

Meeting Summary
University Council Cabinet
September 8, 2026
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
130 Burruss Hall and Zoom

Present – Julie Ross (co-chair), Justin Lemkul (co-chair), Amy Sebring, Kim O'Rourke, April Myers, Kevin Pitts, Jennifer Johnson, Jim Hawdon, Rachel Miles, Marlena Lester, Amber Hagan, Lindsay Ricci, and Shuvro Das

Guests: Jake Lahne

Justin Lemkul called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Announcement of approval and posting of meeting summary of April 27, 2026

Dr. Lemkul noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Website.

3. Actions/Decisions

The Cabinet voted to approve the September 14, 2026, University Council meeting agenda.

The Cabinet voted to confirm that the following resolution proposals fall within the respective commission's charge:

- CFA 2026-27A Resolution Proposal – Resolution to Revise Faculty Handbook to Remove Sanctions on Prior Service Credit
- CFA 2026-27B Resolution Proposal – Resolution to Update the Faculty Handbook Section on Promotion and Tenure Candidate Notification
- CFA 2026-27E Resolution Proposal – Resolution to Revise Grievance Policy for Non-Tenure-Track Instructional Faculty in the Faculty Handbook
- CFA 2026-27F Resolution Proposal – Resolution to Update the Faculty Senate Constitution and Regarding Constituencies
- CFA 2026-27G Resolution Proposal – Resolution to Revise Faculty Handbook Section on Sanctions for Non-Tenure-Track Instructional Faculty
- CFA 2026-27H Resolution Proposal – Removal of Library Instructor Rank in the Faculty Handbook
- CFA 2026-27I Resolution Proposal – Resolution to Clarify Faculty Handbook Language Regarding Faculty Activity Report Requirements
- CFA 2026-27J Resolution Proposal – Resolution to Revise Faculty Handbook Section on Notification Time for Non-Reappointment
- CFA 2026-27K Resolution Proposal – Resolution to Revise Faculty Handbook Section on Faculty Leave Policies

4. Discussion Items

- Resolutions updating the University Council constitution and bylaws need to be developed early this academic year
- The AP Faculty Senate approved amendments to its bylaws that changed how Senate representation is assigned across constituent areas. As a result, the governance commissions and committees should be reviewed so that any seats designated by constituent area are updated to align with the revised AP Faculty Senate bylaws.

5. Announcements

- Kim O'Rourke, Vice President for Policy and Governance, announced that she will be retiring at the end of the calendar year.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.