McCausland College Faculty Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Russell House Theater

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes of November Meeting

3. Report from the Dean

- **DOJ Final Rule on Digital Accessibility takes effect April 2026**

The College has launched a website for Digital Accessibility Strategy and offers monthly Digital Accessibility Training & Workshops. The College is hiring students to assist with support for review and conversion of materials.

- **Extramural Funding**

Overall External funding is solid and the stance towards indirect cost recovery seems to be softening.

- **Office of Undergraduate Studies**

Dr. Christy Friend announced:

  - Applications are open for McCausland Internship Scholarships.
  - Employer tabling continues weekly to present internship opportunities.
  - Going forward, McCausland College students who are in the Honors College will have a single undergraduate advisor and more advisors are being hired to accommodate the additional students.

- **Faculty Development Programs**

Dr. Tracey Weldon - encouraged faculty to take advantage of the Faculty Development Programs. Incentives for faculty completing a minimum number of sessions include the opportunity to apply for the NCFDD Faculty Success Program Fellowship, Teaching Toolkit or the NCFDD Post-tenure Pathfinders Program.

4. Reports from the Standing Committees

- **Faculty Advisory** – Dr. Michael Stoeltzner

Met 11/4; addressed:

  - AI
  - Strategies to coordinate with Faculty Senate Committees to ensure interaction while avoiding the duplication of efforts.

- **Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity** – Dr. Charlie Mactutus

Met 11/12; addressed:

  - How to evaluate and promote productivity
  - Funding sources to assist faculty with the rising costs of publication.

5. Bylaw Amendment – Secretary to the Faculty – Dr. Jean Taylor Ellis

Due to the absence of a quorum, the scheduled vote was tabled and will be revisited at a future meeting once the required number of members is present.

6. New Business

Dean Hodges addressed inquiries regarding recent reductions in purchasing card (p-card) limits. It was noted that a State of South Carolina audit led to statewide policy changes and a general reduction in credit lines. Consequently, McCausland College experienced an 80% reduction in its p-card capacity.

7. Good of the Order

- Elections for standing committees will hold elections, nominations open March 16.
- Next McCausland College Faculty Meeting: March 17, 2026, 4:00-5:00 PM
- Faculty and standing committee meeting schedule

8. Adjournment

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Claudia	Benitez-Nelson	Office of the Dean	Faculty (Tenure track)
Megan	Bickel	School of Visual Art and Design	Faculty (Tenure track)
Lana	Burgess	McKissick Museum and SVAD	Faculty (Professional Track)
Matt	Childs	History	Faculty (Tenure track)
Kendall	Deas	African American Studies	Faculty (Tenure track)
Aaron	Dicker	English Language & Literature	Faculty (Professional Track)
Alexander	Duncan	Mathematics	Faculty (Tenure track)
Jean	Ellis	Geography	Faculty (Tenure track)
Gina	Ercolini	English Language & Literature	Faculty (Tenure track)
Christy	Friend	Office of the Dean	Faculty (Tenure track)
Andrew	Graciano	School of Visual Art and Design	Faculty (Tenure track)
Anne	Gulick	English Language & Literature	Faculty (Tenure track)
Andrea	Henderson	Sociology	Faculty (Tenure track)
David	Hitchcock	Statistics	Faculty (Tenure track)
Dianne	Johnson-Feelings	English Language & Literature	Faculty (Tenure track)
Nina	Levine	English Language & Literature	Faculty (Tenure track)
Kathryn	Luchok	Women's and Gender Studies	Faculty (Professional Track)
Charles	Mactutus	Psychology	Faculty (Tenure track)
Paul	Malovrh	Languages, Literatures & Cultures	Faculty (Tenure track)
Alexander	Millen	English Language & Literature	Faculty (Tenure track)
Mark	Minett	English and SVAD	Faculty (Tenure track)
Amanda	Murphy	Statistics	Faculty (Professional Track)
Wayne	Outten	Chemistry	Faculty (Tenure track)
Edsel	Peña	Statistics	Faculty (Tenure track)
Alexey	Petrov	Physics and Astronomy	Faculty (Tenure track)
Christine	Pettus	Spanish	Faculty (Professional Track)
Fabienne	Poulain	Biological Sciences	Faculty (Tenure track)
Wendy	Regoeczi	Criminology and Criminal Justice	Faculty (Tenure track)
Susan	Richardson	Chemistry	Faculty (Tenure track)
Ronda	Sanders	Mathematics	Faculty (Professional Track)
Adam	Schor	History	Faculty (Tenure track)
Todd	Shaw	African American studies	Faculty (Tenure track)
Leland	Spencer	Women's and Gender Studies	Faculty (Tenure track)
Michael	Stoeltzner	Philosophy	Faculty (Tenure track)
Jeffery	Twiss	Biological Sciences	Faculty (Tenure track)
Qian	Wang	Chemistry	Faculty (Tenure track)