

**Faculty Senate Meeting March 05, 2026
Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Jessica Pearson at 4:01 p.m.

1. Welcome and Chair's Report
 - 1.1. Agenda approved, Minutes approved from 02/05/26
 - 1.2. Agenda minutes are available and posted on FS website
2. President Suzanne Smith reported
 - 2.1. Discussed emails and internal communications and considerations
 - 2.2. Discussed development trip to Florida, and next will be going to Texas
 - 2.3. Discussed budget meeting with Chancellor
 - 2.3.1. Discussed where we are in regards to meeting our deficit,
 - 2.3.2. Discussed on track, and progress making going forward
 - 2.3.3. Discussed Chancellor acknowledges all and appreciates all the work
 - 2.4. Discussed concerns regarding recent news stories and no comment
 - 2.5. Discussed safety of campus community as highest priority
 - 2.6. Discussed Founders day March 25th, and celebration in the Student Union, events to take place in Satterlee Hall, conclude with Dunn Hall time capsule unveiling, and discussed Happy Hour in fireside lounge.
 - 2.7. Discussed PACES holding a birthday dinner and Campus life flyer will come out soon
 - 2.8. Answered questions from floor
 - 2.8.1. Discussed topics discussed with Chancellor to help
 - 2.8.1.1. Discussed response time and delays and getting things through more quickly
 - 2.8.1.2. Discussed obtaining busses for athletics to replace use of vans
3. Provost Susan Perkins reported
 - 3.1. Hello to everyone
 - 3.2. Discussed meeting, and update on Acmo
 - 3.2.1. Discussed getting general feedback from Chancellor, and plans
 - 3.2.2. Discussed updates will be provided next week
 - 3.2.3. Discussed reminder/clarification regarding consistencies in plans, and implementation of professional advisors, ACE advisors, and academic advising, and discussed mentors and peer mentoring
 - 3.2.4. Discussed an Ai discussion and panel regarding impacts of Ai on job market, and discussed wanting a response in April
 - 3.2.5. Discussed thank you to members who have volunteered to be on the campus research committee, and appreciation of the efforts
 - 3.2.6. Discussed Programs
 - 3.2.7. Discussed ability to move ahead with all three Dean searches, moving forward, and one more search to do

- 3.2.8. Question taken from floor regarding switching formally to a four year professional advisor role, and student's faculty mentors
- 4. Max Grube reported on Faculty Liaison Model for Internships
 - 4.1. Discussed discussion regarding what is planned for next year
 - 4.2. Discussed Career fair coming up on 3/18
 - 4.3. Discussion of Liaison model
 - 4.3.1. Chancellor King's mandate for every student to do a high end practice before graduation
 - 4.3.2. Discussion of tracking completion of site hours for students
 - 4.3.3. Discussion of evaluations, midterm and final evaluations
 - 4.3.4. Discussion of standardizing syllabus
 - 4.3.5. Discussion of creating a better model for centralization
 - 4.3.6. Discussion of registration process for internships
 - 4.3.7. Discussion of faculty compensation for work and course load
 - 4.3.8. Discussion of where internships are, and new revised proposal in meeting materials
 - 4.3.9. Dean Imai reported on model
 - 4.3.9.1. Discussed Fall 2026 as pilot date, and discussed an internship course for internships not counting towards the major
 - 4.3.9.2. Discussed internships required for the majors will not be touched
 - 4.3.9.3. Discussed specific questions regarding low enrollment, disciplinary expertise, losing the credits for compensation, common syllabus, required for the minors, recognizing the labor and prep-work before an internship
 - 4.3.10. Dean Cruikshank reported on model
 - 4.3.10.1. Discussed School of Ed and Professional Studies will not be impacted by this, Business and Human Performance would be
 - 4.3.10.2. Discussed providing more consistency and clarity
 - 4.3.10.3. Discussed impact statement can be read
 - 4.3.11. Den Heuser reported on model
 - 4.3.11.1. Discussed single faculty member oversees music business majors and minors
 - 4.3.11.2. Discussed looking at adding a second person
 - 4.3.12. Discussion open to floor
 - 4.3.12.1. Discussion held, questions from floor responded to
- 5. CDO Jacqueline Richardson-Melecio Reported
 - 5.1. Discussed thank you for attending the Student Success Equity event last week
 - 5.2. Discussed Student Success Equity initiative
- 6. Standing Committee Reports
 - 6.1. Academic Policies, Standards and Advising (APSA), Liberty Stanavage reported
 - 6.1.1. Discussed looking at academic integrity process

- 6.2. Terry Francis reported on Admissions committee and Bridges and discussed current admission numbers, and upcoming Accepted Student Days
 - 6.3. Academic Programs and Curriculum (APCC) Jan Trybula reported on committee
 - 6.4. Business Affairs (BAC) nothing to report
 - 6.5. Goals and Planning (GPC) Anna Sorenson reported on committee, discussed committee looking at campus mission and how to fulfill it
 - 6.6. Graduate Affairs (GAC) Sheila Neal nothing to report at this time
 - 6.7. Student Affairs (SAC) nothing to report
 - 6.8. Nominating Committee, Amanda LeDesma reported nominations are open, and discussed please self-nominate and nominate colleagues.
 - 6.8.1. Jess Pearson reported "At Large Delegates" are also up for election, please self-nominate
7. Announcements
- 7.1. April Fullerton discussed Counseling Center role in Medical and Emergency Withdrawal clarification
 - 7.1.1. [What is an Emergency Withdrawal?](#)
 - 7.1.2. [Emergency Withdrawals through the Counseling Center](#)
 - 7.2. Career Fair - <https://getinvolved.potsdam.edu/event/11835046>
 - 7.3. Jess Pearson announced on April 24th, Faculty student showcase for Trustees, if anyone is interested in participating, send email by April 1st to **Sherry Paradis** at paradis@potsdam.edu (see posted agenda for full letter)

Call to adjourn meeting from Jess Pearson

Meeting adjourned 5:15 pm - by Jess Pearson

Notes by Sheila Rae Neal, Faculty Senate Secretary