

# Welcome to Faculty Senate!

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# Gentle Reminders

- Faculty Senate is an open and public meeting
- Please, only Senators speak in the meeting, unless you are specifically called on by the Chair or Chair-elect to speak
- Please let others speak; everyone should get a chance to speak before someone else speaks twice.
- Public may address the Senate at end of the meeting during public comment
- Be kind to each other.

# Meeting Overview

- Faculty senate purpose
  - Chief **governance body** of the faculty of MSU
  - FS has authority to frame policies, procedures, standards in Faculty Handbook which...**foster a climate of academic freedom**; promote consistency in tenure, promotion in academic rank, workload, and salary; uphold academic standards, and uphold standards and **procedures of accountability concerning faculty ethics and responsibilities**.
  - FS provides a means for **faculty and administration to interact** and discuss University business including strategic planning, budgeting, curriculum, accreditation, and graduation requirements

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Faculty may develop policies that promote, among other things

- Effective and efficient use of University resources;
- General economic well being of faculty;
- Professional faculty development;
- **Quality educational resources** such as libraries, facilities, laboratories, and equipment; and,
- **Optimal learning environments.**

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## Legally outside of our charter

- Explicit political condemnation or support
  - Example: Using email to support a specific policy or candidate, using position to explicitly discourage support for a specific policy or candidate

## On topic

- Academic freedom
- Inappropriate interference with our educational or research mission

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## On Retaliation

- Statistically unlikely, however...
- Can be difficult to identify
- All members of our community should
  - Be aware of potential retaliation
  - Publicly stand against retaliation
- Your participation in this meeting is expression the opinion of your constituency (MSU faculty)
- Please keep all comments you received from faculty free of any potentially identifying information.

# Public Comment

(Two minutes per person)

# New Business



# Proposed Resolution

## Proposed text:

**Resolution to endorse the statement from the American Association of Colleges and Universities entitled “A Call for Constructive Engagement,” dated April 22, 2025.**

*Resolved*, that the Faculty Senate of Montana State University:

- (1) endorses the statement promulgated by the American Association of Colleges & Universities (AAC&U) entitled “A Call for Constructive Engagement,” dated April 22, 2025;
- (2) urges the President of Montana State University to sign the AAC&U statement, as more than 620 current leaders of colleges, universities, and scholarly societies have done.

Adopted May 14, 2025

# Senator Open Comment

Do I have a motion to adjourn?  
Second?