

Faculty Senate Business Meeting

Minutes April 6, 2026

Location: Ashraf Islam Engineering Building, Room 244, and online via Teams

Present: M. Allen (Board of Trustees Faculty Rep.), M. Atkinson (Senate President-Elect), J. Baier, C. Brown, S. Browning, W. Carroll, R. Chitiyo, S. Christen, M. Comer, K. Craven (Senate President), M. Creter, A. Donadio, J. Gannod, K. Grimes, S. Hasan, R. Hall, A. Hill (Senate Secretary), C. Hill, M. Hu, J. Jenkins, A. Kalyanapu, C. Killman, J. Mabry, T. Majors, A. Manginelli, D. Mann, M. Nattrass, L. Null, B. O'Connor, J. Ojo, H. Park, M. Rajabali, S. Seiler, A. Spears, L. Suters, D. Tennant, T. Timmerman K. Trent, B. Wilson, K. Xu

Absent: B. Carver, J. Field, K. Kennedy, R. LeBorne, M. Olsen, Y. Peng, L.A. Shipley, T. Smith (Past-President) S. Wendt, K. Winkle (Chair, Academic Council)

Visitors: Ed Beason, Katherine Aikens, Troy Perdue, Jason Beach

Time Called to Order: 3:37 p.m.

Presiding: K. Craven (Senate President)

1. Approvals

Agenda Approved – Browning/Christen

Minutes Approved: Allen/Christen, 1 abstention recorded

- Mar. 2, 2026, Business Meeting

2. University Care Team

- CARE Team supports students experiencing stress or crisis; reports submitted via Dean of Students website.
- University Police or Eagle Crisis Hotline should be contacted in emergencies.
- Team includes representatives from Student Affairs, Residential Life, Academics, and Counseling.
- Faculty encouraged to report concerns; no repercussions for reporting.
- Employee referral process also available through HR.

3. HB2194 – Tenure and Discipline

- Legislation separates faculty discipline from tenure decisions; effective July 1.
- Faculty discipline treated similarly to other state employees in terms of discipline for employee misconduct.
- Bill affirms importance of tenure while clarifying workplace conduct expectations.
- Minimal policy impact anticipated at Tech due to existing conduct policies.

4. TUFS Resolution on Tenure

- Faculty Senate drafted a resolution supporting tenure for submission to TUFS.
- Senators asked to review by Friday; online vote to follow.
- Resolution aims to be student-centered and concise.

5. Summer Work Survey Update

- Over 200 survey responses received regarding unpaid summer work.
- Preliminary results indicate required and uncompensated summer duties.
- Task group to be formed for deeper analysis; work expected to begin in fall.

6. Transition to Canvas

- Canvas implementation begins August 2026; full transition by Fall 2026.
- Pilot scheduled for Summer 2026; D2L contract ends December 2026.
- CITL offering ongoing workshops, consultations, and online training resources.
- Canvas provides improved usability, accessibility, and gradebook functionality.

7. Senate Officer Elections

- Jerry Gannod elected President-Elect for AY 2026–2027.
- Amy Hill elected to continue serving as Senate Secretary.

8. Other Such Matters

- Discussion of possible social event to celebrate Senate work.

9. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn: Rajabali/Christen. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.