

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 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	Larson, Lisa
Lauer, Emily (Secretary)	Amenta, Peter	Kim, Dohoon	Ahn, Mary	Leiber, Lee
	Badwal, Jaspreet	Korostelev, Andrei	Alexander, Jacob	Lewis, Brian
	Benanti, Jennifer	Lauer, Emily	Barnett, William K	Luzuriaga, Katherine
	Berry, Bethany	Lindholm, Mary	Chisholm, Brendan H.	Nicholson, Cynthia
	Binder, Zach	Tang, Qi	Collins, Michael	Mattocks, Kristin
	Bolon, Daniel	Matheos, Theofilos	Colombo, Lisa M	Munson, Mary
	Bradford, Carla	Mitchell, Amir	Culverwell, Marcy	Piorun, Mary/Jessica Kilham
	Bucci, Vanni	Moormann, Ann	Dickson, Eric	Poza, Ricardo
	Chan, Wayne	Phongsamphanh, Saylee	Duncan, Marlina	Potts, Stacy
	Chutani, Arun	Reboldi, Andrea	Flotte, Terence	Precourt, Justin
	Cornine, Amanda	Sadasivam, Rajani	Giannaris, Eustathia Lela	Rosal, Milagros
	Crist, Michelle	Senneca, Carolyn	Green, Emily	Smith, Liza
	Das, Ananya	Slosar-Cheah	Grunwald, David	Teng, Christopher
	Day, Philip	Sorour, Ingie	Hayes, John	Vaidya, Ruben
	Fantasia, Jennifer	Timpson, Wendy	Healy, James	Vitello, Joan
	Feeney Susan	Walker, Amy	Johnson, Mark	Xixis, George
	Gkrouzman, Elena	Weaver, David	Kedian, Tracy	Yalamanchili, Abhi
	Hamar, Benjamin	White, William	Lane, Mary Ellen	Zai, Adrian H
	Intravaia, Lauren			

Dr. Amy Walker called the meeting to order.

STANDING REPORTS

Dean and Provost Updates

Dr. Flotte started his updates by congratulating Drs. Mary Munson and Kristen Matteson on their completion and graduation from their ELAM fellowships.

The Educational Recognition Awards were held last week, honoring outstanding educators across the three schools. Dr. Howard Sachs, this past fall's Chancellor's Medal recipient for outstanding educator, delivered the ceremonial last lecture. Other faculty honors included Dr. Bob Brown who was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Flotte reminded everyone that Commencement is scheduled for May 31st and Dr. Gerald Chan will be giving the commencement address.

Dr. Flotte concluded his updates by congratulating Dr. McManus, who will take over as Chancellor effective July 1st.

VPFA Updates

Dr. Mary Ahn started her updates by reminding everyone that APR's, for employed faculty, are due May 31st and we currently have a 53% faculty completion rate. The deadline for dually employed physicians and UMass Memorial Health-only faculty is September 1st.

A reminder that the call for nominations for the Chancellor Medals is currently open and the deadline is June 3rd.

Dr. Ahn concluded her updates by reviewing upcoming faculty development offerings, including three sessions from Baystate Financial on Financial Wellness.

Brief Discussion and Vote: Minutes

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

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation and Discussion of Endorsement Regarding Results from Faculty Concerns Survey

Dr. Amy Walker stated that they were able to present the results of the survey to the Board of Trustees at their meeting last month and the text from that was provided to the chancellor-elect, Dr. McManus. A draft endorsement was put together and voted on. There was a 100% response in favor of moving the endorsement forward. The Faculty Council Rules Committee members will formulate a letter to leadership based on the issues in the endorsement.

AI Policy Update

Bill Barnett stated a draft Institutional AI policy was put together and shared here with the Faculty Council, and it was requested that they get faculty feedback from across the institution. Feedback was received and reviewed, and the drafted policy has now been shared with the Basic Science Safety subcommittee, the Clinical Research IT subcommittee with Scientific Council and again with Faculty Council.

Bill stated the main stipulations of the policy include the use of internal AI tools only for data which they are approved. Do not use external tools with UMass contact content.

Bill reviewed some of the feedback that has already been received, and they will continue to receive and review feedback and make adjustments to the policy as they move forward.

Educational Policy Committee and New Generative AI Policy Update

Dr. Lela Giannaris reviewed the basic structure of the EPC and what they have been working on this year. Dr. Giannaris gave a general overview of what is included in the AI policy for both students and faculty. Sections within the policy include what should not be shared with Gen AI, including student info, HIPAA-regulated health info, unpublished research, or proprietary information, usage templates for faculty and background information for the development of the policy.

GSBS Curriculum Committee Update

Dr. David Grunwald gave a high-level overview of the work that has been done by the committee. Dr. Grunwald stated the last 3 years there has been a focus around designing an intentional and aligned curriculum. This work has come to an end, and a full report was submitted to Dean Lane.

Meeting adjourned.