

**WFU Faculty Senate Agenda – January 21,
2026 Farrell Hall, Room A17**

Call to Order – 4:00p

1. Approval of November 19 2025 meeting minutes

2. Announcements

- a. Policy Processes - update following meeting with Ken Liddle
- b. Academic Freedom and Grievance Committee - update following meeting with Stacie Petter and Dina Marty
- c. Report from Grievance Committee
- d. Faculty Handbook Updates
- e. Elections

3. Old business

- a. Presidential Search Update

4. Current business

- a. Senate President Report
- b. Amendments to Senate Bylaws (Breckenridge, see January 7, 2026 email)
- c. Senate Statement regarding the next Provost (see draft [here](#))
- d. Presentation on the [School of Professional Studies](#). with Dean Iacovou (Led by Amanda Kaufman)
- e. 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 (Kaufman)

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
- Amanda Kaufman (Library) – 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

Future Spring Meeting (Farrell Hall Room 111 @ 4:00

February 18, 2026

March 18, 2026