

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FALL 2026 STARTUP SCHEDULE

START	END	EVENT ATTENDEES	PRESENTER(S)	LOCATION NOTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026				Library Hours: CLOSED
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Information Exchange Meeting Campus Staff. Faculty welcome. Staff from service offices share brief updates from their departments.	Muriel Kingery (Host)	Bridgeman 100 + https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/93478239492 Passcode: BEAVERS Email muriel.kingery@bemidjistate.edu to put your office on the agenda.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026 - Academic Chair Duty Day & NEW 2026 Faculty Duty Day				Library Hours: CLOSED
NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION - Memorial 300 (In-person encouraged!) or Zoom: https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/92974540368 Academic Chairs do not need to attend this event.				
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Meet & Greet with Academic Affairs & Deans' Offices Welcome: Marah Jacobson, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs		Coffee, Tea, & Pastries
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Center for Professional Development (CPD) Dr. Keith Gora, Associate Professor of Psychology & Director for CPD		Course Prep & Development
11:00 AM	11:10 AM	Break		Stretch, Text, Ask Questions!
11:10 AM	11:40 AM	eLearning Support Brian Jambor & Beth Jensen		Training, support & resources for D2L, ed tech tools (such as MediaSpace & Zoom) & online course design
11:40 AM	NOON	IT & Classroom IT Theresa Eckstein & Bonner Karger		How & Where to Connect to IT Services
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch with Leaders from BSU Service Offices		Sandwiches & Salad
1:00 PM	1:30 PM	Accessibility Services Christian Brezczinski		How to support accommodations + Q & A
1:30 PM	1:45 PM	Advising & The Student Success Center Amanda Peters		Understanding the support offered by SSC Advising Staff
1:45 PM	2:30 PM	Navigating BSU Academic Affairs Staff		Support Networks
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026				Library Hours: CLOSED
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026				Library Hours: CLOSED

NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION

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MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026 - Academic Chair Duty Day				Library Hours: CLOSED
First-Gen Institute Orientation - Bridgeman 100 (in-person only)				
For Instructional Faculty participants who pre-registered with Dr. Gora in the Center for Professional Development				
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Welcome & Settle In	Dr. Ketmani Kouanchao & Dr. Keith Gora	Bring your laptop. Morning refreshments & lunch served. The First-Gen Team requires in-person attendance for this orientation. They will offer subsequent monthly meetings virtually.
9:00 AM	10:30 AM	First-Gen Training	U of M First-Generation Institute Team	
10:30 AM	10:45 AM	Break		
10:45 AM	NOON	First-Gen Training		
NOON	1:00 PM	Lunch		
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	ALT: Academic Chairs Workday Training w Kate Pearson	Dr. Travis Ricks, Interim Dean, Sunderman College Dr. Marci Maple, Interim Dean, College of Sciences & Health	Bridgeman 100 Bring your laptop. Find as seat. Enjoy a donut. Get ready to learn!

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026 - Faculty Duty Day				Library Hours: CLOSED
8:00 AM	10:00 AM	President's Breakfast Campus Community Members & Emeriti	Dr. John L. Hoffman, President	Beaux Arts Ballroom Doors open at 8:00am. Program begins at 8:30am.
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Academic Affairs Fall Update Academic Affairs Division Members + Campus Members	Dr. Marah Jacobson, Provost & VP, Academic Affairs	Hagg-Sauer 150 Auditorium + https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/94219935468
11:00 AM	NOON	New Employee Welcome Reception Campus Community Members & Emeriti	Hosted by Academic Affairs	Location TBD Coffee & cookies served
12:15 PM	1:00 PM	All Faculty Lunch Faculty Reporting to either Academic College	Hosted by Chartwells	Memorial 240
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	All Faculty Meeting Faculty & Staff Reporting to either of the Academic Colleges: College of Creativity, Enterprise, & Place College of Science & Health	Dr. Travis Ricks, Interim Dean, Sunderman College of Creativity, Enterprise, & Place Dr. Marci Maple, Interim Dean, College of Sciences & Health	2nd Floor Memorial In-person expected. Zoom link available if requested by Friday 8/14.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026 - Faculty Duty Day				Library Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
BSU TODAY! - Sponsored by the Teaching & Learning Center			Hagg-Sauer 116	
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast		
D2L Updates				
9:00 AM	10:30 AM	D2L: New Content Experience & Digital Course Accessibility	Beth Jensen Brian Jambor	Important updates about D2L’s NCE & Accessibility Services. Sharing strategies for accessible digital course content.
GenAI in Teaching & Learning				
10:30 AM	10:45 AM	Keeping Up With AI...Ethically	Dr. Tim Baird	Communicating with AI: A new course offered at BSU AI is moving quickly in all areas; how do we keep up?
10:45 AM	11:00 AM	Writing Centers and AI	Dr. Prabin Lama	How writing centers are responding and adapting to the challenges of AI.
11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Open time for work and conversation		
Open Educational Resources (OER)				OER options for participating in MinnState's Z-Degree program. The Library's E-textbooks Project. Panel Discussion & Q&A with BSU’s Z-Degree program faculty (Tim Baird, Porter Coggins, Jess Durgan)
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	BSU Z-Degree, OER, and other No-Cost Textbook Options for Students	DeeDee Narum & Tammy Bobrowsky	
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch: Sandwiches and time to connect with Presenters		
NOON	12:50 PM	Joint Union - President Meeting Bargaining Unit Presidents & Administration	Dr. John L. Hoffman, President	Deputy 301A
2:00 PM	2:45 PM	BSU Faculty Association - New Faculty Meeting New IFO Faculty members	Dr. Derek Webb BSUFA President	Bridgeman 100 & https://zoom.us/j/98315209666
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	BSU Faculty Association - Fall Start-up Meeting IFO Faculty	Dr. Derek Webb BSUFA President	

BSU TODAY!

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026 - Faculty Duty Day				Library Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
ALL DAY		School & Program Meetings: Organized by Chairs and/or Program Faculty Notify DeansSuiteForms@ + AcademicAffairs@ to add your School meeting to the schedule.		
8:15 AM	11:15 AM	School of Education	Dr. Sonia O'Bryan Chair	Bangsberg 207
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	New Student Move In at Tamarack & Oak Halls Faculty & Staff Volunteers Needed!	Loralyn Kuechle, Director, Residential Life	Many types of work need coverage. Email reslife@bemidjstate.edu to volunteer!
10:00 AM	11:30 AM	School of Humanities	Dr. John Ellis Chair	Bangsberg 301
10:00 AM	11:30 AM	School of TAD	Mr. Andrew Graham Chair	Bridgeman 201
10:00 AM	12:00 PM	School of Music	Dr. Steve Carlson Chair	Bangsberg 303
11:00 AM	1:00 PM	New Student Move In at Tamarack & Oak Halls Faculty & Staff Volunteers Needed!	Loralyn Kuechle, Director, Residential Life	Many types of work need coverage. Email reslife@bemidjstate.edu to volunteer!
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	APLE Meeting Academic Program Leaders in Education	Dr. MaryTheresa Seig, Director, Office of Teacher Ed	Bridgeman 100 Lunch provided
TBD	TBD	CPD Open Office Hours	Dr. Keith Gora, Director, CPD	Location TBD Providing assistance with Syllabi, PDP, Tenure/Promotion
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	School of Nursing, Health, & Sport Science	Dr. Shannon Norman Chair	Memorial 220
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	School of Business	Dr. Young Seob Son Chair	Memorial 170
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026 - Faculty Duty Day				Library Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
ALL DAY		Faculty Work Day		All syllabi should be emailed to syllabi@bemidjstate.edu per the instructions issued from the Deans' Office.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026				Library Hours: CLOSED
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026				Library Hours: CLOSED

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MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026				Library Hours: 7:30am - 11:00pm
First Day of Classes				
1:45 PM	4:00 PM	Convocation and Ice Cream Social All BSU Faculty & Staff are welcome to attend! No academic regalia. BSU apparel or Beaver gear is encouraged, but not required.	Dr. John Hoffman, President Dr. Veronica Veaux, BSU Marshal	RSVP: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/L7adbjMTUe 1:45 pm: Participants gather in the HS East Lounge 2:00 pm: Guests be seated in HS 150 Auditorium 2:00 pm: Procession begins to Auditorium. 2:15 pm: Ceremony in HS 150 Auditorium Ice Cream Social immediately following the ceremony on the Lake Side Lawn
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026				Library Hours: 7:30am - 11:00pm
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026				Library Hours: 7:30am - 11:00pm
11:00 AM	1:00 PM	AIRC Annual Day of Welcome Campus Community Members	AIRC Team	AIRC
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	MSUAASF Meet & Confer MSUAASF Leadership Council - Executive Administration	Adam Berg President	Deputy 301A
4:00 PM	6:00 PM	BSUFA/IFO Meet & Confer IFO Leadership Council - Executive Administration	Dr. Derek Webb President	Deputy 301A
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026				Library Hours: 7:30am - 5:00pm
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	AFSCME Meet & Confer AFSCME Leadership Council - Executive Administration	Jeremiah Liend President	Deputy 301A
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	MAPE Meet & Confer MAPE Leadership Council - Executive Administration	Rosanne Erickson Contact	Deputy 301A
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026				Library Hours: 7:30am - 5:00pm
4:30 PM	7:30 PM	Welcome Back Block Party Everyone Welcome!	Collaboration through CIS, BSU, ISO, CDEI, & AIRC	Behind Tamarack Hall
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026				Library Hours: CLOSED
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026				Library Hours: CLOSED