

Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents

Date of Meeting: July 30, 2026

Agenda Item: Faculty Appointments

Lead: Provost and Vice President Dr. Rose Marie Ward

Open or Closed Agenda Item? OPEN

Issue description and proposal (as approved by the president):

This proposal seeks approval to appoint seven full-time and 123 adjunct faculty for the 2026-27 academic year. These appointments are in addition to the list of full-time faculty approved at the June 18, 2026, Board meeting.

FULL TIME FACULTY:

Dr. Marie Huard – Fine and Performing Arts
Dr. Dinush Jayasooriya – Mathematics and Statistics
Dr. Braxton Linder – Health Science and Wellness
Ms. Angela Sherlock – Health Science and Wellness
Dr. Ethan Sickels - Education
Dr. Julieta Andrea Sosa-Holwerda – Health Science and Wellness
Dr. Kandice Thompson – Fine and Performing Arts

ADJUNCT FACULTY:

Agricultural Sciences

Rod Barr
Eric Weuve

Business

Barbara Alston
Brandy Brady
Gail Cullen
Suzanne Donaldson
Dustin Greenlee
Yvonne Hampton
Kenneth Jones
Cindy Kenkel
Tyler Kenkel
Melissa Kirby
Kaitlyn Miller
Ken Mitchell
Sierra Rains
Audra Sherwood
Don Simon
Brad Sullivan
Christina Taylor
Melissa Wellhausen
Jan Whitlow

Communication and Mass Media

Isaac Bisiliki
Ronnie Collins
Lisa Josephsen

Travis Kline
William Murphy
Brenda Rourke
Melissa Sorrick
Jody Strauch
Matt Walker
Tammy Walkner

Computer Science and Information Systems

Tina Holt
Paula Johnson
Meredith Ussery

Education

Allison Atkinson
Robert Baker
Candace Boeh
Jeaneen Boyer
Cathy Dennis
Nancy Foley
Tara Frazier
Jennee Gregory
Brian Lynn
Lori Mardis
Mike McBride
Catherine McClallen
Melissa Pelkey
Stephani Reynolds

Roxanne Rooney
Robin Shamberger
Debra Slaughter
Emily Smith
Lauren Stutzman
Tim Wall
Marlie Williams
Andrea Wilson
Sue Wood
Elizabeth Woods

Fine and Performing Arts

Jiwon Choi
Anna Ford
Elise Hepworth
Stacy Lendt (and online dual credit)

Health Science and Wellness

Lee Bedford
Jessica Belnap
Robert Cavazos
Jackie Cochenour
Jenna Davis
Brandy Ebert
Melissa Echols
Jenny Erkfitz
Mark Falke
Cassandra Frost
Matt Gatlin

Joel Hamilton
Greg Hansen
Tara Hommelson
Ron Hopkins
Diana Jacobs
Janine Johnson
Tyler Johnson
Robert Koch
Stephanie Lincoln
Dana Mallett
Rachel Mayfield
Alicia Nichols
Chris Nunes
Joshua Pearson
Joe Quinlin
Bryanna Scherer
Jeff Stubblefield
Sophia Swink
Rob Veasey
Goldie Walker
Tammara West

Kellee White
Amber Wilson
Chapin Yoursin

Humanities and Social Sciences

Robert Buck
Tristan Cabello
Dominique Dillon
Amber George
Michael Harris
Heather Jackson
Kristi Jeffers
Nickolas Ladish
Wendy Morton
Tim Nicholson
Tara Ross
Michael Spurlock
Austin Trantham

Language, Literature and Writing

Amanda McCain

Mathematics and Statistics

Bao Pham

Natural Sciences

Julie Copley
Tim Janousek
Joshua Partridge

Online Dual Credit

Stephen Fadden
Selena Foreman
Jessica Gamarra
Luisa Garcés Sierra
Nichole Hux
Christopher Komorech
Csilla Tasi
Samantha Weiberg

Proposed Resolution:

I move to approve the appointment of seven full-time and 123 adjunct faculty for the 2026-27 academic year.