

DAFVM Senate Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2026
1:30 p.m. Bost 205

Recording:

DAFVM Faculty Senate Member Attendees: Acharya Adhikari, Pratima; Correa, Sandra; Franca, Fred; Han, SaMin; Harvey, Kelsey; Hilbun-Benoit, Anne-Howard; Jaffe, Michael; Li, Tongyin; Manginsay, Natalie; Mathews, Rahel; McGee, Marcus; Petrie-Hanson, Lora; Poudel, Krishna; Temple, Al; Vance, Carrie; Woolums, Amelia; Yu, Fei

Excused: Burke, Benjamin; Mills, Devon; Pechan, Tibor

Absent: Brookshire, Cooper; Christine, Coker; Gholson, Drew; Grissett-Hartwick, Gretchen; Karunakaran, Ganesh Kumar; Liu, Chang; Morrison, Carley; Pechan, Nanduri, Bindu; Tibor; Rios, Leyla; Sparks, Bekah; VanderSchaaf, Curtis; Yu, Fei; Zurweller, Brendan

Call to Order-Meeting called to order by Dr. Michael Jaffe.

Roll Call-Recorded by Dr. Michael Jaffe and Anne Hilbun-Benoit

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November and January approved with edits. Motion to approve by Dr. Magee and seconded by Dr Correa.

STANDING REPORTS

Office of the Vice President:

No report.

Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences & MAFES: Dr Sparks

The Department Head position for Plant and Soil Sciences has been narrowed down to 3 candidates. The department Head position for Animal Science and Plant Protection is still open.

The R & E center's producer advisory council meetings are happening over the next week.

High Schoolers from Mississippi Papers have come up with creative solutions to address hunger, water resources, etc.

Dr Lynn Lasester is coordinating with Extra Table meal packing where students will be able to pack 10,000 meals in 1 hour.

The ambassador from Morocco signed an agreement on pathway program, a 3 plus 2 programs. This would be where 3 years would be done in Morocco and the last 2 years would be done here for a combination of an undergraduate degree and a master's degree.

February 20th Department Advising meetings

February 21st Academic Insight Day is a huge day for recruiting.

Dean, College of Forest Resources (CFR) & Forest and Wildlife Research Center (FWRC): Dr Bullard

Dr Ruben Shulmusky stepped back into the faculty role and Dr Jason Street accepted the role of interim Department Head for Sustainable Bioproducts. Dr Steve Bullard will lead the search committee for Department Head of Sustainable Bioproducts. Hoping for a Fall or January start date.

Academic insight last weekend admitted 7 percent fewer but confirmed up by 27 percent.

Meeting with representatives from community colleges at Dorman Lake.

Working on Electronic accessibility through Canvas.

Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine: Dr Frank

CVM is working with Dr Latara Arterberry to deliver Crucial Conversations.

One health master's program will launch in August and will be led by Dr Nicole Ashpole.

Completed faculty and staff equity analysis in coordination with HR.

Director Extension Service: no report

Holland Faculty Senate Updates: Dr Jaffe

Dr. Jaffe reported that Dr Brent Fountain has been working on ticket pricing NIL and discussed the role in the athletic transfer portal.

Dr Shaw discussed the upcoming budget and he is helping to obtain funding that we seek. He is also working with IHL on funding formulas. Dr Keenum addressed the general faculty meeting.

Faculty Housing Appeals Committee. Dr. Jaffe

No new housing appeals.

Vice Chair Report:

Library:

Event showcasing Lincoln History Exhibits at 6pm in the Grisham Room.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion to adjourn:

Dr Magee made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dr Matthews.