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McCausland College Faculty Advisory

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 4, 2025
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Attendees:
Committee Members: Jennifer Augustine, Jean Ellis, Mindy Fenske, Leslie Lovelace, Kelan "Lilly" Lu, Nina Moreno, Michael Stoeltzner, Carrie Wessinger
Ex Officio and Guests: Tommy Hodges, Nina Levine

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by FAC Chair Michael Stoeltzner.
Minutes from September 24 were approved.

Chair's Report:
Chair Stoeltzner reported on his attendance at recent meetings, including the Dean's Council, the Standing Committee Chairs, and one with Dean Hodges. The Chairs reached consensus that it would be most productive for the committees to not only work on their own committee agendas but also collaborate to advance a common mission. Additionally, the Chairs will communicate with the Faculty Senate.

AI Discussion:
The discussion was inspired by the diverse range of interests represented within the College's community.
The group discussed several components related to AI and the academy:
AI and academic integrity
Understanding essential AI skills for the real world
Differentiating between Generative AI and Predictive AI—and educating students about that difference
AI ethics

Faculty and student (graduate and undergraduate) education and practice: How should this be achieved? Short courses, CTE modules, U101 modules?
Enhancing prompt writing skills
Difference between discipline and university AI issues and pedagogic question: what do you want students to know without AI?
It was decided that the committee should consider organizing three focus groups: faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates. The Secretary will facilitate additional discussions within FAC and amongst the Standing Committee Chairs.

New Business:
None

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McCausland Faculty Committees and Bylaws website here.
The next FAC meeting will be in 2026.

Adjournment at 3:00 PM by FAC Chair Michael Stoeltzner.