

COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE (CFW)

October 1, 2026

MINUTES

PRESENT: L. Sales, Chair; C. Baker; D. Eastmond; J. Ganim; W. Gu; J. Medearis;
E. Wong; R. Wu; N. Yu

ABSENT: E. Heinrich, C. Murillo, P. Samuelson (*Sabbatical*)

The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm.

I. Chair's Welcome

Chair Sales opened the meeting and welcomed committee members.

II. Potential Issues to be Addressed by CFW in AY26-27

CFW members agreed that some priorities for the committee to address during the school year include:

- Climate Survey (input on questions).
- Teaching Support. Funding of TAs. Software/Hardware to Teach Classes.
- Reduction of Graduate Programs/Support. Less Teaching and Research Capabilities. Impact on Faculty M&P.
- Wide rollout of AI across campus (effects on student learning; AI replacing jobs/TAs/staff/faculty; and budget-related concerns).
- Time Burden on Software: Concur, Oracle, and Quali.
- Leadership of RED and lack of support to the research mission.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.