

Faculty Senate Retreat 2025-2026
Wednesday, August 20, 2025

MTSU Miller Center (503 East Bell Street)
Murfreesboro, TN 37132

Agenda

Note:

Coffee, yogurt bar, muffins, and bagels are available on arrival. As a general guideline, speakers are limited to 10 to 15 minutes for their initial remarks.

9:00 to 9:55 Welcome Senate Process and Collegiality

- Welcome Michael Federici
- Presentations and Thanks to 2024-2025 President and Secretary
- Approval of April minutes
- Senate Processes/By-Laws and Robert's Rules Larry Burriss (Senate Parliamentarian)
- The Coffee Experiment
- Communication with Departments, Colleges, and Colleagues
- Civility and Interactions with the Administration
- New Committee Structure and Committee Assignments

10:00 to 10:55 Odd and Ends

- Jeff Gibson (Strategic Plan Implementation)
- Jennifer Vannatta-Hall Director of the MTSU Center for Teaching & Mentoring (formerly LT&ITC) Brief overview of the CTM
- Mary Hoffschwelle SACS
- Amy Sayward (American Democracy Project)
- Trey Martindale (Associate Vice-Provost for Online Learning): Canvas Transition

11:00 to 12:00 Faculty Governance

- Provost Mark Byrnes (Welcome and Remarks about Shared Governance)
- Amy Aldridge and James Floyd (DEI Changes and Guidance)
- Brian Hinote (Canvas Transition and Faculty Success Updates)
- Byrnes, Aldridge, and Hinote (Question-and-Answer Session)

12:00 to 12:30 LUNCH

12:30 to 1:15 Setting Faculty Senate Priorities

- Breakout Session
- Senate reps meet with their respective committees and draft agenda items

1:15 to 2:30 Committee of the Whole: Committee Priorities

- Committees report draft agenda items (discussion)