

**WFU Faculty Senate Agenda – August 27, 2025**  
**Farrell Hall, Room 111**

Call to Order – 4:00p

1. Approval of April 16, 2025 meeting minutes

2. Announcements

- a. Next iteration of Faculty Handbook
- b. Faculty Representatives to the Board of Trustees
- c. Integration Committee - Open Chair

3. Old business

Julie Jackson-Newsome will provide updates on the following:

- a. Changes to student aid
- b. The latest on research (specifically indirect cost rates)
- c. Proposed changes to IPEDS data
- d. VISA processes update and impact

Senate role regarding the Chalking and Demonstration Policy

4. Current business

- a. Senate President Report
- b. Invitation to the Office of the President
- c. Standing Committee reports
  - i. Athletics (Parsley)
  - ii. Capital Planning (Castro)
  - iii. College Senators (Tarte/Breckenridge)
  - iv. Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility (Morath)
  - v. Fringe Benefits (Kirkman)
  - vi. Medical School (Cartwright)
  - vii. Salaries (Evans)
  - viii. University Integration (OPEN)
- d. Provost Transition
- e. Sunsetting of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion (See Pres. Wente's Aug 8 email on this issue.)
- f. Campus Climate Task Force ([See here.](#))
- g. The increasing number of federal orders and directives targeting higher education - Faculty Senate working group on Federal Action
  - i. DOJ Guidance to Federally Funded Universities ([See here.](#))
  - ii. Ensuring Transparency in Higher Education Admissions ([See here.](#))
  - iii. Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking ([See here.](#))

5. New Business

**Adjourn – by 5:30p**

End notes

Executive Committee Membership:

- Steve Virgil (Law) - President
- Katherine Shaner (Divinity) - Vice President
- Ryan Shirey (College/English/Writing Program) - Secretary and Chair
- Bret Nicks (Medicine) - Member-at-large
- Saylor Breckenridge (College/Sociology) – Past President, Co-chair, College Senators
- [**Open**] – Chair, University Integration
- Ellen Kirkman (College/Mathematics) – Chair, Fringe Benefits
- Kendall Tarte (College/French Studies) - Co-Chair, College Senators
- Rodrigo Castro (Library) - Chair, Capital Planning
- Mark Evans (Business) - Chair, Salaries
- Jason Parsley (College/Mathematics)- Chair, Athletics
- Michael Cartwright (Medicine) Chair, Medical School
- Sarah Morath (Law) - Chair, Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility

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