

Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities

Faculty Senate Committee Monthly Report

Members Present: Ashley Orehek (Committee Chair); Jenny Burton; Wendy Chelson; Xingang Fan; Rob Hale; Kyla Mitchell; Kelly Reames; Stephanie Riehn; Pinky Rusli; Aaron Wichman

Members Absent: Kaylee ben Yosef; Ciin Lun; Sara Pickett

Guest: Dan Clark (Senate Chair)

Agenda & Notes | Friday, 13 Feb 2026 | via Zoom

1) Meeting began at 3:03 PM CT.

- a. **Approval of minutes** from previous meeting ([Senate Report January 2026](#)).
 - i. First- Aaron, Second – Xingang

2) Old Business

a. **Question to Registrar about the public availability of course schedules via TopNet**

- i. Prior to the monthly meeting, Jennifer Hammonds replied, expressing that she and the Provost's office are still investigating the topic and it would need feedback from university administration. The sense is that administration hopes to address specific concerns rather than implement a whole policy.
- ii. Some committee members feel this wouldn't do enough, specifically about the course location being available, because some other academic institutions don't have this information publicly available. It was advised to gather examples of these institutions as supporting evidence.

b. **Annual welfare survey**

- i. The primary purpose of this meeting was to review the survey questions and make minor edits and/or additions prior to distribution. Questions related to DEI were edited to still retain the question's primary premise, but with alternative language.
- ii. The target distribution date is Wed, 18 Feb 2026.
- iii. The survey will close on Wed, 11 March 2026. The anticipation is to begin data analysis as soon as the March committee meeting.

3) New Business

- a. None at this time.

4) Other discussions

a. Developing a Policy about Remote Work Faculty Positions

- i. No further conversations or work completed toward at this time.

5) **Adjournment** occurred at 4:20 PM CT

Next meeting is Friday, 13 Mar 2025 at 3 PM CT via Zoom. This is an abnormal scheduling occurrence due to spring break falling on the third Friday.

Report prepared by Ashley Orehek (27 Feb 2026).