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Faculty Development Sub-Committee
Meeting Report

September 1, 2026
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Zoom - Closed
Committee

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Chair

Jeffrey Decatur
Vice Chair

The Faculty Development Sub-Committee met virtually on September 1, 2026.

The committee reviewed course and instructor evaluation results from January through June 2026:

- Across 17 classes, the average course rating was 99%.
- NYSAR received 189 instructor-evaluation responses, with 100% reporting that their instructor conveyed the course content effectively.
- 98% of respondents said they would take another course with the same instructor.
- Students most often praised instructor knowledge, real-world examples, engagement, and practical application. Feedback also identified pacing, interaction and practice, and keeping course materials current as areas to watch.

Course participation was also reviewed, along with the five-year comparison. From January through June, NYSAR recorded 1,757 enrollments across 38 classes, with three cancellations.

General continuing education accounted for 1,459 enrollments, while designation and certification programs accounted for 298. For comparison, total annual participation was 4,915 in 2022, 4,277 in 2023, 4,222 in 2024, and 3,353 in 2025.

The meeting concluded with a faculty development presentation from Debra Betolatti, DREI, GSI, on "Using AI in Real Estate CE Course Design." The presentation covered practical and ethical uses of AI in course development, with an emphasis on instructor judgment, accuracy, and compliance.