

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FALL 2026 STARTUP SCHEDULE

START	END	EVENT ATTENDEES	PRESENTER(S)	LOCATION NOTES
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026 - Academic Chair Duty Day & New 2026 Faculty Orientation				Library Hours: CLOSED
NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION - Memorial 300 (In-person encouraged!) + Zoom: https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/92974540368 <i>Academic Chairs do not need to attend this event.</i>				
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Meet & Greet with Academic Affairs & Deans' Offices Dr. Marah Jacobson, Dr. Marci Maple, Dr. Travis Ricks, Lynn Johnson, Emma McDougall, Tracy Colligan		Coffee, Tea, & Pastries
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Center for Professional Development (CPD) Dr. Keith Gora, Director for CPD & Dr. Donna Pawlowski		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 Brezinski		How to support accommodations + Q & A
1:30 PM	1:45 PM	Advising & The Student Success Center Amanda Peters		Understanding the supports offered by SSC Advising Staff
1:45 PM	2:00 PM	American Indian Resource Center (AIRC) Jack Warren		Native American Student Success
2:00 PM	2:30 PM	Navigating Bemidji State Emma McDougall & Tracy Colligan		Resources, Reminders, + Final Q & A
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. Marah Jacobson	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	University of MN First-Generation Institute Team	
10:30 AM	10:45 AM	Break		
10:45 AM	12:15 PM	First-Gen Training		
12:15 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch		
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	ALT: Academic Chairs Workday Training with Kate Pearlson	Dr. Travis Ricks, Interim Dean, Sunderman College Dr. Marci Maple, Interim Dean, College of Sciences & Health	Bridgeman 100 Bring your laptop. 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. https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/97497798281 Passcode: BSUFall26
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	Lower Memorial Lounge 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 All Faculty & Staff in Academic Affairs 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	Memorial 240/230 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
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	School of Sustainability	Dr. Rick Koch Chair	Sattgast 331
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	

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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		
9:15 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 218
10:00 AM	11:30 AM	School of TAD	Mr. Andrew Graham Chair	Bridgeman 201
10:00 AM	11:30 AM	School of Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics	Dr. Bob Quandt Chair	Sattgast 203
10:00 AM	11:30 AM	School of Social and Community Sciences	Dr. John Bellecourt Chair	Memorial 230
10:00 AM	12:00 PM	School of Music	Dr. Steve Carlson Chair	Bangsberg 303
11:00 AM	1:00 PM	CPD Open Office Hours Assistance with Syllabi, Course Questions, PDP, Tenure/Promotion	Dr. Keith Gora & Dr. Donna Pawlowski	Memorial 300 + https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/94052399281 Passcode: CPD
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
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.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026				Library Hours: CLOSED
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026				Library Hours: CLOSED
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 Lakeside 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