



Faculty Conference and Annual Meeting • August 2025

Schedule of Events August 11-15 & 18-22, 2025

CAFE Director: Jeff Williams

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

Monday, August 11th

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: The Learning Scientists	MMC Mabry Hall
12:00pm – 1:00pm	All Faculty Luncheon	MUC Ballroom
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Workshop with The Learning Scientists	MUC Ballroom
2:00pm – 2:45pm	CAFE Updates	MUC Ballroom

Tuesday, August 12th

Faculty Conference Day #1

9:00am – 10:00am	Concurrent Session #1a – PANEL – Hanrui He, Bing Xiao, and Megan Simpson	MUC 303
	Session Title: Leveraging Grants to Empower Teaching, Research, and Services, Advancing Student Engagement, Success, and Community Impact	
9:00am – 10:00am	Concurrent Session #1b – INDIVIDUAL SESSION – Alexandra Rotzer and Michael Olson	MUC 307
	Session Title: The RSI Roadmap: Charting Your Course to Compliance	
9:00am – 10:00am	Concurrent Session #1c – PANEL – Dava Wilson and Andrea Lee	MUC 305
	Session Title: Trauma-Informed Teaching: Building Resilient and Inclusive Learning Communities	
10:00AM - 10:15AM BREAK		
10:15am - 11:15am	Concurrent Session #2a – PANEL – Marisa Sikes, Danielle Donelson, and others	MUC 303
	Session Title: Collaborating Toward an Interdisciplinary Digital Humanities Initiative at Austin Peay	
10:15am - 11:15am	Concurrent Session #2b – INDIVIDUAL SESSION – Lindsey Gilmore	MUC 307
	Session Title: Supporting Students in Crisis	
10:15am - 11:15am	Concurrent Session #2c – PANEL – Keely Mohon-Doyle, Allie Johnston, Lori Burdette, and Danielle Ladd-Suits	MUC 305
	Session Title: Creating OERs for Gen Ed Courses	
11:15AM – 1:00PM BREAK		
1pm - 2pm	Concurrent Session #3a – INDIVIDUAL SESSION – Jessie Wiser and Adrienne Wilk	MUC 303
	Session Title: Enhancing Collaboration for Community Health	
1pm - 2pm	Concurrent Session #3b – INDIVIDUAL SESSION – Deanna Sherry and Scott Shumate	MUC 307
	Session Title: Make, Create, Innovate: Integrating the Library Makerspace into Your Curriculum	
1pm - 2pm	Concurrent session #3c – INDIVIDUAL SESSION – Melynda Conner	MUC 305
	Session Title: Promoting Academic Honesty and Critical Thinking in the AI-enabled World: Examples and Tools from Business Communication	
2:00PM – 2:15PM BREAK		
2:15pm - 3:15pm	Concurrent Session #4a – PANEL – Andrea Spofford, Stefan Woltmann and invited faculty	MUC 303
	Session Title: CECA and CEFB Faculty Research Showcase	
2:15pm - 3:15pm	Concurrent Session #4b – INDIVIDUAL SESSION – Crystal Faulkner and Anna Carrie Webb	MUC 307
	Session Title: Media Tools for Teaching and Learning Please bring a laptop to participate in a live demo	
2:15pm - 3:15pm	Concurrent Session #4c – PANEL – Tyler Nolting, Heather Phillips, Tasha Ruffin, Kadi Bliss, Mitzi Baker, Olivia Lahann, and Alexandra Wills	MUC 305
	Session Title: The Govs Wellness Hub Program: A Model for Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration and High-Impact Teaching Practices	

Wednesday, August 13th

Faculty Conference Day #2

9:00am - 10:00am	Concurrent Session #5a – ROUND TABLE – LaNeeça Williams and Danelle Whiteside	MUC 303
	Session Title: Unspoken & Unwritten: Navigating Alphabet Taboos in Higher Education	
9:00am - 10:00am	Concurrent Session #5b – INDIVIDUAL SESSION – Olivia Lahann and Alexandra Wills	MUC 306
	Session Title: Student Basic Needs Toolkit	
9:00am - 10:00am	Concurrent Session #5c – INDIVIDUAL SESSION – Asia Pace	MUC 305
	Session Title: Making Critical Thinking Click: Practical Strategies for First-Generation Student Success	
10:00AM - 10:15AM BREAK		
10:15am - 11:15am	Concurrent Session #6a – PANEL – Brandon DiPaolo Harrison and the 2025-2026 Faculty Senate Executive Committee	MUC 306
	Session Title: Enhancing the Faculty Experience: Faculty Senate Insights and Initiatives	
10:15am - 11:15am	Concurrent Session #6b – INDIVIDUAL SESSION – Julee Poole	MUC 303
	Session Title: The 3 R's of Assessment – Relevant, Relatable, and Real-World – Authentic Assessments	
11:15AM – 1:00PM BREAK		
1pm - 2pm	Concurrent Session #7a – INDIVIDUAL SESSION – Shani Collins Woods	MUC 303
	Session Title: Building A Professional Network: Strategies for Meaningful Connections	
1pm - 2pm	Concurrent Session #7b – INDIVIDUAL SESSION – Kayla Miller-Zapata	MUC 307
	Session Title: The Sustainable Campus Fee Committee	
1pm - 2pm	Concurrent session #7c – PANEL – Scott Shumate, Stephanie Bandel, Jenny Harris	MUC 305
	Session Title: Beyond the Buzzwords: Building an AI Literacy Framework for Faculty and Students	
2:00PM – 2:15PM BREAK		
2:15pm - 3:15pm	Concurrent Session #8a – INDIVIDUAL SESSION – Anna Carrie Webb	MUC 303
	Session Title: Increasing Accessibility with Panorama Please bring a laptop to participate in a live demo	
2:15pm - 3:15pm	Concurrent Session #8b – ROUND TABLE – Andrea Spofford, Kevin Bradley Loveland, Jr., Stefan Woltmann	MUC 307
	Session Title: Celebrating 40 Years of CECA & CEFB	
2:15pm - 3:15pm	Concurrent Session #8c – PANEL – Donna Short, Philip Short, and John McConnell	MUC 305
	Session Title: You Can Grow Your Own Way: Rethink and Unlearn	

Thursday, August 14th

Key Updates

8:30am - 9:00am	Conference kickoff day 3: Breakfast provided	3 rd Floor MUC
9:00am - 9:45am	Student Affairs Updates	MUC Ballroom
10:00am - 10:45am	Distance Education Updates	MUC Ballroom
11:00am - 11:45am	Academic Affairs Updates	MUC Ballroom
12:00pm - 1:30pm	First-Year Faculty Mentor / Mentee luncheon	MUC Ballroom
12:00pm - 3:30pm	APPQMR training <i>Please note: You must attend both sessions (8/14 and 8/15) to successfully complete this workshop.</i> Registration instructions: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LAIEuJn_rIFWIGgyUeAkweaLpPtrenBU/view	MUC 305
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Graduate Studies and Research Office Updates	SSC E106 A/B
3:00pm - 4:30pm	Student Success Updates	MUC 307

Friday, August 15th

Various meetings/trainings

8:30am - 9:30am	Watermark Course Evaluation APSU course evaluations will transition to a new platform, Watermark Course Evaluations and Surveys, with implementation beginning for Summer 2025 courses. This session will provide a basic overview for users of the new system. All faculty are encouraged to attend this virtual session to learn about accessing course evaluations starting this fall and changes to student communication and reporting capabilities. Zoom link: https://apsu.zoom.us/j/96365184967?pwd=rHlaihuzVDEA4xqJb4a4ytI2HBdwre.1	Virtual (see link)
10:00am - 12:00pm	College of Behavioral and Health Sciences meeting	Clement Auditorium
12:00pm - 3:30pm	APPQMR training <i>Please note: You must attend both sessions (8/14 and 8/15) to successfully complete this workshop.</i> Registration instructions: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LAIEuJn_rIFWIGgyUeAkweaLpPtrenBU/view	MUC 305
12:00pm - 3:00pm	University Success Instructors Meeting – Ryan Combs	MUC Ballroom
2:00pm - 3:00pm	** Human Resources - Oracle training ** Faculty will have new procedures for seeing their paychecks, sick leave, making changes to their W4 form for tax withholdings, and other things they currently see and do in Self-Service.	SSC E106 A/B

Monday, August 18th

Key Updates

10:00am-1:00pm	Convocation & University Luncheon	MMC & MUC Ballroom
1:00PM – 2:00PM BREAK		
2:00pm-3:00pm	RTP update session for dossier reviewers	MUC 303/305
3:00pm-4:00pm	RTP update session for faculty with dossiers	MUC 303/305

Tuesday, August 19th

College Meetings

All Day	Faculty worktime and/or departmental or unit meetings	Various locations
9:00 - 11:00am & 1:00 - 4:00pm	College of Education Data Retreat	Claxton 103
9:00am - 2:00pm	College of Business Meeting (lunch provided)	Kimbrough 119
10:00 - 11:00am	College of Arts and Letters Meeting	Trahern Theater
12:00pm – 2:30pm	College of STEM Meeting (lunch provided)	SSC E106 A/B
3:00pm – 3:45pm	Respondus LockDown Browser training This comprehensive training webinar is intended for instructors who plan to use LockDown Browser with online exams. The training will cover: • How to use LockDown Browser with online quizzes to prevent digital cheating • Advanced settings including using external tools in quizzes without compromising exam integrity • The student's perspective • Best practices, resources, and tips for success • Questions & answers Join the meeting now (Microsoft Teams link) Meeting ID: 212 585 842 568 2 Passcode: o9Jj9Lk3	Virtual

Wednesday, August 20th

AI-devoted programming

9:00am – 10:00am	Session Title: AI in Research and Academic Writing Description: Join Scott Shumate, Library, and Troy Priest, QEP, as they share innovations and best practices about Research and Writing using AI	Kimbrough 119
	Presenters: Scott Shumate and Troy Priest	
10:00AM - 10:15AM BREAK		
10:15am – 11:45am	Session Title: AI Powered Teaching and Course Design Description: Google has many tools for enhancing your courses with AI. Come meet our partner and get a quick start: https://edu.google.com/intl/ALL_us/ai/education/	Kimbrough 119
	Presenters: GOOGLE – Lauren Collett	
11:45AM – 12:00PM BREAK		
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Session Title: BYO Lunch and Laptop Description: Come get some hands-on experience and learn practical tools for your everyday workflows.	Kimbrough 119
	Presenters: Brian Dunn, Mike Wilson, and Barbara Tucker	
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Session Title: Integrating AI into Curriculum Description: Curriculum illustrations and best practices from faculty across the university	Kimbrough 119
	Presenters: McLean Fahnstock, Rob Baron, Brandon DiPaolo Harrison, and Simon Rotzer	
2:00PM - 2:15PM BREAK		
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Session Title: Grant Writing and AI Description: Grant Writing with AI is still new, but come visit with our APSU team to catch up on time-saving research and writing tools	Kimbrough 119
	Presenters: Mike Wilson, Chad Brooks, and Kelly Pitts	

Thursday, August 21st

Various trainings

8:30am	D2L opens for students	N/A
9:00am – 10:00am	** Human Resources - Oracle training ** Faculty will have new procedures for seeing their paychecks, sick leave, making changes to their W4 form for tax withholdings, and other things they currently see and do in Self-Service.	SSC E106 A/B
11:00am – 2:00pm	Assessment Coordinator training (lunch provided) (This is a required training session for academic program Assessment Coordinators on the new multi-year assessment planning process for institutional effectiveness. Assessment Coordinators are designated by department chairs. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment will invite Assessment Coordinators designated by department chairs to the required training by August. This session is also open to Chairs, Deans, and Associate Deans but the content will be tailored for Assessment Coordinators.)	MUC 303/305
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Increasing Accessibility with Panorama Description: Join this session to explore how Panorama, integrated within D2L, helps faculty develop more accessible course materials. Learn how this powerful tool automatically scans documents, provides accessibility reports, and generates alternative formats for diverse learning needs. With new ADA regulations taking effect in April 2026, now is the time to ensure your courses meet compliance standards. Discover best practices for improving accessibility and interpreting accessibility scores. Equip yourself with the knowledge to support all learners effectively while streamlining the process of making your content accessible for all. Registration link: https://apsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/hizAe6poQxSjduGgefa8Bg	Virtual (see registration link)

Friday, August 22nd

Free Day

ALL DAY	Keep open for faculty worktime and/or departmental or unit meetings	Various locations
This concludes all events prior to the start of classes on August 26, 2025. (APSU Day of Service is August 25, 2025)		

**** - You are required to attend ONE of the two scheduled Oracle training sessions, either August 15th or August 21st. The sessions are identical and are offered twice for your convenience.**