

Commission on Faculty Affairs

2024-2025 Members

CHARGE: To study, formulate, and recommend to the Faculty Senate policies and procedures affecting faculty working conditions and the professional standing of all faculty who qualify for membership in the Faculty Senate. Areas for consideration include commencement; academic freedom and faculty morale; procedures for appointing, evaluating, disciplining, and recognizing faculty, including department heads and chairs; tenure and/or promotion, benefits, academic and personal leave, and extra-university professional activity; and matters of equity and diversity that affect faculty.

Chair elected by the Faculty Senate

Justin Lemkul	Chair	2025
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Ex Officio (By virtue of position)

Ron Fricker	Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs	ex officio
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Two deans selected by the Council of College Deans

Kevin Pitts	Science	2026
Lee Learman	Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	2026

Nine faculty senators elected by Faculty Senate

Ran Jin	Industrial and Systems Engineering	2026
Diane Agud	Mathematics	2026
Jake Lahne	Food Sciences & Technology	2027
Rodney Gaines	Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise	2027
James Hawdon	Sociology	2026
Virginia Buechner-Maxwell	Large Animal Clinical Sciences	2027
Kristen Benson	Human Development Family Sciences	2025
Evan Lavender-Smith	English	2025
Joel McGlothlin	Biological Sciences	2025

One staff senator elected by Staff Senate

Vacant		2027
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One administrative and professional faculty senator elected by the Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate

Nicole Connors	Institutional Effectiveness	2025
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One graduate and professional student senator elected by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Aaron Torres	Physics	2025
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One undergraduate student senator elected by the Undergraduate Student Senate

Alex Efird	Public Administration and Public Affairs	2025
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