

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2026

INVITEES/ATTENDEES

Officers/Rules Committee	Voting Members 1	Voting Members 2	Non-Voting Members 1	Non-Voting Members 2
Walker, Amy (Chair)	Abdennur, Nezar	Kamil, Syed	Abraham, George	Larkin, Anne
Feeney, Susan (Vice Chair)	Almeida, Sandra	Kapoor, Monica	Acosta, Alan	Leiber, Lee
Lauer, Emily (Secretary)	Amenta, Peter	Kim, Dohoon	Ahn, Mary	Lewis, Brian
	Badwal, Jaspreet	Korostelev, Andrei	Alexander, Jacob	Lindstedt, John
	Benanti, Jennifer	Lauer, Emily	Barnett, William K	Luzuriaga, Katherine
	Berry, Bethany	Lindholm, Mary		Nicholson, Cynthia
	Binder, Zach	Tang, Qi	Chakrabarti, Partha	Mattocks, Kristin
	Bolon, Daniel	Matheos, Theofilos	Chisholm, Brendan H.	Munson, Mary
	Bradford, Carla	Mitchell, Amir	Collins, Michael	Piorun, Mary
	Bucci, Vanni	Moormann, Ann	Colombo, Lisa M	Poza, Ricardo
	Chan, Wayne	Phongsamphanh, Saylee	Dickson, Eric	Potts, Stacy
	Chutani, Arun	Reboldi, Andrea	Duncan, Marlina	Precourt, Justin
	Cornine, Amanda	Sadasivam, Rajani	Flotte, Terence	Rosal, Milagros
	Crist, Michelle	Senneca, Carolyn	Giannaris, Eustathia Lela	Smith, Liza
	Das, Ananya	Slosar-Cheah	Green, Emily	Teng, Christopher
	Day, Philip	Sorour, Ingie	Grunwald, David	Vaidya, Ruben
	Fantasia, Jennifer	Timpson, Wendy	Hayes, John	Vitello, Joan
	Feeney Susan	Walker, Amy	Healy, James	Yalamanchili, Abhi
	Gkrouzman, Elena	Weaver, David	Johnson, Mark	Zai, Adrian H
	Hamar, Benjamin	White, William	Kedian, Tracy	
	Intravaia, Lauren		Lane, Mary Ellen	

Dr. Amy Walker called the meeting to order.

STANDING REPORTS

Role of Faculty Council

Amy Walker gave a brief introduction on the role of Faculty Council, the need to expand it, and what they hope to do for the University. The goal is to grow Faculty Council into a more representative voice for the faculty at UMass, a more effective voice, and to work with the leadership to better the University. Dr. Walker stated they will be sending out a survey to all members about issues they would like to discuss at future meetings.

Chancellor's Updates

Chancellor Collins stated there was a wonderful 38th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration last week where Dr. Jennifer Bradford gave a talk emphasizing the importance of using one's voice. Chancellor Collins also presented the inaugural Chancellor's Award for Mission-aligned Community Impact to the diabetic foot and community health clinics for the underserved and its founder, Tammy Nguyen, MD, PhD.

Chancellor Collins gave an update on the DRIVE initiative.

Dean and Provost Updates

Dean Flotte stated that those who have laboratory animal research should have received an email emphasizing the importance of following procedures, specifically in this case, euthanasia of mice.

Dean Flotte stated that those who have grants or are former grant recipients will receive an email notice about salary increases for graduate students and postdocs. These increases are the result of a complaint that was put forward on behalf of these groups related to fair labor. The result of this complaint is to resume the institutional policy of matching the NIH postdoc rate. In addition, the graduate student stipend increased by 3.5%.

Dean Flotte recognized Dean Lane for her excellent job working through the admissions process for the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Those students whose offers were rescinded last year were offered slots this year and all have been admitted.

Brief Discussion and Vote: Minutes

Having determined a quorum was met, the meeting minutes from the December meeting were approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Women's Faculty Committee Update

Dr. Abita Raj gave an update on what the Women's Faculty have been doing over the last year and what their plans are moving forward.

Role of the Title IX Coordinator

Dr. Jeanna Lee talked about her role as the Title IX Coordinator and some of the work that she has done. Dr. Lee spoke about the Committee on Equal Opportunity and Diversity and what they are doing to align with the values that the institution has defined as core to our mission. Dr. Lee briefly mentioned that the DRIVE Program has been folded into the DIO.

Joy McCann Professorship – Women's Professional Pods Program Update

Dr. Jeannette Wolfe gave an overview of the Women's Professional Pods Program, where they are now and what they hope to accomplish over the next five years.

Meeting adjourned.