

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, November 20, 2025, 3:30pm
Martinelli Boardroom

Dr. Lee Bidwell called the meeting to order at 3:31pm. The following members were present:

Dr. Bill Abrams	Dr. Dan Michael	Dr. Sarah Varela
Dr. Dale Beach	Dr. Kris Paal	Dr. Ronda Walker
Dr. Lee Bidwell	Mr. Cam Patterson	Dr. Haley Woznyj
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Mr. Adam Paulek	Ms. Elizabeth Zirkle
Dr. Roger Byrne	Dr. JoEllen Pederson	
Dr. Ken Fortino	Dr. Ron Pike	
Dr. Jennifer Gerlach	Dr. Phillip Poplin	
Dr. Scott Grether	Ms. Sarah Reynolds	
Dr. Carl Harvey	Dr. Dawn Schwartz	
Dr. Jennifer Hutchinson	Hafsa Shoeb	
Ms. Rosemary Jesionowski	Dr. Larissa Smith	
Ms. Whitney Kallenbach	Dr. Shawn Smith	
Dr. Evan Long	Dr. Ben Topham	
Dr. Khawaja Mamun	Dr. Javier Fernández Urenda	
Dr. Angela McDonald	Dr. Yulia Uryadova	

Mrs. Sherry Reynolds, Recorder

Also present were – Mr. Josh Blakely, Dr. Audrey Church, Dr. Jack Reeder, Dr. Melissa Rhoten, Dr. David Shoenthal

Dr. Bidwell welcomed the group and extended appreciation to Brock Experiences for providing the refreshments.

The [minutes from October 23, 2025](#), were approved as submitted.

Dr. Melissa Rhoten, upon presenting the [EPC report](#), noted that the Graphic & Animation Design Minor proposal had been sent back to EPC for correction and would be on next month's action items. The following action items were then presented:

- a. [Biology, BS; Clinical Lab Sciences Concentration](#) (program closure): Dr. Rhoten noted this closure is due to only 1 student completing the program in the last 10 years. The program closure was approved with no discussion.
- b. [Business Administration, MBA](#) (new tracks): The new tracks were approved with no discussion.

- c. [EASC 410: Geomorphology](#) (credit change): EASC 410 & GEOG 410 were changed from 3 to 4 credits resulting from the addition of labs to both. Both were approved simultaneously with no discussion.
- d. [GEOG 410: Geomorphology](#) (credit change)
- e. [Therapeutic Recreation, BS](#) (credit change): The change from 123 to 120 credits should allow more program flexibility. The change was approved with no discussion.

The [proposed revision of the Intellectual Property Statement](#) was discussed. Dr. Larissa Smith explained the background for the current version which was created when Zoom classes started during Covid when all learning moved to online. The updated version makes it more relevant to the current, face-to-face learning environment and will be more consistent with FERPA prohibitions on sharing personally identifiable student information for their protection as well protection of intellectual property of faculty. Dr. Dale Beach made a recommendation to change “Canvas” to a more generic term, learning management system, to avoid future issues should that platform change. Dr. Bill Abrams motioned to approve the amendment, seconded by Dr. Beach. With no further discussion, the revision was approved as amended. The amended motion carried. This statement is not a change to the FPPM. It is housed on the website with the other syllabus statements.

Announcements from the Provost:

- Dr. Smith extended great appreciation to faculty for the fantastic work on the Student Showcase which has expanded from one afternoon to an entire day. This year’s showcase had over 600 students in participation and over 400 presentations were made.
- The A.I. policy has been revised and will be sent to EPC and then to Faculty Senate for final approval.
- CAFÉ will again be hosting a Pre-Semester Pedagogy Series (on Zoom) on January 7th & 8th on strategies that can take faculty members’ disciplinary knowledge and apply it to a variety of literacies. Facilitators will be paired with a type of literacy (e.g., critical reading, dialogue, writing, quantitative) and engage participants in learning more about how to incorporate these skills into their classrooms. Also, on January 9th, there will be a morning session on planning for a productive semester and an afternoon session focused on course design consultations. The save-the-date and registration will go out soon.

Announcements from Mr. Cam Patterson:

- Mr. Patterson extended his appreciation to all who helped with the successful Homecoming.
- “Friendsgiving” will be taking place today in D Hall beginning at 4:30pm.

- Student Affairs will be transitioning the re-location of Elwood's Cabinet Student Food Pantry from the Wesley Foundation building to Upchurch.
- Preparations are underway for relocating NH Scott Multicultural Center to the 1st floor of Lankford Hall. This additional space with additional technology will be used for counseling center satellite hours and study lounge space. The Lankford Ballroom remains a reservable space.
- Cox Hall will be back for the residential community in the next academic year. Similar to Wheeler, Cox will allow more single room options for our students and should help with overall enrollment.
- On behalf of the Bookstore, Mr. Patterson reminded faculty that intercession is not part of the book bundling program and this should be indicated on their syllabi. Communication has been sent to those students who have registered for intercession, as well as faculty teaching in that term.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Reynolds