - According to the policy, the BoV is the last step on the workflow regarding the program discontinuation.
  - According to BoV minutes of the December 2025 meeting, the Board of Visitors has "closed" the Department of Women's and Gender Studies (a department, not a program) and "closed" the degree program in African and African American Studies.
  - Faculty Senate received these proposals from the Provost's office in October 2025 and did not have time to provide any recommendations to the Provost, as required by the Policy.
  - The request is out of order as per the BoV Policy 1462.
- Clarification was provided regarding registration starting Fall 2026: online students can **only** register for 8-week courses, but face – to -face students can register for 16-week courses **and** 8-week online courses.
- The Senate can give the President 30 minutes max at the start of the meeting in order to carry on the committee work.
- VPR Fridley was sent an email requiring the status of adding a faculty member to the advisory committee. He committed to this course of action a year ago at the Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting.
- VP Agho will be invited to the Senate meeting to present on the status of IMO policies review.
- Seven policies were received from IMO and assigned to the respective committees for review.