

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

February 4, 2026

Members in Attendance:

Peter Adam, Tony Olson, Luke Rolfes, Mike Miller, Jill Baker, Oscar Perez-Hernandez, Johnny Chuang, 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, Luke Campbell, Casey Abington, Rob Voss, Bao Pham, Cindy Schairer-Kessler

Members Absent:

- **Call to Order**
 - President Miller called the meeting to order at 3: p.m.
- **Approval of Agenda Motion by Senator Tony Olson /seconded by Senator Peter Adam**
 - The agenda was approved unanimously.
- **Approval of Minutes Motion by Senator Peter Adam /seconded by Senator Tony Olson**
 - The minutes were approved unanimously.
- **Reports:**
 - **Chief Amanda Cullin**
 - Questions about ICE: Call UPD if seen on campus. ALWAYS
 - In the past - when dealing with federal agents, UPD is contacted to locate, make contact and bring to appropriate place to make the warm handoff. ICE has not been proactive in the past. NWUPD runs through state processes of charges if appropriate, then reaches out to ICE if felonious crimes are suspected.
 - UPD does not have citizenship information for students or faculty, but has access if needed.
 - Narcan is available through UPD if wanted.
 - **Provost Report (Dr Hepworth for Dr Tatum)**
 - Dr. Hepworth on behalf of Tapps. Day of Green April 7/8 and everyone should participate
 - Workday platform will be launched July 1. Student Side will begin in March.
 - Matt Baker will retire Feb. 27 and Friday the 13th he will leave.
 - SWOT training will happen in station central room.
 - Provost will start soon, but we don't know at what level she will take over immediately, especially concerning
 - LTI integration with Canvas to simplify and streamline ADA validation. Use the UDOiT link on Canvas sidebar to check for ADA compliance. We need above a passing grade as determined by the app.

- **Associate Provost, Academic Operations and Assessment (Dr Tapps) - Hepworth instead of Tapps**
 - No report
- **Senate President (Dr Miller)**
 - Scheduling note - every other week as scheduled around spring break.
 - Presidential meeting will take place soon with.
 - Welcoming Dr. Ward in as provost.
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Petitions (Dr Tony Olson)
 - No report
 - Assessment and Retention (Dr Shantel Farnan)
 - Senator Farnan reported : no formal report but requests for information from Dr. Hepworth. Assessment meeting on Feb. 20
 - Outcomes Committee-
 - Teaching and Learning Committee-
 - CDR (Dr Cindy Tu)
 - Senator Tu reported :
 - CDR-approved 37 proposals; next meeting next week;
 - DCM- Jan 29; approved 17 proposals; continued discussion on alignment;
 - Grad Council met; approved proposals; next meeting Feb 9
 - Faculty Welfare, Budget, and Finance (Dr Amy Hillard)
 - Senator Hillard reported no meeting
 - Research
 - IRB nothing to report
- **Old Business**
 - Provost Search
 - Last meeting, then followed by more questions immediately after Faculty Senate last time;
- **New Business**
 - Election timeline
 - Feb 27 school senators and alternates; college senators need to be tenured, schools need to
 - Catpaws Issues
 - The new system of degree audit will have better reports to run for advisees; let chairs know what needs to be changed so they can pass it forward; the ability to look up textbooks for a course disappeared.
 - Proposals
 1. BIOL - 04635 - Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy
 - a. Motion to approve proposal 1 by Peter Adam / Second by
 - i. Yay- Nay- Abstention- o
 2. ENGL - 10210 - Introduction to Creative Writing

- a. Motion to approve proposal 2 by Peter Adam/ Second by Tony Olson
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- Abstention-
- 3. FIN - 53630 - Banking and Financial Institutions
 - a. Motion to approve proposal 3 by Peter Adam/Second by Tony Olson
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- o Abstention- o
- 4. FIN - 53635 - International Finance
 - a. Motion to approve proposal 4 by Tony Olson / Second by Peter Adam
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- o Abstention- o
- 5. GEOL - 27212 - Historical Geology
 - a. Motion to approve proposal 3 by Tony Olson /Second by Peter Adam
 - i. Yay- Nay- Abstention- Discussion on language change on course description.
 - b. Motion to accept Tony Olson/ Second by Peter Adam
 - i. Ya- o Nay- 20 Abstention
- 6. GEOL - 27220 - Mineralogy
- 7. GEOL - 27305 - Practicum in Teaching Laboratory
- 8. GEOL - 27360 - Environmental Geology
- 9. GEOL - 27515 - Environmental Regulations
- 10. GEOL - 27555 - X-Ray Analysis
 - a. Motion to bundle proposals 5-10 by Tony Olson/ Second by Peter Adam
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- o Abstention- o
 - b. Motion to approve the bundle by / Second by
 - i. Yay- o Nay- 20 Abstention- o
 - c. Motion to bundle 6-10 by Tony Olson/ Second by Peter Adam
 - i. Yay 20 Nay- 20 Abstention -o
 - d. Motion to approve the bundle, Tony Olson
 - i. Yay 20 Nay o Abstention - o
- 11. Human Resource Management Comprehensive Major, 75 hours: B.S.-No Minor Required
 - a. Motion to approve proposal 11 by Tony Olson/Second by Chi Lo
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- o Abstention-
- 12. Law and Politics Minor, 24-hour
 - a. Motion to approve proposal 12 by/ Second by
 - i. Yay- Nay- Abstention-
- 13. MATH - 17226 - Math in the Elementary Classroom
- 14. MATH - 17227 - Math in the Elementary School
- 15. Mathematics Education Minor, 24 hours: [B.S.Ed.](#)
 - a. Motion to bundle proposals 13-15 by Tony Olson/ Second by Peter Adam
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- Abstention- o
 - ii. Discussion - the total program will not increase the hours
 - b. Motion to approve proposal 13-15 by Tony Olson /Second by Peter Adam
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- o Abstention- o
- 16. Military Science Minor, 20 hours
 - a. Motion to approve proposal 16 by Tony Olson/Second by Peter Adam
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- o Abstention- o
- 17. POLS - 34459 - Justice: Theories and Applications
- 18. POLS - 34462 - Comparative Political Systems and Behaviors
- 19. POLS - 34468 - Political Films in Comparative Perspective

- a. Motion to approve bundle 17-19 by Tony Olson/Second by Peter Adam
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- 0 Abstention- 0
 - b. Motion to approve proposal 17-19 by Tony Olson/Second by Peter Adam
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- 0 Abstention- 0
 - 20. Political Science Comprehensive Major, 66 hours: B.S.-No Minor Required
 - 21. REC - 45674 - Tourism Planning and Development
 - 22. REC - 45675 - Trends and Issues in Hospitality and Event Management
 - 23. REC - 45676 - Sustainability in the Hotel and Events Sector
 - 24. REC - 45677 - Service Excellence in Hotels and Events
 - 25. Reading, [M.S.Ed.](#)
 - a. Motion to approve proposal 25 by Tony Olson/ Second by Peter Adam
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- 0 Abstention- 0
 - 26. Recreation, M.S.
 - a. Motion to bundle proposals 21-26 by Peter Adam/ Second by Tony Olson
 - b. Motion to approve the bundle by Amy/ Second by Peter Adam
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- 0 Abstention- 0
 - 27. SCGD - 68601 - Essential Assessment Skills
 - a. Motion to approve proposal 27 by Tony Olson/ Second by Peter Adam
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- 0 Abstention- 0
 - 28. Sociology Major, 42 hours: B.S.-Minor Required
 - a. Motion to approve proposal 28 by/ Second by
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- 0 Abstention- 0
 - 29. Teaching: English, [M.S.Ed.](#)
 - a. Motion to approve proposal 29 by/ Second by
 - i. Yay- 20 Nay- 0 Abstention- 0
- **Items from the Floor**
 - In the case of the professor's illness, cancel the class and record the time.
- **Closed Session**
 - None

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Voss, Past President, on behalf of

Jill Baker

Faculty Senate Secretary