Faculty Senate Meeting
October 7, 2026

Agenda and SAC Report

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I. Call to Order

II. Approval of September 23, 2026, Meeting Minutes

III. Reports
   A. SAC Report
   B. Provost's Report
   C. Questions and Answers

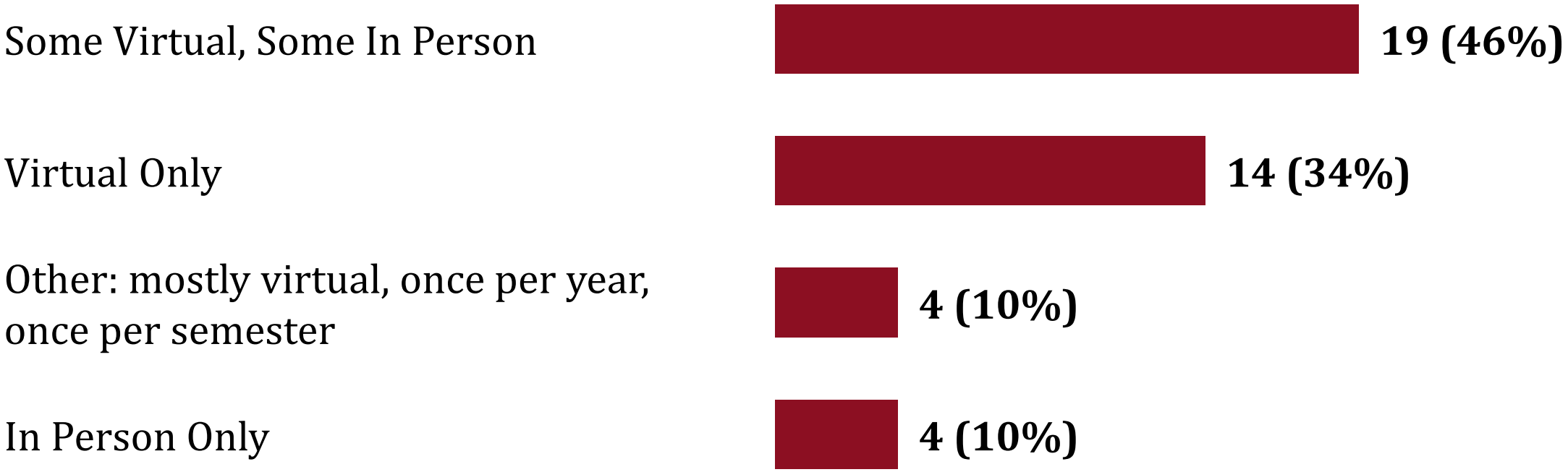
SAC Report

SAC has met once since our last senate meeting

SAC has not met with the Provost (meeting tomorrow)

SAC Report

Senate Meeting Format Survey: 41 Responses



SAC Report

What Senators Told Us: 21 Written Comments

In Person Meetings: Pros

- Value of in-person collegiality **(7)**

In Person Meetings: Cons

- Scheduling and competing obligations **(9)**
- Equity for senators on other campuses **(8)**
- Occasional in-person meetings as a middle ground **(6)**
- Travel; caregiving and health constraints **(4 each)**
- Hybrid meetings are hard to run well **(3)**

SAC Report

Senate Meeting Format

Summary

The comments indicate that many people who support “Some Virtual, Some In Person" mean occasional in-person meetings, such as once a year or once a semester.

SAC Goal: Maximize faculty participation and satisfaction.

SAC Proposal: 1 in-person (hybrid) meeting in fall and 1 in-person (hybrid) in spring (TBD). Revisit format at year’s end.

SAC Report

AEOC Evaluations

Remind your colleagues to participate

4 Deans and 13 Chairs/Directors

4 Deans

- Jared Auclair, CPS
- Beth Kochly, MCNU
- Beth Mynatt, Khoury
- Kellee Tsai, CSSH

13 Chairs/Directors

- Daniel Adams, Director, Architecture, CAMD
- Darla Castelli, Chair, Physical Therapy, BCHS
- Amanda Choflet, Dean, Nursing, BCHS
- Maria Ivanova, Director, School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs, CSSH
- Abraham Joy, Chair, Bioengineering, COE
- Jason Lancaster, Chair, Pharmacy & Health System Sciences, BCHS
- Felicia Lassk, Group Chair, Marketing, DMSB
- Rob Leeman, Chair, Health Sciences, BCHS
- James Monaghan, Chair, Biology, COS
- Kim Moreno, Group Chair, Accounting, DMSB
- Dietmar Offenhuber, Chair, Art + Design, CAMD
- Gary Young, Group Chair, International Business and Strategy, DMSB
- Jonathan Zaff, Chair, Applied Psychology, BCHS

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Provost's Report

Questions and Discussion

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IV. Academic Proposals

A. University Graduate Curriculum Committee Program in the College of Professional Studies (Teaching Professor and Associate Dean Corliss Thompson)

BE IT RESOLVED that the University establish the Master of Education in Applied Education Research, MEd (Online) in the College of Professional Studies as approved by the University Graduate Curriculum Committee 27 May, 2026 (15-0-0).

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IV. Academic Proposals (continued)

B. University Graduate Curriculum Committee Program in the College of Professional Studies (Assistant Dean of Doctoral Programs Shannon Alpert)

BE IT RESOLVED the University establish the Master of Professional Studies in Applied Professional Studies, MPS, (Primarily Online) in the College of Professional Studies as approved by the University Graduate Curriculum Committee 27 May, 2026 (14-0-0).

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V. New Business

VI. Motion to Adjourn