

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Faculty Senate
October 28, 2025
MSC - The Chamber**

Senate Chair Erika Gibb was not able to attend the meeting, Senate Secretary John Meriac called the Faculty Senate meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Meriac asked for approval of the Senate minutes from the meeting on September 23, 2025. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson (Dr. John Meriac):

- Dr. Meriac reminded the Senate that open enrollment for benefits began Oct. 27 and ends on Nov. 7. He encouraged the attendees to complete their enrollment forms.
- Dr. Meriac welcomed the new Senator for the Accounting department, Paul Ordyna.

Report of the Chancellor (Provost Steve Berberich):

Chancellor Sobolik was out of town and unable to attend the meeting. In her absence, Provost Berberich provided the Chancellor's report as follows:

- November 13 - hosting 2025 Entrepreneur of the year awards.
- November 19 - Board of Curators are going to open up Thomas Jefferson/Mercantile Library.
- The Provost addressed concerns regarding the budget and compensation

Committee on Committee Report (Dr. Pamela Stuerke):

- General Education Committee
 - Yan Tian is willing to serve as the Communication representative.
- Issues of Tenure Removal
 - Allison Antink-Meyer is willing to serve as the Education representative.

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report (Dr. Deborah Cohen):

Dr. Meriac asked the Faculty Senate to vote on the following uncomplicated curriculum proposals:

- JENGR-BS2: Electrical Engineering BS
- JENGR-BS3: Mechanical Engineering BS
- EDPSY-MA: Educational Psychology, MEd
- CNSED-GEM2: Counseling, M.Ed., School Counseling Emphasis

The Faculty Senate approved all of the above uncomplicated curriculum proposals.

Dr. Cohen presented each of the following curriculum proposals to the Faculty Senate:

- NURSE-GC8: Nurse Educator Graduate Certificate
- ENGR-BSME: Mechanical Engineering BSME
- ENGR-BSEE: Electrical Engineering BSEE
- ENGR-BSCE: Civil Engineering, BSCIE
- NURSE-GC1: Post Graduate Primary Care Adult Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Certificate
- NURSE-GEM6: Doctor of Nursing Practice DNP, Primary Care Adult Gerontology Emphasis Area

- PHIL-DD: BA MA 2+3 Program in Physiology
- MATHCMPSCI-DD2: BS and MS Dual Degree Program in Computer Science
- BIO-DD: B.S. M.S. Dual Degree Program in Biochemistry and Biotechnology
- EDUCST-EM5: BES, Social Entrepreneurship Emphasis Area

The Faculty Senate approved all of the above proposals.

Intercampus Faculty Cabinet (IFC) Report (Dr. John Meriac):

Dr. Meriac reported that the IFC met and discussed the following topics:

- Paul Maguffee (Deputy General Counsel) answered questions regarding academic freedom, and freedom of speech.
 - Topics included free speech as private citizens, and classroom discussions.
- Jessica Baker (Assistant VP of HR) provided updates on several topics.
 - Topics included pulse surveys, updates to annual enrollment for benefits / health insurance, and voluntary defined contribution opt-in program.

Dr. Meriac asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Meriac
Senate/Assembly Secretary

(Minutes written by Allison Belew, Faculty Senate/University Assembly Office)