

Polk State College Faculty Senate Agenda

Date: January 12, 2026

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Meeting Held via Zoom (recorded)

Steering Committee to Meet Following the Senate Meeting

Officers:

Anthony Cornett, President (present)

Greg Harris, Vice President for the Winter Haven Campus (present)

Jess Jones, Vice President for the Lakeland Campus (present)

Heather Childree, Secretary (present)

Michael Derry, Parliamentarian (present)

Others:

Chris Botelho, Senator at Large (present)

Amy Bratten, Administrative Liaison (present)

Attending Senators: Heather Childree, Johnny Stewart, Misty Sparling, Lee Childree, Greg Harris, Laura Brimer, Andrew Coombs, John Woodward, Gwyn Phillips, Kari Misa, Michael Derry, Dirk Valk, Michelle Bissessar, Chris Botelho, Niqui Young Pringle Brown, Jess Jones, Gregory Johnson, and Andrea Hofeditz

Faculty Attendees: Heena Park, Susie Moerschbacher, Amanda Hurtt, Tiffany Messerschmidt, Penny Morris, Pam Jones, Herb Nold, Kim Hess, Jacqueline Gray, Melissa Shapiro, Bulmuo Maakuu, LaTrice Moore, and Jeff Barnum

Presenting Guests and Others:

Presenting: none

Non-Presenting: Cody Moyer (Director of Learning Technology), Belkis Capeles (Dean of Workforce Education), Beth Lockett (Dean of Health Sciences), Deleise Wilson (Dean of Nursing), Kim Thomas Manning (Academics Dean), Yovan Reyes (Dean of Early College), and Tamara Sakagawa (VP of Communications/CFO)

The meeting began at 3:02 p.m.

I. Approval of the Minutes from the December 2025 Senate Meeting

Jess Jones motioned to approve the *December 2025 Faculty Senate Minutes*. Lee Childree seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. Approval of the January 2026 Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

Greg Harris motioned to approve the *January 2026 Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda*. Michael Derry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. Faculty Senate Officer and Administrative Liaison Reports

A. President's Report (Anthony Cornett)

Anthony stated that there is a President's Staff Meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, January 13).

He has emailed the Senate subcommittee reviewing Procedure 6012: *Teaching Faculty Evaluation System* and is receiving replies regarding schedules.

B. Lakeland Campus Vice President's Report (Jess Jones)—none

C. Winter Haven Campus Vice President's Report (Greg Harris)—none

D. Parliamentarian's Report (Michael Derry)—none

E. Academic Liaison Report (Amy Bratten)

1. Amy sent out calendar notifications regarding important College dates for withdrawal, grades, and other activities. She asked for feedback on this system for reminders. She said faculty will receive automatic reminders about the dates.
2. Amy asked to know if faculty members still aren't receiving all-faculty emails.
 - Kim Hess asked if she could just receive the high-impact notifications necessary to faculty.
 - Jacqueline Gray said she appreciated that invites were marked as "time free" so it didn't conflict with meetings. She deleted those that didn't apply.

IV. Committee Reports and Updates - none

V. Old Business - none

VI. New Business - none

VII. New Business from the Floor

Anthony repeated information from the December 2025 Faculty Senate Meeting. In reviewing the full-time faculty list, the Education Department, which is combined with the Social Sciences Department to form one representative Senate group, has grown, allowing for another representative for this group. As there was already a Senate representative serving from the Social Sciences Department, Anthony decided to use the second position for the Education Department. Niqui Young-Pringle-Brown is to be the Education Department's Senator, and Michael Derry is the Social Science Senator. Anthony asked if anyone disagreed with the decision. In hearing no concerns, he acknowledged the new Education Department Senator.

[Michael Derry made a note for the Secretary's records: Niqui's seat is open for an election in 2028.]

VIII. Adjournment

Greg Harris motioned to adjourn the meeting. Misty Sparling seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.