



# ACADEMIC SPRING 2026 STARTUP SCHEDULE

fSTART	END	EVENT   ATTENDEES	PRESENTER(S)	LOCATION   NOTES
<b>Monday, January 5, 2026 – Chair Duty Day</b>				<b>Library Hours: CLOSED</b>
8:00 AM	4:00 PM	<b>School Chairs Workday</b>		
<b>Tuesday, January 6, 2026 – Faculty Duty Day</b>				<b>Library Hours: CLOSED</b>
8:00 AM	4:00 PM	<b>Faculty Workday</b> <b>Optional Academic Program Meetings</b>	All syllabi should be emailed to <b>syllabi@bemidjistate.edu</b> per the instructions issued from the Deans' Office.	
9:00 AM	12:30 PM	<b>Academic Leadership Team (ALT) Meeting</b> Academic Department Chairs & Academic Deans <i>- By Invitation Only</i>	<b>MaryTheresa Seig</b> Dean, College of Creativity, Enterprise, & Place <b>Jeffrey Bell</b> Dean, College of Sciences & Health	Crying Wolf <b>Bring Laptop</b> <b>Light Refreshments Served</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 7, 2026</b>				<b>Library Hours: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm</b>
8:00 AM	9:45 AM	<b>President's Spring Update</b> Campus Community Members & Emeriti	<b>John L. Hoffman</b> President	Beaux Arts Ballroom <b>Fruit, Pastries, &amp; Hot Beverages</b>
10:00 AM	10:45 AM	<b>Academic Affairs Spring Update</b> Academic Affairs Division + Campus Members	<b>Marah Jacobson</b> Provost & VP, Academic Affairs	Hagg-Sauer 150 Auditorium <a href="https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/94882661247">https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/94882661247</a> Audio Provided. Visual Projection if possible
11:00 AM	1:00 PM	<b>Break for Individual / Personal Lunch Plans</b> 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	<b>Stress-Regulated Teaching for Meaningful Student Engagement</b> All Faculty, Staff, & Administrators	<b>Joanna Wallenberg &amp; Sarah Wilson of PEACEMAKER RESOURCES</b> Sponsored by the <b>STEM SCHOLARS NSF GRANT</b>	Crying Wolf Room Noodle Bar
11:00 AM	1:00 PM	<b>APLE Meeting</b> APLE Committee - <i>By Invitation Only</i>	<b>Ana Lopez-Aguilera</b> Director of Office of Teacher Education	Bridgeman 100 <b>Lunch Provided</b>
1:00 PM	1:45 PM	<b>Pedagogy Power Hour</b> Discuss and strategize a few effective pedagogical tools to address inequities and improved learning experiences for students	<b>Hillary Barron, DEI Fellow</b>	Crying Wolf Room
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	<b>School of Business</b>	<b>Young Seob Son - Chair</b>	Memorial 240
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	<b>School of Education</b>	<b>Sonia O'Bryan – Chair</b>	Memorial 300
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	<b>School of Humanities</b>	<b>John Ellis – Chair</b>	Memorial 280
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	<b>School of Mathematics, Chemistry, &amp; Physics</b>	<b>Bob Quandt - Chair</b>	Memorial 250
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	<b>School of Music</b>	<b>Stephen Carlson - Chair</b>	Memorial 170
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	<b>School of Nursing, Health, &amp; Sport Science</b>	<b>Shannon Norman – Chair</b>	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				Beaux Arts Ballroom
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	
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	<b>School Meetings</b>  Locations- Same as Wednesday Meetings will be run by School Chairs Deans Bell & Seig will be available	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	<b>Faculty Workday   Optional Academic Program Meetings</b>  All Faculty: Please post Syllabi and open D2L shells before the end of the day. All syllabi should also be emailed to <a href="mailto:syllabi@bemidjistate.edu">syllabi@bemidjistate.edu</a> per the instructions issued from the Deans' Office.	

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