

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
AGENDA FOR THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING

August 26, 2026

3:00-4:30 p.m.

<https://gmu.zoom.us/j/3045470288?pwd=m4zWpME7YY06m29DhcqpxWZxNbO0xT.1&omn=99262550401>

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of the Minutes from combined session: [April 22 & 29, 2026](#)
- III. Opening Remarks & Announcements from the President
 - A. Welcome to our class of new or returning senators
 - B. Continuity: Announcement of President Pro Tempore, parliamentarian and Sergeants at Arms positions
 - C. Introduce Faculty Senate Clerk
 - D. George D. Schindler has been appointed as our BOV Liaison
 - E. President Washington will address the Senate on October 14 and January 27
 - F. Reception for Faculty Senators at the Mathy House will be on September 22 from 5:30-7:30 PM
 - G. The General Faculty Meeting will be held on March 17
- IV. Special Orders
 - A. Election of members to University Standing Committees [Appendix A](#)
 - B. Election of Faculty Representatives to Individual Committees [Appendix B](#)
 - C. Election of Faculty Senate Standing Committees [Appendix C](#)
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Academic Policies
 - C. Budget and Resources
 - D. Faculty Matters
 - E. Nominations
 - F. Organization and Operations
- VI. New Business
- VII. Remarks for the Good of the General Faculty
- VIII. Adjournment

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APPENDIX A

UNIVERSITY STANDING COMMITTEES AY 2026-2027

Faculty Senators appear in BOLD type.

*Provost appointee; **Dean of Admissions appointee; *** Office of Access, Compliance and Community appointee; ****Re-election to Committee

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ACADEMIC STANDARDS – 3-year terms

Alexandria Zylstra (CCB -), Chair

James De Marco (CPH -)

Valerie Olmo (COS -)

Michael Hurley (CHSS -)

Melissa Broeckelman-Post *

LaShonda Anthony (Director, Academic Standards Office)*

2 Openings

Peter Streckfus (CHSS)

Katherine “Raven” Russell (CEC)

ADMISSIONS - 3 year terms

Jennifer Chism (Assistant Dean of Admissions) **

Todd Kashdan (CHSS – 2028)

Minjoo Kim (CVPA – 2028)

Sam Fairchild (COS – 2028)

TBD, Faculty Senate Budget and Resources Committee Representative

3 Openings

Esther Park (CPH)

Sheri Berkeley (CEHD)

Ashley Yuckenberg (CCB)

ADULT LEARNING AND EXECUTIVE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Sarojini Attili (COS – 2027)

Lisa Giacumo (CEHD – 2027)

3 Openings

Charles Ciorba (CVPA)

Erin D. Maughan (CPH)

Jenny Phan (CEC)

ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Dominique Banville (CEHD) (Chair, Faculty Athletic Representative)

James Scott Frampton (CCB – 2027)

3 Openings

Yikuan Li (CPH)

Saanyol I. Igbax (CEC)

Abishek Ray (CCB)

EFFECTIVE TEACHING

Sarojini Attili (COS – 2027)

Divya Varier (CEHD – 2027)

5 Openings

Doaa Bondok (CEC)

Angelina Harman (CPH)

Karen King (CCB)

Heather Toronjo Roberts (CHSS)

Thomas Wood (CHSS)

EXTERNAL ACADEMIC RELATIONS

Justin Gest (SCHAR)*, Chair

Bethany Letiecq (CEHD – 2027)

Marie Mele Thomas (CHSS – 2027)

Abhishek Ray (CCB – 2027)

2 Openings

Alexandra Masterson (COS)

Patrick McKnight (CHSS)

FACULTY EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Andrea Landis (CPH – 2027)

Janani Umamaheswar (CHSS – 2027)

Michelle Williams (CPH – 2027)

2 Openings

Aminat Gbadamosi (CEC)

Rebecca Jones (COS)

FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION (3-year terms)

Lisa Billingham (CVPA – 2028)

Cameron Harris (CCB – 2028)

Melissa Broeckelman-Post, Assistant Provost of Academic Affairs (Provost appointee)*

Robyn Madar, Assistant Vice President and Chief Learning Officer, Human Resources
(VPHR appointee**)

1 Opening

Charlotte Gill (CHSS)

FACULTY ROLES AND REWARDS

Faculty Matters Committee (co-chair): **Mohan Venigalla (CEC)**

Interim Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Development (co-chair): Gesele Durham

Chair or designee of the Faculty Handbook Committee: **Lisa Billingham (CVPA)**

Kathy Ramos (CEHD – 2027)

Kevin Rockman (CCB – 2027)

Kelly Schrum (CHSS – 2027)

Elected Head/Department Chair: Mark Uhen (COS – 2027)

One Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs: VACANT*

One representative from Research Council: Naoru Koizumi (Schar)*

Provost-appointed Head/Department Chair: Emily Ihara (CPH)*

3 Openings

Elizabeth Alman (CVPA)****

Cheryl Oetjen (CPH)

Kathleen Wage (CEC)****

GRIEVANCE

Todd Kashdan (CHSS – 2027)

Manjusha Nair (CHSS – 2027)

Deborah Rupp (CHSS – 2027)

2 Openings (Tenure Required)

Nadine Kabbani (COS)

Jim Lawrence (COS)

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Deborah Rupp (CHSS – 2027)

2 Openings

Ariel Goldenthal (CHHS)

Abhishek Ray (CCB)

MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS ACADEMIC SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Shelley Reid, Director for Teaching Excellence, Stearns Center, Co-chair
Anna Habib, Associate Director, Composition for Multilingual Writers and English

Department Liaison to
INTO and Mason Korea, Co-chair

Minjoo Kim (CVPA – 2027)

Laurie Miller (UC – 2027)

Representatives from specified areas below:

Maoira Kirker, Lead, Teaching and Learning Team, University Libraries

Susan Lawrence, Director, Writing Center, English

Shelby Broberg, Director, Communication Center, Communication

Tom Polk, Director, Writing Across the Curriculum, English

Aimee Weinstein (Term Assistant Professor, INTO George Mason University)

Yali Pan (Associate Director of Engagement & Assessment, International Programs &
Services)

Kristin Wright (Undergraduate Education)

Eunkyoung Park (Director of Co-Curricular Assessment, Institutional Effectiveness and
Planning)

Kheira Bekkadjia (Student Senate)

Tamara Washington, Center for Culture, Equity and Empowerment

Joan Shin (CEHD- Graduate Education appointee)

1 Opening

Alexandra Masterson (COS)****

RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3-year terms)

Michael Bloom (CPH – 2028)

Johanna Bockman (CHSS – 2028)

Denise Hines (CPH – 2028)

Burak Tanyu (CEC – 2028)

Sarah Wittman (CCB – 2028)

2 Openings

John Dale (CHSS)****

Rosalina Christova (COS)

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Tawnya Azar (CHSS – 2027)
Laurie Miller (UC – 2027)
Bernard Schmidt (CEC – 2027)
John Dale (CHHS – 2027)*

3 Openings

Delton Daigle (SCHAR)****
Kevin Dunayer (CVPA & CEHD)****
Socrates Dimitriadi (CEC)

UNIVERSITY PROMOTION, TENURE AND RENEWAL APPEAL (UPTRAC)

Todd Kashdan (CHSS – 2027)
Cristiana Stan (COS – 2027)

Two alternates, must be tenured faculty:

Douglas Eyman (CHSS – 2027)
Mohan Venigalla (CEC – 2027)

1 Opening

Nirup Menon (CCB)

WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Tom Polk, WAC Program Director, *ex-officio*, co-chair

Eric Anderson (CHSS - 2027)

Daniel Hanley (COS - 2027)

Laurie Miller (INTO-Mason - 2027)

Jae Boyd (Student Senate)

Jen Fehsenfeld, University Libraries, *ex officio*

Chris Lee, Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning, *ex officio*

Laura Poms, Mason Core Committee, *ex officio*

Gina Polychronopoulos, Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning, *ex officio*

7 Openings

Silvia Danielak (Carter)

Rod Raehsler (CCB)

Katherine “Raven” Russell (CEC)****

Leslie La Croix (CEHD)

Michelle S. Williams (CPH)

Erin Gardiner (CVPA)

Schar - Vacant

APPENDIX B

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES TO INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEES AY 2026-2027

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* reelection to committee

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CYBERSECURITY WORKING GROUP

1 Opening

Umit Karabiyik (CEC)

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FACULTY/STAFF PARKING APPEALS COMMITTEE

Rochelle Jones (CEC – 2027)

Deborah Rupp (CHSS – 2027)

1 Opening

Sam Steen (CEHD)

FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNIVERSITY NAMING COMMITTEE

1 Opening (Faculty Senator)

VACANT

FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD COMMITTEE

1 Opening (Faculty Senator)

VACANT

FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1 Opening (Faculty Senator)

Alok Berry (CEC)

APPENDIX C

FACULTY SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES AY 2026-2027

Committee members are elected to serve two-year terms.

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NOMINATIONS

Lee Black (CPH – 2028)

Richard Craig (CHHS – 2027)

Jennifer Salerno (COS – 2027)

Benoit Van Aken (COS – 2027)

1 Opening

Nominations must be made from the floor