McCausland College of Arts and Sciences
Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting

September 23, 2026, 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Petigru 321

Attendees: Jennifer Augustine, Jean Ellis, Mindy Fenske, Carol Harrison, Leslie Lovelace, Nina Moreno, Kirk Randazzo, Wilma Sims, Michael Stoeltzner, Adela Vraciu. Ex Officio: Chris Culbertson
With Regrets: Varsha Kulkarni

Meeting was brought to order at 1:00 PM

I. Chair's Welcome (Adela Vraciu) and Introductions

II. Dean's Report – Chris Culbertson

III. Approval of April 2026 minutes

IV. Secretary Report – Jean Ellis

A. Decided that minutes and agendas for all Bylaws committees would be posted online according to the Faculty Senate model.

B. Reminder to use Teams. New section called "Secretary" with Bylaws tracking spreadsheet. FAC members should provide input.

C. Discussion regarding methods to increase faculty participation at faculty meetings and possibilities to achieve a quorum.

D. In the Secretary + Bylaw Chairs meetings, it was decided that a feedback mechanism is needed. The Secretary is working with Bryan Gentry to implement this.

E. Secretary reported the one big thing each committee is working on.

1. Undergraduate - increase transparency around course enrollment minimums/caps and excessive student absences. Concerns about scantrons being phased out.

2. Graduate – standard offer letter, graduate reimbursements, grievance policy

3. Research – grant workshop for humanities projects, can the college hire a science writer about faculty achievements, possible for the college to have an event to celebrate achievements and invite leaders

4. Strategic engagement – implementing Modern Think Survey

5. Budget – navigate RCM in relation to faculty retention, increase transparency with faculty

V. Old Business - Discussion of Initiatives

A. Ideas

1. IDC usage
2. AI
3. Faculty-led study abroad programs

It was determined that more discussion was needed to finalize the initiatives.

Meeting concluded at 1:54 PM