



ACADEMIC SPRING 2026 STARTUP SCHEDULE

fSTART	END	EVENT ATTENDEES	PRESENTER(S)	LOCATION NOTES
Monday, January 5, 2026 – Chair Duty Day				Library Hours: CLOSED
8:00 AM	4:00 PM	School Chairs Workday		
Tuesday, January 6, 2026 – Faculty Duty Day				Library Hours: CLOSED
8:00 AM	4:00 PM	Faculty Workday Optional Academic Program Meetings		All syllabi should be emailed to syllabi@bemidjistate.edu per the instructions issued from the Deans' Office.
9:00 AM	12:30 PM	Academic Leadership Team (ALT) Meeting Academic Department Chairs & Academic Deans <i>- By Invitation Only</i>		Mary Theresa Seig Dean, College of Creativity, Enterprise, & Place Jeffrey Bell Dean, College of Sciences & Health
Wednesday, January 7, 2026				Library Hours: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
8:00 AM	9:45 AM	President's Spring Update Campus Community Members & Emeriti		Beaux Arts Ballroom Fruit, Pastries, & Hot Beverages
10:00 AM	10:45 AM	Academic Affairs Spring Update Academic Affairs Division + Campus Members		Hagg-Sauer 150 Auditorium https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/94882661247 Audio Provided. Visual Projection if possible
11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Break for Individual / Personal Lunch Plans Lunch is included in the meeting & workshop opportunities below.		

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Wednesday, January 7, 2026 (continued)				Library Hours: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Stress-Regulated Teaching for Meaningful Student Engagement All Faculty, Staff, & Administrators	Joanna Wallenberg & Sarah Wilson of PEACEMAKER RESOURCES Sponsored by the STEM SCHOLARS NSF GRANT	Crying Wolf Room Noodle Bar
11:00 AM	1:00 PM	APLE Meeting APLE Committee - <i>By Invitation Only</i>	Ana Lopez-Aguilera Director of Office of Teacher Education	Bridgeman 100 Lunch Provided
1:00 PM	1:45 PM	Pedagogy Power Hour Discuss and strategize a few effective pedagogical tools to address inequities and improved learning experiences for students	Hillary Barron, DEI Fellow	Crying Wolf Room
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	School of Business	Young Seob Son - Chair	Memorial 240
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	School of Education	Sonia O'Bryan – Chair	Memorial 300
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	School of Humanities	John Ellis – Chair	Memorial 280
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	School of Mathematics, Chemistry, & Physics	Bob Quandt - Chair	Memorial 250
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	School of Music	Stephen Carlson - Chair	Memorial 170
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	School of Nursing, Health, & Sport Science	Shannon Norman – Chair	Memorial 230

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2:00 PM	4:00 PM	School of Social & Community Science	John Gonzalez - Chair	Memorial 220
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	School of Sustainability & Life Sciences	Richard Koch – Chair	Memorial 260
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	School of Technology, Art & Design	Drew Graham – Chair	Memorial 270

Thursday, January 8, 2026

Library Hours:
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

TLC Spring Showcase

8:00 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast and Welcome		
8:30 AM	9:15 AM	My Journey into AI: From Skepticism to Classroom Use	Porter Coggins	Beaux Arts Ballroom
9:15 AM	9:30 AM	Leveraging AI	Eric Olson	
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Designing Assignments that work with AI	Rucha Ambikar	
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Foundation: Perspectives from the First-year Experience and a Dialectic Approach to AI	Justin Walters	
10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Ethics and the Environment in the Age of Generative AI	Kat Klement Jordan Lutz	
12:00 PM		Lunch		

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1:00 PM	4:00 PM	<p>School Meetings</p> <p>Locations- Same as Wednesday</p> <p>Meetings will be run by School Chairs</p> <p>Deans Bell & Seig will be available</p>	Memorial Same rooms as 1/7/26
Friday, January 9, 2026			Library Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
8:00 AM	4:00 PM	<p>Faculty Workday Optional Academic Program Meetings</p> <p>All Faculty: Please post Syllabi and open D2L shells before the end of the day.</p> <p>All syllabi should also be emailed to syllabi@bemidjistate.edu per the instructions issued from the Deans' Office.</p>	