
BFC Meeting Minutes 01-13-2026

Bloomington Faculty Council Meeting

January 13, 2026 • 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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The Bloomington Faculty Council held its fifth meeting of the 2025-2026 academic year on January 13, 2026 at 2:30pm. The meeting was presided over by Provost Rahul Shrivastav with Professor Travis O'Brien serving as Secretary.

1. The Council moved to approve the minutes of its November 4, 2025 and November 18, 2025 meetings. The minutes were approved unanimously with no abstentions.
2. Provost Shrivastav read a memorial resolution for Professor Moya Andrews.
3. Faculty President William Ramos presented his report from the BFC Executive Committee, including updates related to the Bloomington Campus Policy Committee (BL-CPC), a task force reviewing BOT-34 (Conflicts of Interest and Commitments), and ongoing work on SEA-202 and syllabus-related policy.
4. Chancellor David Reingold gave his campus leadership report, which included updates related to campus accomplishments, leadership changes, and ongoing discussions about Indiana University adopting the Chicago Principles of free expression.

5. The Executive Committee business and Campus Leadership reports were opened to the floor for questions and comments. Questions and discussion focused on SEA-202 reporting and processes, the expressive activity policy ruling, and the syllabus posting process.
6. Kate Wehner (Web Strategy Team) and Whitney Walker (Web and Digital Strategy) presented an update on VPCM-04 (University websites). The presentation and Q&A addressed the scope of the policy, implementation expectations, and the archiving of decommissioned websites.
7. Vice Chancellor for Student Life Lamar Hylton presented a report on Student Life, including the division's mission and pillars, current priorities, and quantitative measures of program reach. The Q&A focused on incentives for faculty engagement, the expressive activity support team, mental health trends, Accessible Educational Services capacity, and graduate-student engagement.
8. IU Student Government (IUSG) President Zach Goldberg and Chief of Staff Maddi Sponsel presented an update on IUSG programs and initiatives. The Q&A focused on student support programs, free expression, and fund distribution logistics.
9. Faculty President Ramos introduced a discussion on the practice of reading memorial resolutions at BFC meetings. Perspectives ranged from support for continuing memorial resolutions as a meaningful communal practice to interest in exploring alternative venues and approaches.
10. In the *New Business* portion of the agenda, Parliamentarian Noah Stoffman introduced guidelines for Robert's Rules of Order as applied to discussion motions. A motion was raised to allow five minutes of discussion on the state of the world and its impacts on the university community; there were no objections, and discussion ensued. The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Attendees

Kearns, Hall, Gamblin, Hopson, Sabry, Buggenhagen, Sela, Kivik, Hiller, Han, Schleich (alternate for Hannan), Lennard (alternate for Guarana), Lammers, Gonyea, Lochmiller, Pickett, Perry, Deckard, Reeves, Glomm, Decker, Applegate, Washburn, Marsh, Scheuerman, Lichtenstein, Varga, Phillips, Henshel, McDonald, Cook, Tryon, Sherwood-Laughlin, Michaelson, Docherty, Allen, Bhaskar, Rademacher, Gahl-Mills, Polley, Hardesty, Berry, Need, Daleke, Freedman, Jackson, Robinson (alternate for Diaz Campos), Shackelford, Sponsel, Goldberg, Hughes, DeSawal, Akou, Shrivastav, Ramos, Stoffman, Reingold, Hojas Carbonell (BFC Office)

Speakers: Wehner, Walker, Hylton