

**FACULTY MEETING MINUTES****3:00 – 4:15 p.m.****January 22, 2026****FRNY 3059 & Zoom**

Faculty Attending: Agrawal, Beaudoin, Bernal, Chutka, Corti, Gounder, Harris, Hebner, Hibbitts, Iglesia, Li, Liu, Martinez, Masuku, Miller, Morgan, Nagy, Pol, Ramkrishna, Reklaitis, Ribeiro, Ristroph, Robert, Schultz, Siirola, Tackett, Wang, Won

Staff Attending: Fackelman, Gonzalez, Johnson, Nagy, Raderstorf

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The November 13, 2025 faculty meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Announcements:

- Reminder to complete surveys emailed by Joshua Gonzelez:
  - Submitting your Talent-Based Hiring nominations
  - Inviting Ivan Christov as part of our Courtesy Appointment process, deadline Feb. 2
- Faculty must submit their annual full CVs to Joshua Gonzalez as soon as possible
- Advanced Chemistry Cluster Hire, Faculty Candidate Visits:
  - Shengli (Bruce) Jiang, Postdoc at Princeton – January 21-23
  - Yan Zhang, Postdoc at Caltech – Jan. 29-30
  - Chuanzhen Zhao, Postdoc at Stanford – Feb. 19-20
  - Kaustav Bera, Postdoc at Univ. of Colorado Boulder – Feb. 26-27
- ChE 300 Spring Mentor Meetings
- Faculty Awards Committee Form (for Feb. meeting and beyond)
- The Graduate Colloquium will be on Feb. 5-7
- AIChE Regional Student Conference at Purdue in Spring 2026 (Mar 27, 28): asking for faculty/grad student volunteers for lab tours
- Kelly Lecturer Dr. Jeffrey Hubbell (NYU) will visit on April 6-8, 2026
- Dr. Chris Bowman (UC Boulder) will be our 2026 DEA: Thurs. Apr 9

School Policy Procedures

Seminars for Fall and beyond will be coordinated by the Seminar Committee (Bernal, Hebner, and Li). Seminar dinners will default to two faculty members and the invited speaker, with alcohol purchases kept reasonable; this guideline also applies to Chemistry Cluster Hire candidates. For the Graduate Colloquium dinners (February 6–7), faculty hosts will be assigned four prospective students, with the option to include one current graduate student, and alcohol purchases should remain minimal.

Annual faculty reviews are being completed in Element (per January 15 communication from Dave Bahr), with additional information available online. The School's AY release policy for external research projects was discussed; a memo will follow. A 5% AY release requirement will apply to research grants (with exceptions), and beginning February 5, 50% of AY effort above 5% will be returned via discretionary account transfer. Marissa Fackelman introduced the Research Account Dashboard (RAD), accessible through OneCampus by searching "RAD," which provides grant balances and account details, including discretionary accounts. Marissa will distribute access instructions.

**FACULTY MEETING MINUTES – January 22, 2026**Undergraduate Committee:

1. Nothing new to report.

Graduate Recruiting Committee:

1. The committee has completed its review of domestic applicants and extended 35 offers; 24 students will attend the colloquium weekend (target: 25), with one acceptance to date. Due to the smaller visit cohort, costs for food and transportation have been reduced. We appreciate the strong faculty volunteer response for hosting dinners; Bev is organizing appropriately sized groups, though not all volunteers may be needed.
2. The committee is currently reviewing international applicants and has extended 19 offers (14 approved; 5 pending), with one pre-admit now formally admitted, bringing total acceptance to two. Reviews will continue over the coming months to identify additional priority candidates. By mid-March, we expect greater clarity on projected enrollment and will survey faculty to assess advising capacity before making waitlist offers and finalizing the incoming class size.

Graduate Committee:

1. Nothing new to report.

Faculty Search Committee:

1. Dr. David Hibbitts reported that one candidate is visiting today, with three additional candidates scheduled or in the process of being scheduled. The committee received feedback from the College emphasizing the importance of candidates demonstrating clear independence from their PhD or postdoctoral advisors, which presents particular considerations in an assistant professor search. Following further committee discussion, it was decided to conduct additional Zoom interviews with two current assistant professors who had not been prioritized in the initial review. The committee also noted that several candidates are receiving strong interest from peer institutions, resulting in increased competition.
2. No new updates on the ChE Head Search.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:53p.m.