

**Fifty-Second Faculty Senate
Northwest Missouri State University
Full Senate Meeting Minutes**

April 29, 2026

Members in Attendance:

Peter Adam, Luke Rolfes, Mike Miller, Jill Baker, Johnny Chuang (via Zoom), Laura Kauzlarich, Chi Lo Lim, Travis Surprise, Sanjay Prabhakar, Linda Gray-Smith, John Katsion, Kim Casey, Heather Hill, Tony Olson, Alex Taylor, Cindy Tu, Amy Hillard, Shantel Farnan, Casey Abington (via Zoom), Bao Pham, Cindy Schairer-Kessler

Members Absent:

Oscar Perez-Hernandez, Rob Voss

- **Call to Order**
 - President Miller called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.
- **Approval of Agenda Motion by Senator Olson /seconded by Senator Adam**
 - President Miller proposed to move Dr. Ward to the bottom of the agenda. Dr. Elloe has also been added at the end. The agenda was approved unanimously.
- **Approval of Minutes Motion by Senator Olson /seconded by Senator Adam**
 - Senator Adam made a motion to change the minutes to reflect the content of the conversation regarding the 90-hour degree. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- **Reports:**
 - **Provost Report (Dr. Ward)**
 - Dr. Ward contributed to the discussion about the 90-hour degree proposal and answered questions.
 - **University Police Chief Amanda Cullin**
 - No report
 - **Associate Provost, Academic Operations and Assessment (Dr. Tapps)**
 - No report
 - **Human Resources (Mrs. Krista Barcus)**
 - No report.
 - **Senate President (Dr Miller)**
 - President Miller reported that there will likely be a Zoom Senate meeting in May.
 - **Committee Reports**
 - Academic Petitions (Dr. Tony Olson)
 - No report
 - Assessment and Retention (Dr. Shantel Farnan)
 - No report
 - CDR (Dr. Cindy Tu)
 - CDR- Dr. Nate Elloe shared that the 90-hour proposal has made it back to CDR. The committee asked Dr. Elloe to meet again after changes had been made. Dr. Elloe noted that he was unable to get a quorum before today and that the committee will meet tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.
 - DCM- Senator Hill reported that DCM has met twice regarding the 90-credit-hour proposal. The revised proposal passed DCM with a 5-3 vote and moved back to CDR.

- Research
 - No report
- Faculty Welfare, Budget, and Finance (Senator Hillard)
 - Senator Hillard reported that the committee she represented was involved in the strategic planning process. The next steps in the strategic plan process have been moved to January 1.
 - Senator Hillard reported that she reached out to Jacob Wood to offer the committee's request for more representation. Senator Hillard reported that she received a response that the faculty was involved in SWOT. Dr. Ward offered that there will be more opportunities to be involved in the future.
 - Senator Hillard shared a question from faculty regarding the summer pay structure for coursework relative to the type of course. Dr. Ward will look into this.
- **Old Business**
 - Report from the WG90 Committee
 - Item discussed during the CDR report.
 - Report from the AI Committee
 - No report
 - Report from the Shared Governance Committee
 - No report
- **New Business**
- **Items from the Floor**
 - A senator noted that from May 16-22, the campus will be closed. All buildings except the CI and modular buildings will have no power.
- **Closed Session**
 - Moved into closed session at 5:21 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Baker

Faculty Senate Secretary