

Faculty Senate Fall'26 Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: Friday, October 9, 2026 (1:30 PM – 3:30 PM)

[TEAMS Meeting Link](#) (Meeting ID: 279 142 452 800 292 Passcode: 5Lm94rY9)

Location: President's Meeting Room and Microsoft Teams

The agenda with time allocations is provided below.

Time	Agenda Item
1:30–1:35	Welcome and Opening Remarks
1:35–1:45	Approval of September 11, 2026 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
1:45–2:00	Provost's Report — Follow-Up • Post-Tenure Review Policy: Senate feedback on the draft Faculty Handbook policy (goal: finalize by end of semester) • Budget Update • Faculty & Staff Salary Equity: cost estimate for completing Year 3 of the phase-in plan • Adjunct Faculty Compensation: update on proposed Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) mechanism • Enrollment Office Change and Process Changes • Strategic Plan
2:00 – 2:10	• Updates and News from the TCFS Fall'26 Meeting in Austin
2:10–2:20	Committee and Working Group Slate: Remaining Vacancies • Athletic Working Group — Business/Rio Grande College representation • Academic Integrity Working Group — Health Sciences and Education representation • Library & Information Technology Working Group — one opening • Honors Working Group — membership count reconciliation with bylaw requirements Discussion and possible vote to confirm appointments
2:20–2:40	New and Ad Hoc Working Groups — Updates • AI Working Group — proposed membership list (Bushra Sajid) • Freshman Seminar Working Group — update (Jessica Velasco / Dr. Igo) • Faculty Handbook Working Group — update (Joey Velasco) • Website and Enrollment Working Group (Ad Hoc) — continued OIT coordination update • Proposed International (Eagle Pass) Working Group — scope and chair decision Discussion and possible vote
2:40–2:50	Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Update — Hugh Morrissey
2:50–3:00	Faculty Senate Communications — Ferhat • Senate website update

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	● Newsletter template progress ● Minutes/agenda distribution
3:00–3:15	Council, Committee & Working Group Reports ● Brief reports ● Items requiring Senate attention or future action ● FAR, LRT, Website, and other council/committee updates ● RESEARCH COUNCIL FINAL REPORT
3:15–3:25	Needs from Senators / Faculty Concerns ● Faculty compensation strategy — update from Budget Advisory Working Group ● Strategic Planning Survey ● Athletics at the International Campus — question for President Hernandez
3:25–3:30	Closing, Action Items & Adjournment

Attached Documents:

1. Draft Minutes – September 11, 2026 Faculty Senate Meeting
2. Consolidated Faculty Senate Working Groups Roster (Standing & Ad Hoc) – Fall 2026
3. Post-Tenure Review Policy Draft (Policy 2.21) — Provost's Office [if available]
4. Faculty & Staff Salary Equity Plan – Year 3 Cost Estimate — Provost's Office [if available]
5. AI Working Group – Proposed Membership List — Bushra Sajid [if available]