



# FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 · Fayard 101 · 3:30 p.m.

## 1. Call to Order

Sen. Cannon calls the meeting to order at 3:33pm

## 2. Roll Call

**Absent:** Cicale, Frederick, Genre, Gibson, Goff, Horzelski, Mouledous, Rode, Smith, Soysal, Stutts, Traver, Wyld

**Proxy:** Aggarwal, Curet, Le Guyader

## 3. Approval of the Minutes from November 5, 2025, Faculty Senate meeting

Motion to move to end of the meeting due to late dispersal of the minutes - motion to approve (seconded) - unanimous approval (with one abstention)

## 4. Old Business

### a. Changes to Senate Bylaws on Proxy Voting (Sen. Billingsley)

Proposed as a friendly amendment - change "full time" to member of the "general faculty" (Sen. Cannon) - unanimously approved

### b. University Service Awards (Sen. Settembrino)

Resolution proposed from the Faculty Welfare Committee

Friendly amendment to include a 15 year award (Sen. Schillage) - motion to accept as amended - unanimously approved

## 5. New Business

### a. Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws (Sen. Cannon)

Adjust language on how often the Senate meets (once a month, August - May ) - motion to send to committee - unanimously approved

Not requiring a secret ballot to elect Senate Officers - motion to send to committee - unanimously approved

Eliminate the Budget and Facilities, Safety, and Security Committees - motion to send to committee - unanimously approved

Faculty Grievance Committee - Use a tie-breaker system like we devised for the Tenure and Promotion Committee (Full professor the longest at Southeastern; term on committee expiring first; election by committee). But will have to adjust for different ranks on this committee. Term of the chair will be moot once ranked criteria is established. - move to suspend the rules to operate as a committee of the whole (seconded) - unanimously approved - motion that the chair of the Grievance Committee will automatically be the member who has the longest term of tenure at Southeastern (seconded) - unanimously approved - motion for a tiebreaker to be cumulative length of service to the university (seconded) - unanimously approved - motion for a third tiebreaker is to flip a coin (seconded) - unanimously approved - motion to resume regular Senate rules of order and disband the committee of the whole (seconded) - unanimously approved

### b. Non-Voting Delegate(s) to the Faculty Senate from the College of Honors and Excellence (Sen. Cannon)

Motion to extend non-voting delegate status to two (2) named members of the teaching staff of the College of Honors and Excellence, giving them the right to speak without the senate having to vote (as we would with a guest speaker) (seconded) - nonunanimous approval

### c. Coasting Devices Policy (Sen. VanDusen)

Motion to send policy for review to the Facilities, Safety, and Security Committee (seconded) - unanimously approved

## **6. Announcements**

### **a. SGA Liaison Report (Committee Member)**

Started Livestreaming their meetings; approved a number of grants and scholarships; working on a scholarship for students taking graduate exams; happy at the approval of the Workday issue regarding syllabi; \$12,000 worth of scholarship money going back in reserve

### **b. Catalog Corrections for Faculty (Sen. Cannon)**

No Updates

### **c. Digital Accessibility for Spring Courses (Sen. Cannon)**

Courses must be 100% accessible

### **d. Other**

Sen. Wyld has been injured in an accident and is in stable condition; David Burley (faculty member) dealing with injuries; need to remove faculty W#s from our profile in Workday (Provost is working on remedying the situation)

## **7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:33pm.

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