



WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Thursday, January 15 , 2026
3 pm, LH 101

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Jordan West
Stephen Wolochowicz

Guests:

Marc Gangwer, Li Chen

Agenda

1. Approval of [December 11, 2025 meeting minutes](#)

Motion to approve: Jordan West
Second: Brandon Stevenson
Outcome: Passes

Informational Items:

2. Roll, introduction of Poll Everywhere- [Belinda McElheny Garza](#)
3. [Administrative Update](#)- Leslie Durham

Welcomed back for the new year and new semester. Asked what the senate wants for the administrative update in the meetings. Theme for Spring 2026: Forward- continuing progress during leadership transition.

The thing that is standing out today for her is the legislative session. Her goal is to help them understand that we are making lives better at Weber State University. Shared the desires of Weber State University to support the state. The goal is to say we can help, invest in us. Also to support dual enrollment to support students where they are and find ways to make university students pay less for an associate degree. Will ask for more money to support the differential in tuition. Will ask for funding for the other half of the Students Union building, securing nearly \$1 million in performance funding, and pushing for compensation and operating increases of around 2.6%. These are big asks in a tight budget year, but they matter for students and the community.

Meanwhile, lawmakers are also talking about a possible USHE system redesign, though those discussions are still early and high-level despite rumors spreading across campuses. Weber State University is praised as the state's model for vertical integration (with tech colleges). Because it is already doing cooperative education with the OWATC and DATC.

Campus security is looking at threat assessment levels when we bring speakers and others to campus to make sure that we are keeping our students, the campus, and the community safe.

The potential for base level funding, the hope is that this will not affect us at this time. Discussion on the previous cut. The compensation increases may be 2.6% that is what is being heard.

The bill is being reviewed to clarify the intent of HB 261 this will help with creating better guidelines. The prohibited words are not going out anymore, the contracts have been reviewed and the link has been reviewed. There is a group that is working on making the changes. The Executive Committee has asked that it be shared more widely.

A website is being built for the legislature and there will be communication shared regularly for the community. The interim president is committed to getting out there and getting to know the legislature.

Weber's \$200M capital campaign launched publicly; \$125M already raised. The strategic plan is being worked on but will not move forward before the next president is in place.

Strategic enrollment management plan is currently being worked on focusing on enrollment and student success. Being more coordinated and thoughtful and intentional about what some of their enrollment goals are, this is something that has been worked on.

Advisor promotional pathways have been completed. Now looking at exploring pathways for other staff. Planning to add about 500 more housing beds by Fall 2028. Continued investment in the I-15 Innovation Complex and aerospace/defense partnerships.

4. Update on the search for University General Counsel- Jason Francis

Jason shared that he is a part of the search for legal counsel. Sarah Herrmann shared that the search is set to begin review January 30th.

Action Items:

5. [Curriculum](#) - Li Chen

[UCC agenda/minutes](#) or [Curriculog Agenda EC Jan 8, 2026](#).

On December 9th UCC passed 380 proposals of that, 262 were course discontinuances/suspensions. Shared the breakdown of the types of proposals. Explained the way that the proposals were reviewed and what the outcomes were.

Motion to approve: Casey Neville
Second: Brian Cottle
Outcome: passes

6. [CRAO charge PPM 1-15](#)- Jason Francis

Discussed the reason for the charge is to add an email notification.

Motion to approve: Brandon Burnett
Second: Jordan West
Outcome: passes

7. Vote on third member of Salary Recommendation committee due to a changes in Spring 2026- Jason Francis

a. Tracey Covey

Motion to approve: Vincent Bates
Second: Eric Gibbons
Outcome: Passes

Upcoming Items:

8. Faculty Governance award nominations starting Jan. 19, 2026.

9. College elections due to FS Jan. 20, 2026.

10. UCC non substantive proposal forms shut down Jan. 28, 2026.

11. The 2026 H. Aldous Dixon Awards will be held March 23, 2026 at 2 p.m.

a. Nominations are open until Feb 6, 2026

As May Arise:

- Comment for Leslie, I like the information but 5-10 minutes otherwise it should be a town hall. The response of another faculty is to disagree. It is beneficial to hear it all to share with the college. Explanation given that would like to give the Faculty Senate what they need.

Adjourn Meeting @3.48