

SECRETARY'S REPORT NO. 423

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate met in regular session on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 3:30 PM via CarmenZoom, with President Ted Carter presiding. There were 89 (64%) voting senators in attendance, either in person or remotely. This report, along with the agenda, materials, and verbatim recording constitute the minutes for this meeting.

The Senate:

1. Approved Secretary's Report #422.
2. Heard President Carter's opening comments about updated global university rankings and acknowledged the hard work of faculty, students, and staff to work through the snow storm.
3. Approved proposal from the Council on Academic Affairs to create a Center for Brain Injury Recovery and Discovery (CBIRD)
4. Approved proposal from the Council on Academic Affairs to create an Interdisciplinary Master of Science in Quantum Information Science and Engineering
5. Approved proposal from the Council on Academic Affairs to create an Interdisciplinary PhD in Quantum Information Science and Engineering
6. Approved proposal from the Council on Academic Affairs to create a Master of Energy Sustainability
7. Approved proposal from the Rules Committee to change Rules Committee membership (3335-5-47.3)
8. Approved proposal from the Rules Committee to change Research Compliance office rules (3335-13-08, 3335-5-04.2)
9. Heard a presentation from Zia Ahmed and Melissa Shivers on campus life, updates on Taylor Tower residents and protocols moving forward.
10. Heard a presentation from Anne Garcia, Mark Hieden, Monica Moll, Dennis Jeffries, and Chris Kabourek regarding public safety, ICE interaction guidance, and continued communication to the community to affirm the shared values.
11. The meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.