

# Committee on Academic Staff Issues (CASI) meeting DRAFT minutes for Feb. 16, 2026

Virtual via Teams and in Room 5215

## **Attendees:**

### Present:

Jennie Broecker

Rachel Burg

Adam Gratch

Sachin Gupte

Annie Haugen

Emily Lau

Elizabeth Manriquez

Andrew Norman

Lauren Restivo

Scout Slava-Ross

Hanna Blazel, ASEC

Associate Dean and CAO Rebecca Scheller (ex officio)

Dean Dan Tokaji (ex officio)

### Absent:

Eric Giefer

## **Order of business:**

### Greeting and opening:

Meeting began at 11:02 a.m.

### Business items:

- Jennie Broecker introduced Hanna Blazer, our new representative from the Academic Staff Executive Committee (ASEC). She shared information about the ASEC and its role as a support to academic staff.
- **Standing item:** Dec. 15, 2025, minutes were approved.
- **Dean's Corner:** Dean Dan Tokaji addressed the following areas:
  - Leadership changes at campus level: When Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin steps down after commencement in May, Eric Wilcots will be interim chancellor. Wilcots has been dean of the College of Letters & Science since 2020.
  - Act 15 implementation and instructional workload: Law School leadership is working through a minimally disruptive implementation for next academic year while advocating for flexibility to account for the type of work that our clinical faculty do.
  - Concerns about federal immigration actions: Campus leadership and Office of Legal Affairs guidance was updated for [January 2026](#).
- **HR/Finance Corner:** Dean Rebecca Scheller addressed the following areas:
  - Strategic planning process: Priorities are being revised and initiatives are being drafted after input from January's special meeting and survey.
  - Pay-plan raises: The 2026 2 percent increase is expected to come in July; details will be forthcoming,
- **Outreach Subcommittee**
  - A staff survey will be circulated soon. The anonymous feedback box will also be promoted more this semester.

### **Next meetings and adjournment:**

The meeting ended at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting will be at 11 a.m. March 16.