

MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty Senate Leadership Committee (FSLC)

From: University Planning Committee

Date: September 9, 2026

Re: September 2026 -- University Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Members Present:

K.T. Manis; Tanya Allred;
Annja Cox; Rajan Ghimire;
Raja Jayaraman; Courtney
Mitchell

Members Absent:

Don Fuqua; Susann
Mikkelson; Brian Hampton

Additional Attendees:

Senator Omar Holguin

Discussion Points

A quorum was present. The University Planning Committee discussed the following key items:

1. Proposition 05-26/27: Faculty Task Force on Promotion, Tenure, and Faculty Evaluation Related to Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Senator Omar Holguin presented the proposition, which would create a task force to examine how innovation, entrepreneurship, and societal impact are recognized in promotion and tenure. Tanya Allred and Rajan Ghimire joined as co-sponsors.

Senator Holguin proposed amending Charge 1 so the task force builds on the existing VPR and University Research Council survey rather than creating a new one. He will provide a redlined copy; K.T. and/or Omar will notify Faculty Senate leadership.

Motion:

A motion was made to accept Proposition 05-26/27 as amended.

Vote:

The motion passed unanimously. The committee recommends the proposition for passage with amendments.

2. Committee Charge and Meeting Schedule

K.T. welcomed new and returning members and reviewed the committee's charge.

Motion:

No formal motion recorded. The committee agreed by consensus to meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 PM via Zoom.

Vote:

None

3. New business topics/Committee Priorities for 2026-27

K.T. reviewed potential priorities forwarded by Faculty Senate Chair Kristian Finlator, and members raised additional topics. The committee agreed to the following:

- **Proposition 11-25/26 (part-time faculty resources):** invite lead sponsor Senator I. Villacana-Pedraza.
- **Generative AI in faculty annual performance evaluations (APEs):** The committee discussed drafting a task force proposition that addresses use of Generative AI by faculty and supervisors in APEs with particular emphasis on privacy and intellectual property concerns.
- **College internal awards:** invite Bill Dial to clarify the initiative's objectives.
- **HLC reporting:** consider inviting Associate Provost Dr. Cecilia Hernandez.
- **Pathways to tenure:** gather more information before acting. The committee did not have enough information distinguishing research v. teaching routes to tenure and how these routes differ from current university practices.
- **Multidisciplinary Building:** K.T. noted that building plans are still in development and will discuss this initiative further with FSLC.
- **Community college teaching load:** The committee discussed drafting a proposition to set the full-time load at 12 credit hours, consistent with main campus college-track faculty.
- **Online class sizes:** The committee discussed drafting a proposition to partner with the Global Faculty Advisory Council to identify best practices in online teaching in general and at peer institutions in particular.

Motion:

No formal motion recorded.

Vote:

None

5. Adjourn

- The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2026, at 4:30 PM via Zoom.