



Faculty Conference and Annual Meeting • August 2026

Schedule of Events August 10-14 & 17-21, 2026

CAFE Director: Jeff Williams

Events highlighted in **red** are required. Events highlighted in **grey** are suggested.

Monday, August 10th

Required All Faculty Report Date

8:30am – 9:00am	Faculty arrive MMC	MMC
9:00am – 10:30am	All Faculty Meeting	MMC Mabry Hall
10:45am – 11:45am	Keynote address: Todd Whitaker	MMC Mabry Hall
12:00pm – 1:00pm	All Faculty Luncheon	MUC Ballroom
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Workshop with Todd Whitaker	MUC Ballroom
2:00pm – 2:45pm	CAFE Updates	MUC Ballroom

Tuesday, August 11th

Faculty Conference – **The Value of Higher Education: 100 Years of APSU**

LIGHT BREAKFAST PROVIDED BEGINNING AT 8:00AM		
8:30am – 9:20am	Presenter: Dr. Nader Dagher, Assistant Professor of Communication	MUC 303/305
	Session Title: <i>Rebuilding Trust and Legitimacy in Higher Education through Public Interest Communication</i>	
9:20AM – 9:30AM BREAK		
9:30am – 10:30am	Presenter: Asia Pace, Assistant Director for First Generation Student Success Initiatives	MUC 303/305
	Session Title: <i>The Hidden Curriculum Across a Century: Making College Legible for First-Generation Students</i>	
10:30AM – 10:45AM BREAK		
10:45am – 11:45am	Presenter: Michael Olson, Senior instructional Designer	MUC 303/305
	Session Title: <i>Teacher-as-Anthropos: The Role of Faculty in an AI-Moderated Academy</i>	
11:45AM – 12:30PM LUNCH BREAK		
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Presenter: Dr. Dava Wilson, Assistant Professor of Social Work	MUC 303/305
	Session Title: <i>Faces of APSU Through the Century: Storytelling, Identity, and the Enduring Value of a University Education</i>	
1:30PM – 1:45PM BREAK		
1:45pm - 2:45pm	Presenter: Lindsey Gilmore, Associate Vice-President for Student Engagement	MUC 303/305
	Session Title: <i>The State of Student Affairs in Higher Ed</i>	
2:45PM – 3:00PM BREAK		
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Presenter: Scott Shumate, Assistant Professor and Lead Librarian of Digital Services	MUC 303/305
	Session Title: <i>Farewell and Hail: The Enduring Legacy of Learning at Austin Peay</i>	

“HEALING ROOM” provided by Office of Institutional Culture

MUC 308

Offered **all day** during the Faculty Conference

Massage Chairs, yoga mats, water features, meditation cushions, etc.

Wednesday, August 12th

Flex Day

ALL DAY	Open for faculty worktime and departmental/unit meetings	Various locations
9:00am – 10:00am	Veterans Education Benefits session	MUC 303/305
10:00am – 11:00am	Faculty Senate Updates session	MUC 303/305
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Concourse Syllabus “Office Hours”	MUC 312

Thursday, August 13th

Key Updates

8:30am - 9:45am	Career Success & Student Affairs Updates (Breakfast provided)	MUC Ballroom
10:00am - 10:45am	Academic Affairs Updates	MUC Ballroom
11:00am - 11:45am	Office of Institutional Culture Updates	MUC Ballroom
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Lunch provided by College of Graduate Studies & Graduate Studies and Research Office Updates	SSC lobby and SSC E106 A/B
1:30pm – 2:15pm	Distance Education Updates	SSC E106 A/B
2:30pm – 3:15pm	Office of Legal Affairs Updates	SSC E106 A/B
3:30pm – 4:15pm	Student Success Updates	SSC E106 A/B

Friday, August 14th

Flex Day

ALL DAY	Open for faculty worktime and departmental/unit meetings	Various locations
9:00am – 3:30pm	APPQMR training (breakfast provided) <i>please bring your laptops:</i> Registration instructions	SSC E106 A
12:00pm – 3:00pm	University Success Instructors Meeting – Ryan Combs	MUC Ballroom
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Concourse Syllabus “Office Hours”	MUC 312

Monday, August 17th

Key Updates

10:00am-1:00pm	Convocation & University Luncheon	MMC Mabry Concert Hall MUC Ballroom
1:00PM – 1:30PM BREAK		
1:30pm-2:30pm	RTP update session for dossier reviewers	MUC 303/305
2:30pm-3:30pm	RTP update session for faculty with dossiers	MUC 303/305

Tuesday, August 18th

College Meeting & Free Day

ALL DAY	Open for faculty worktime and departmental/unit meetings	Various locations
9:00am - 4:00pm	College of Education Data Retreat	Claxton 103

Wednesday, August 19th

College Meetings & Free Day

ALL DAY	Open for faculty worktime and departmental/unit meetings	Various locations
10:00am - 11:00am	College of Arts and Letters Meeting	Mike Gotcher Theatre Trahern Hall
10:00am – 12:00pm	College of Behavioral and Health Sciences meeting	HPB 104/106
11:00am – 2:00pm	College of STEM Meeting (lunch provided)	SSC E106 A/B
2:30pm – 4:30pm	Assessment Coordinator Training <i>(with light refreshments)</i> **This session is required for all degree program Assessment Coordinators and is encouraged for department chairs and associate deans. Topics covered will include Major Field Test guidelines and changes, new Quality Assurance Funding criteria, assessment reporting, and more. This information applies to degree programs both with and without external accreditation.**	MUC Ballroom

Thursday, August 20th

College Meeting & Free Day

ALL DAY	Open for faculty worktime and departmental/unit meetings	Various locations
8:30am	D2L opens for students	N/A
9:00am – 10:00am	Distance Ed and OIT training: Transitioning Out of Zoom and Getting Started with Microsoft Teams <i>please bring your laptops</i>	MUC 303/305
10:00am – 12:00pm	College of Business Meeting (10 – 11am) Lunch (11am – 12pm)	Kimbrough 119

Friday, August 21st

Free Day

ALL DAY	Open for faculty worktime and departmental/unit meetings	Various locations
This concludes all events prior to the start of classes on August 25, 2026. (APSU Day of Service is August 24, 2026)		