

University at Buffalo Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Meeting Agenda, January 27, 2026; 3 – 4:30 pm

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1. Opening Business
 - a. Call to order and approval of the agenda, Senate Chair Kristin Stapleton
 - b. Secretary's report and approval of [previous minutes](#), Faculty Senate Secretary Turquessa Francis
2. Reports
 - a. President's report and Q&A
 - b. Chair's report and Q&A. [Written report](#).
 - c. Update from the Senate representative to the Policy Review Group, Melinda Lemke, on new proposed policies and policy revision,
 - d. Report and [memo](#) from the Chair of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility on the need to inform vulnerable faculty about the changing environment for international scholars, students, and staff
3. New Business
 - a. [Draft resolution](#) from the Academic Policies and Grading Committee on revising the description of academic program honors in the undergraduate catalog
 - b. [Draft resolution](#) from the Academic Policies and Grading Committee on the excused absences policy
 - c. Tenure, Promotion, and Privileges Committee on encouraging decanal units to post publicly the criteria and procedure for progression of non-ladder faculty and establish a due-process mechanism for review of clinical faculty promotion –[Draft Resolution](#)
 - d. Draft resolutions from the Tenure, Promotion, and Privileges Committee for changes to the University's Policies, Procedures, and Criteria for Faculty Personnel Action ([Proposed Modifications](#)); 1) [Resolution](#) recognizing faculty union participation as university service, 2) [Resolution](#): the separation of compensated administrative roles from university service in faculty recognition, and 3) [Resolution](#) clarifying allowable application updates during faculty personnel reviews.
 - e. Business from the floor
4. Adjournment