

# Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda 7-15-2025

Attendance – Juana Ibanez (Secretary)

President’s Report (Chris Summa)

Disbursement of Faculty Senate Fund

Foundation Grant allowing students to matriculate

UCW Statement of Solidarity with Adjuncts (VOTE) – see text below

Budget Shortfall in Academic Affairs

*History and Context*

*What the Administration has been talking about vis-à-vis workload*

*Solutions / Ideas*

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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Dear UCW Members and Supporters,

As far as we can tell, the planned budget for next year will cause chaos for ALL students across UNO. For example, the proposed allocation for the College of Liberal Arts and Education for Fall includes a \$250,000 deficit that will result in **last-minute cancellations** of general education classes and other changes to the schedule, the **firing of part-time professors**, and the reassignment of course sections to full-time faculty that will permanently **undermine the research mission** of our urban-serving institution.

Many of the **part-time professors** whom the administration plans to fire have worked at UNO for years and possess critical institutional knowledge. Often they teach specialized

courses in understaffed departments. **They keep UNO running**, and their value to the university cannot be overstated. Meanwhile, many full-time faculty perform research serving the New Orleans community that cannot be put on hold to teach additional classes.

UNO is now poised to rejoin the LSU system, and the State of Louisiana is expected to provide vital funding for the transition. But the proposed cut to instruction in Liberal Arts and Education, which represents **just 1/320th of the overall budget, would have devastating and long-lasting effects** on our ability to serve our current students and rebuild the university in the future. Similar cuts may affect other colleges.

We members of the **United Campus Workers** call on UNO's President Kathy Johnson to **reallocate non-academic portions of the budget** to Academic Affairs so that the College of Liberal Arts and Education and other impacted academic units can **retain ALL of their part-time faculty** and proceed with the current Fall course schedule **without cancelling classes** and **without reassigning teaching duties** just weeks before classes start in Fall 2025.

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