



Faculty Council 2025-26 Spring Update

- **What is it?**
- **What is our purpose?**
- **Who are the 25-26 members?**
- **What are we trying to accomplish this year?**

What is it?

A committee of 8-15 faculty members.

We meet monthly with one annual retreat.

What is our purpose?

- Support and encourage best practices in the classroom.
- Promote professional development activities.
- Review all proposed policies and policy changes for their impact upon faculty and the academic performance of students.
- Represent the concerns and proposals of faculty to college administrators.

What is our purpose?

Liaison!

What is our purpose?

Awareness of Opportunities & Challenges

Our discussion has centered around:

- AI (of course)
- Retention/Completion
- Scheduling trends
- Policy/Procedure changes
- ADA & OER
- DIA changes

Who are the 25-26 members?

★ = new this year!

★	Justin Brown	English Instructor
	Dr. Matt Connell	Early Childhood Education & Computer Applications Instructor
★	Jason Lindstrom	History Instructor
	Dr. Eric Foley	Director of Choral Activities
★	Christian Rivas	Criminal Justice Instructor/Coordinator
★	Kaitlin Sill	Accounting Instructor

★	Jennifer Steinert	Business Instructor
	Dr. Brandon Steinert	Communication/Arts Instructor
	Emily Cowles	Dietary Management Instructor/Coordinator
	Darlene Sabio	Adjunct Online - Life Science
	Chris Vanderlinde	Instructor - Military Programs
	Jason Murray	Adjunct BASICS Instructor (Larned)

Elections Ongoing

Three potential new members:

- **Amir Meraban** - Adjunct Faculty (Chemistry) at Barton Online
- **Colvin Hooser** - Adjunct Faculty (Music) at Fort Leavenworth
- **Laura Pratt** - Instructor at Grandview Plaza (& Director of the OSHA Training Institute Education Center)

These additions would add a presence from two campuses that currently don't have representation on Faculty Council.

Who are the 25-26 officers?

Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary & DIA Coordinator
Dr. Brandon Steinert	Dr. Matt Connell	Justin Brown
Communication/Arts Instructor	Early Childhood Education & Computer Applications Instructor	English Instructor

What are we trying to accomplish this year?

We set three goals:

- Communicate with constituents in a purposeful way on a regular basis.
 - One-on-one
 - En Masse
- Facilitate faculty understanding and participation in Strategic Planning.
- Develop professional development opportunity centered around retention.

What are we trying to accomplish this year?

...and a side quest or two:

- Develop a [one-stop page](#) for faculty resources.

Faculty Resources

Faculty Handbook

The Faculty Handbook is published on the website and will not be published as a hard copy unless requested. The tier classification specific, it is so noted. Additional resources may be found below.

[2025-2026 Faculty Handbook](#)

Links and Resources

Resources

[Academic Calendars](#)

[Course Schedule](#) (AKA Scheduling Matrix)

[Faculty Qualifying Credentials](#)

[FIAC Faculty User Guide](#)

[Detail Schedule](#)

[Class List](#)

Important Forms

[Early Alert Form](#) - Used to alert advising about a student who can still pass a class.

[Academic Integrity Violation Reporting Form](#)

[Final Grade Reporting](#)

[Enrollment Verification](#)

[Grade Change](#)

Tech Help

[Tech Request Form](#) - Used to request technology purchases.

[Cougar Tech Support](#) - Send an email to cougartechsupport@bartonccc.edu for help with technology.

What are we trying to accomplish this year?

...and a side quest or two:

- Streamline the Distinguished Instructor Award process.
 - Started earlier.
 - Designated officer (DIA Coordinator).
 - Changed to two winners.

Questions?