
BFC Meeting Minutes 11-18-2025

Bloomington Faculty Council Meeting

November 18, 2025 • 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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The Bloomington Faculty Council held its fourth meeting of the 2025-2026 academic year on November 18, 2025 at 2:30pm. The meeting was presided over by Provost Rahul Shrivastav with Professor Travis O'Brien serving as Secretary.

1. The Council tabled approval of the minutes of its November 4, 2025 meeting due to an error in how the minutes were distributed.
2. Vice Provost Carrie Docherty read a memorial resolution for Professor Herbert Brantley (1929-2022).
3. Faculty President William Ramos presented his report from the BFC Executive Committee, themed around gratitude, with noted actions of attending a faculty awards event, communicating a recent Council resolution to the Board of Trustees, and gathering nominees for a task force to work on adopting the Chicago Principles of free expression.
4. Chancellor David Reingold gave his campus leadership report, with a focus on freedom of expression and expanding on the new initiative to adopt the Chicago Principles.

5. The Executive Committee business and Campus Leadership reports were opened to the floor for questions and comments. Questions related to food security, emeritus status, post-tenure review, general education, and the Jewish Studies Program were discussed.
6. Associate Vice President for International Affairs John Wilkerson updated the Council on changes in international student enrollments and issues affecting international scholars.
7. The co-chairs of the Faculty Affairs Committee joined with the chair of the Faculty Misconduct Review Committee (FMRC) to discuss planned revisions to BL-ACA-D27 related to a recent report from the FMRC.
8. Faculty President Ramos briefed the Council on a report from a task force on the new Bloomington Campus Policy Committee and its expected adoption in January 2026
9. A motion was raised in the New Business section to discuss the FMRC; the motion was seconded and discussion ensued.

Attendees

Sabry, Gamblin, Sela, Rickett, Han, Docherty, Kearns, Hall, Buggenhagen, Diaz Campos, Tryon, Kivik, Johnston, Walton, Weltsek, Chin, Decker, Asher, Reeves, McDonald, Lammers, Need, Brown (alternate for Varga), Stake, Cook, Richards (alternate for Vaughn), Hopson, Furey (alternate for McLeod), Phillips, Washburn, Freedman, Marsh, Scheuerman, Sherwood-Laughlin, Deckard, Perry, Walton, Shackelford, Bhaskar, Polley, Hardesty, Berry, Rademacher, Sponsel, Goldberg, Hannan, Nandeni, Jackson, Henshel, Michaelsen, Allen, Wilkerson, DeSawal, Akou, O'Brien, Ramos, Shrivastav, Stoffman, Reingold, Hojas Carbonell (BFC Office), David Taylor(BFC Office)