

APSU FACULTY SENATE

Thursday, Jan 22, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.

Morgan University Center, Room 307

Darren Michael, Recording Secretary

Faculty Senate President Dr. Brandon Di Paolo Harrison, presiding

Dr. Brandon Di Paolo Harrison, President of Faculty Senate called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The Senate recognized the following guests to the meeting: President Mike Licari, Provost Mitch Cordova, Interim Senior Vice Provost Lisa Sullivan, Parliamentarian Christina Chester-Fangman, Past President Ozzie Di Paolo Harrison, Assistant Provost & Registrar Felicia Nagel, Rod Mills, and Adam Atwood.

The roll was called by Senate Vice President/President Elect & Secretary Pro Tem Darren Michael with the following senators absent: Eboné Amos, Ronnel Berry, Charles Gonzalez, Mir Hasan, Justin Oelgaetz, Mahesh Pallikonda, and Kristen Sienkiewicz.

The November Faculty Senate meeting minutes were approved.

President Licari updated the Senate on some campus updates with Disability Student Success moving under a new unit. He also gave an update on State Budget hearings through the month of February, a federal accountability program in higher education, and then finally discussed weather plans for the coming weekend and next week especially for students on campus having access to food, the clearing of ice across campus and the possibility of remote work on Monday.

Provost Cordova updated the Senate on campus searches – Dean for the College of Education and the Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs. He recognized the search committee members and the work they've done on both searches. Finally, Provost Cordova mentioned the search for the Assistant Provost for Institutional Effectiveness and Research. The job will change with a name change. There is a search committee, and the next steps will be finalizing the job description and starting a national search. He will present his findings from his faculty listening meetings in February. Finally, Provost Cordova wanted to congratulate Dr. Kershner for his recent award for excellence in teaching by the Society of Classical Studies.

From the Office of the Registrar, Felicia Nagel addressed the Senate sharing updates on the implementation of two systems - CourseDog and Smartplan. She apologized for operational changes and issues with attendance reporting. Nagel also mentioned improvements to transfer evaluations in coordination with Academic Affairs. Faculty senators asked questions around attendance reporting due this week.

Senate President Di Paolo Harrison presented the policies below to the Senate:

- 2:001 Curricular Development and Modification Approval
- 2:006 Faculty Professional Development Sabbaticals
- 2:016 Adoption of Textbooks, Open Education Resources and Ancillary Course Materials
- 2:024 Reverse Transfer: Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines
- 2:025 Limitations on Enrollments
- 2:036 Eligibility/Commitment of Financial Aid: Enrollment and Payment of Student Fees – **Rescind, Being Combined with policy 4:009**
- 2:037 Use of Copyrighted Materials
- 2:044 Emeritus Faculty, Professionals and Administrators
- 2:047 Intellectual Property, Patents, and Copyrights
- 2:063 Policy on Academic Promotion

Most of the policies are really cosmetic in nature, changes of titles, etc.. He asked for a motion to approve. Senator Rayburn made a motion to approve in bulk. Senator Bouton seconded the motion. There were some questions for clarifications from the Senate floor. Senate President Di Paolo Harrison clarified the changes of titles and the one policy that has been rescinded because it's been moved into another policy. The motion passed.

Professor Nancy Gibson presented a report on the September and December Board of Trustees meetings including a PowerPoint with highlights, including campus improvements and changes, enrollment and student engagement reporting. Her report is available on the Faculty Senate webpage. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be April 10th.

President Di Paolo Harrison informed the Senate that Vice President Darren Michael will be taking his place on the Student Success Task Force

representing Faculty Senate but did give some updates on his work with the task force.

Dr. Leslie Binford presented the UCC report. Her report will be available on the Faculty Senate webpage. If you have questions or thoughts, please contact her.

Dr. Laura Barnett presented the report from the Graduate Academic Council. A lot of decisions were made before the new CourseDog system came online. The report will be available from her.

President Di Paolo Harrison welcomed back Vice President Michael to Faculty Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.