



**Mississippi State University  
College of Education  
Faculty Council  
2025-2026**

<b>Members</b>		
Dr. Julie Herbstrith	Counseling, Higher Education Leadership, Educational Psychology, & Foundations	2027
Dr. Hallie Smith	Counseling, Higher Education Leadership, Educational Psychology, & Foundations	2026
Dr. Lacey Fitts	Teacher Education and Leadership	2027
Dr. Liza Bondurant	Teacher Education and Leadership	2026
Dr. Sang Joon Lee	Industrial Technology, Instructional Design, & Community College Leadership	2027
Dr. Katie Oswalt	Industrial Technology, Instructional Design, & Community College Leadership	2026
Ms. LeeAnn Joe	Kinesiology	2027
Dr. Guillermo Oviedo	Kinesiology	2026
Dr. Alisha Milam	Meridian Division of Education	2027
Dr. Tania Hanna	Meridian Division of Education	2026
Dr. Phillip Stockton	Music	2027
Dr. Olivia Boatman	Music	2026

**Purposes and Procedures**

The major purpose of the College of Education (COE) Faculty Council is to represent the COE faculty in advising the dean on matters directly related to the college in fulfillment of its mission. The Faculty Council serves as a forum on matters pertaining to the role and mission of the college, seeks to be representative of the interests, needs, and views of the COE faculty in general, and considers all matters brought before it, making recommendations to the dean concerning these matters.

**Membership**

Membership of the College of Education Faculty Council is two faculty members from each academic department and one member from each non-academic department who chooses to have a seat on the committee.

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Faculty Council members must be a member of the faculty to have voting privileges. Each member of the council serves a period of two years. Election of members is held during the spring semester with membership to become official in August of the forthcoming academic year. In departments in which there are two representatives, one member is elected in even years and one in odd years to ensure that approximately 50% of the overall council's membership is retained every year. To serve, one must be a faculty member (elected by all faculty members). A member may serve two consecutive terms, after which they are ineligible for membership on the council for one year.

Officers of the COE Faculty Council consist of a chair, vice-chair, and secretary. These officers are elected at the last council meeting of the present academic year by a majority vote of the council, or those members present at the meeting. Officers serve for a period of one year and may not serve more than two consecutive terms in one office.

The COE Faculty Council meets regularly during the academic year, August through May, and upon call of the chair or petition of eight members.