



MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Special Meeting

August 18, 2026

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Curris Center Ballroom 3

- I. Call to Order
 - a. FS President Bordieri called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM
- II. Welcome and Sign-in
 - a. The following were present: FS President Michael Bordieri, FS Vice President Heidi Ortega, FS Secretary Brian Bourke, Senators Najib Sahyoun, Stephanie Ford, Thomas Powell, ZB Smetana, Oliver Beckers, Shri Singh, Ken Sutrick, Jessica Pryor, Landon Clark, Jan Super, Ash Stemke, Faris Sahawneh, Kelly Taylor, Jeff Henry, Naveen Musunuru, Megan Smetana (Proxy for Alison Brown), Jonathan Lyon, Jenifer Hart, Eran Guse, Michelle Panchuk, Michael Busby, Ben Post, David Pizzo, Ed Rode, Chris Mecklin (Proxy for Shauna Mullins), Melburn Dayton, Jenilee Williams, Ihsan Alkhatib (Proxy for Paul Foote), Thomas Crawford, Brie LaJeret, Chris Trzepacz, Marcie Venter, Chad Gaylord, Aaron Irvin, and Melanie McCallon Seib.
 - b. FS President Bordieri offered overview remarks of the lone agenda item and the timeline to get the policy in front of the Board of Regents meeting prior to the October 1 statutory deadline.
 - c. The following were present:
- III. Distinguished Guests
 - i. University President, Dr. Ron K. Patterson
 1. Shared commitment to engaging with Faculty Senate
 2. Budget is in good shape. We follow the budget that was passed at the Board of Regents meeting in June.
 - a. ORG budgets were determined based on 4 year averages.
 - ii. Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Paul Twigg
 1. Shared comments about his engagement with the Senate Exec Committee during his interview, and experience with a related policy during his time as Dean at the University of Nebraska Kearney.
- IV. Action Items --- Faculty Senate Standing Committees
 - i. Executive Committee – Faculty Senate President, Michael Bordieri
 1. **Vote:** FSH 25-26-7 Dismissal for Bona Fide Financial Reasons [[pdf](#)]

i. Yay	32
ii. Nay	0
iii. Abstention	2
 2. Summary of Revisions [[pdf](#)]
 3. Track Changes Draft Since the May 5, 2026 Second Reading [[pdf](#)]
- V. Adjourn
 - a. FS President Bordieri adjourned the meeting at 4:01 PM