

**FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 6, 2025**

**INVITEES/ATTENDEES**

Officers/Rules Committee	Voting Members 1	Voting Members 2	Non-Voting Members 1	Non-Voting Members 2
Walker, Amy (Chair)	Abdennur, Nezar	<b>Kamil, Syed</b>	Abraham, George	Larkin, Anne
Feeney, Susan (Vice Chair)	<b>Almeida, Sandra</b>	Kapoor, Monica	Acosta, Alan	<b>Leiber, Lee</b>
Lauer, Emily (Secretary)	Amenta, Peter	Kim, Dohoon	<b>Ahn, Mary</b>	Lewis, Brian
	Badwal, Jaspreet	<b>Korostelev, Andrei</b>	Alexander, Jacob	<b>Lindstedt, John</b>
	<b>Benanti, Jennifer</b>	<b>Lauer, Emily</b>	<b>Barnett, William K</b>	Luzuriaga, Katherine
	<b>Berry, Bethany</b>	<b>Lindholm, Mary</b>	Berryman, Jennifer	Maki, Kristen
	Binder, Zach	Martinez Gutierrez	<b>Chakrabarti, Partha</b>	Mattocks, Kristin
	Bolon, Daniel	Matheos, Theofilos	<b>Chisholm, Brendan H.</b>	Munson, Mary
	<b>Bradford, Carla</b>	<b>Mitchell, Amir</b>	<b>Collins, Michael</b>	Piorun, Mary
	<b>Bucci, Vanni</b>	Moormann, Ann	Colombo, Lisa M	Plasse, Mechelle
	Chan, Wayne	<b>Phongsamphanh, Saylee</b>	Dickson, Eric	<b>Potts, Stacy</b>
	Chutani, Arun	Reboldi, Andrea	<b>Duncan, Marlina</b>	Precourt, Justin
	<b>Cornine, Amanda</b>	<b>Sadasivam, Rajani</b>	<b>Flotte, Terence</b>	<b>Rosal, Milagros</b>
	Crist, Michelle	<b>Senneca, Carolyn</b>	Giannaris, Eustathia Lela	<b>Smith, Liza</b>
	Das, Ananya	<b>Slosar-Cheah</b>	<b>Green, Emily</b>	Teng, Christopher
	<b>Day, Philip</b>	Sorour, Ingie	Grunwald, David	<b>Vaidya, Ruben</b>
	Fantasia, Jennifer	Timpson, Wendy	Hayes, John	<b>Vitello, Joan</b>
	<b>Feeney Susan</b>	Walker, Amy	Healy, James	<b>Yalamanchili, Abhi</b>
	<b>Gkrouzman, Elena</b>	<b>Weaver, David</b>	Johnson, Mark	<b>Zai, Adrian H</b>
	<b>Hamar, Benjamin</b>	<b>White, William</b>	Kedian, Tracy	
	<b>Intravaia, Lauren</b>		<b>Lane, Mary Ellen</b>	

Dr. Susan Feeney called the meeting to order.

**STANDING REPORTS**

***Chancellor's Updates***

Dr. Collins gave an update on Gov. Maura Healey's DRIVE legislation which could provide \$400 million in support for institutions that do research. On October 30th he testified in favor of this initiative to a joint committee of the House and Senate that is considering the legislation. Dr. Collins remains optimistic that Umass Chan will receive some funding, however, the amount and timing is still unknown,

***Dean and Provost Updates***

Dean Flotte thanked Dr. Luzuriaga and the members of the Umass Chan Research Retreat Planning Committee who put together the research retreat on October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Gao, the recipient of this year's Chancellor's Medal for Outstanding Scholarship and Research, was unable to attend but delivered an outstanding speech remotely. Dean Flotte recently attended the AAMC annual conference and states that our advocates in the AAMC are optimistic that the Senate and House committees that handle NIH appropriations will approve budgets with some increase.

***Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Updates***

Dr. Ahn gave an update on Interfolio pilot year 1 and feedback that was received from the Interfolio Governance Committee, faculty as well as IT and ACES II. After reviewing the feedback, it was decided that the Interfolio contract would not be renewed effective January 1, 2026.

The Office of Faculty Affairs is working with IT to find two new systems, one for annual performance reviews and one for appointments, promotions and tenure.

***Brief Discussion and Vote: Minutes***

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Voting of additional Faculty Council Rules Committee member**

Dr. Feeney gave a brief overview of who is involved in the Faculty Council Rules Committee and what they do. There was one candidate for the additional member vacancy, Arun Chutani. This motion was approved.

**September Board of Trustee Meeting Update**

Dr. Emily Lauer gave a brief update on the Board of Trustee meeting.

Meeting adjourned.