General Faculty Meeting Minutes - Draft
Monday, March 30, 2026
3:30-5:00 pm Woolsey Hall 110A

Summary of Action

- Updates on KBOR processes that impact WSU.
- Approved motion to update General Education Bucket 7

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 by Chris Stone, Senate President

Rhonda Williams served as Secretary and Jolynn Dowling served as Parliamentarian.

1. Approval of the minutes – 11/20/2025
2. No informal statements.
3. Teams meeting recording started.
4. Moment of silence for deceased faculty.
5. President's Report (see President's Report)
    a. KBOR Workload and T&P Policy Updates – Legislation on tenure did not move forward.
    b. First Year Seminar (FYS).
    c. Early Career Faculty Scholars Award Update
    d. Ombuds Report
    e. General Education – Brief history and overview of the current "bucket" system and that today's proposal is a result of last year's budget proviso, not legislation from the current legislative session.
6. Committee Reports - None
7. Old Business - None
8. New Business – General Education – Bucket 7 Discussion and Vote
    a. S. Boden, General Counsel – explained the legal basis for today's proposal and answered questions.
    b. Z. Gearhart, Chief of Staff and Executive Director of Government Relations – provided an overview of the history of last year's budget proviso. Universities are required to define DEI at the institutional level.
    c. Discussion among faculty included: recommendations for the General Education Committee to review Bucket 7 and update for meaningfulness; compliance concerns; timeline.
    d. Motion to approve the proposal, seconded; motion carried.
9. As May Arise – none
10. Next meeting Faculty Senate April 13th, 2026, at 3:30pm at the Champion's Club
11. Next General Faculty Meeting TBD (Fall 2026 or later).

Meeting Adjourned at 4:52.

Minutes prepared by Rhonda Williams