

UMES Senate Minutes
May 12, 2026
In-person Frederick Douglass Library Auditorium
Virtually through Microsoft Teams

I. Welcome and Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by Dr. Erin Tucker-Oluwole
- Dr. Erinn Tucker-Oluwole, Senate Chair, welcomed the participants and reflected on the work of the UMES Senate during the 2025-2026 academic year. She emphasized the Senate's focus on governance, transparency, and clear processes for addressing issues affecting the university community. She recognized the importance of making agendas and minutes accessible and acknowledged the contributions of individuals who support the Senate's work.
- Dr. Tucker-Oluwole also recognized the work of senior administration, the Registrar's Office, Admissions, the Office of Administration and Finance, campus police, and other university offices that had provided updates and engaged with the Senate throughout the year. She specifically noted the ongoing discussions regarding electric vehicle charging stations, parking and enforcement, budget transparency, and university marketing.

II. Approval of the February Senate Minutes

- Ms. Veronica Fosque, Senate Secretary, presented the April 2026 Senate meeting minutes for approval. Following a motion and a second, and with no further discussion or opposition, the minutes were approved.

III. Introduction of the Elected Officers for 2026-2027 UMES Senate

- The outgoing Senate officers were recognized for their service during the 2025-2026 academic year, including Jenny Price, Vice Chair; Ms. Veronica Fosque, Secretary; and Mr. Joseph Bree, Parliamentarian.
- The elected officers for the 2026-2027 UMES Senate were then introduced: Jada Wilkinson, Chair; Dr. Masoud Moghaddam, Vice Chair; Lena Aristil, Secretary; and Zachary Lasson, Parliamentarian. It was noted that Dr. Wayne Omagamre had withdrawn from the Secretary position because of other commitments, and Lena Aristil, the next runner-up, accepted the position. The Senate also noted the continued representation of faculty, staff, and students.

IV. Updates from UMES Marketing - Mr. Robert Vickers, Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing

- Mr. Vickers was invited to provide an update. No marketing update was presented

V. Adjournment - Dr. Erin Tucker, Senate Chair

- With no additional questions or business, Dr. Tucker-Oluwole thanked the outgoing Senate officers and reflected on the importance of service to the university community. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.