

**MINUTES FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026, FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:00 P.M. IN CAMPUS COMMONS 2200**

Present: Brown, Elias, Haddad, Mannello, Marchand-Martella, McDuffie, Newman, Schuttler, Senbet

Absent: Kyle

Call to Order: 4:04pm

Approval of the Agenda: approved without objection

Approval of the Minutes from April 13, 2026: approved without objection

Announcements

Chair's Report (Newman) – The Faculty Senate retreat was held last week, and the summaries from the group activity have been completed and will be shared with everyone soon. During the retreat, Senators participated in a rotating gallery-walk exercise across five themed stations: Trust, Transparency & Morale; The Faculty Experience Beyond Salary; Student Success & Retention; Mission, Curriculum, & Data; and Resources, Instructional Design & AI Support. Three key themes emerged: (1) data should be paired with stories, (2) there is a need to build trust and provide faculty with autonomy, and (3) there should be greater support around AI, including clear, centralized resources and training. Newman shared more information about the AI Taskforce and the recommendations that they shared with Faculty Senate.

Senate Committee Reports

Academic Policies (Mannello) – Academic Policies will meet next week and continue work on AI related work this year.

Codification (Schuttler) – Codification meets on Wednesday and will be reviewing UR 3-3-108.

Elections (Schuttler) – The PVA dean search volunteer call has been sent out, with deadline of Friday 8/28. There are a few vacancies within committees that will need to be filled.

Faculty Welfare (Brown) – Faculty Welfare will meet on Wednesday and will review UR 3-3-108.

Salary Equity (Senbet) – The first Salary Equity meeting was held today. Following up on the Hanover report will be a priority for the committee this year, with the committee working to identify the root issues behind the report's findings. An error was identified in the report, and the committee is currently waiting for an updated version. The committee would like to develop a model that is both affordable and realistic for the university. Members suggested considering the institutions that were a match from a few years ago and comparing UNC to institutions that are generally doing well.

Standing Reports

Board of Trustees (Kyle) – No report

Interim President (Haddad) – The first day classes went great! Interim President Haddad will be visiting a class from each college, with plans to do the same with athletic teams, academic teams, and bands. He shared that it is important that students understand that, as representatives of the university, they play an important role in the UNC community. He helped move three families into the dorms during move-in day and formally opened Holmes Dining Hall today. He served the first ball at Friday's volleyball game and shared the women's soccer team won their game against CSU, 2-1. The first football game under the lights will be on Friday, August 28th and on

Thursday, August 27th, donors will be hosted for the lighting of the football field. The Cabinet retreat went very well, and he is looking forward to working with such a strong team. Looking ahead, two legislators will be hosted on campus this semester and the Speaker of the House will attend a fireside chat in October. Tonight, the athletes will attend a welcome dinner.

Provost (Marchand-Martella) – The Academic Affairs team visited each college to welcome faculty to the new academic year. During the visits, Provost Marchand-Martella heard similar concerns and feedback regarding profit sharing and plans to share feedback with the deans. Her team will continue to work on micro-credentials and other academic initiatives while getting to know the university, its colleges, and the deans.

Dean's Representative (Elias) – The deans meet every Wednesday, including throughout the summer. Deans have been working to clarify the roles and responsibilities of deans and associate deans, particularly in areas such as scheduling, decision-making, and budget management.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Comments to the Good of the Order

Thank you and welcome back!

Adjournment 5:03pm