

Welcome to Faculty Senate!

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Faculty Senate Chair

Chemical & Biological Engineering

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Faculty Senate Chair-Elect

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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
- Public may address the Senate at end of the meeting during public comment
- Be kind to each other.

Approval of FS Minutes from May 1, 2024

- Do I have a motion to approve?
- Any discussion?
- All those in favor of the motion indicate by saying aye
- Those not in favor of the motion indicate by saying nay
- Any abstaining?

FYI Items

President's Crossing Boundaries Speakers Series

- Isabel Allende on Monday, September 30, 2024, 7:30pm SUB Ballrooms
- Margot Lee Shetterly on Wednesday, October 6:00pm SUB Ballrooms

FYI Items

- SmartBuy Update: Adding suppliers has been an issue
 - Discussed with Brian O'Connor (Chief Procurement Officer), you can fill out new supplier request but they are putting this responsibility on UBS
 - Can send all pertinent information on suppliers to accountspayable.SmartBuyMSU@montana.edu
 - Company name, website, contact info on your company representative if available
- MSU is providing access to Copilot (Microsoft AI, like ChatGPT 4)
 - Sign on with your netid@msu.montana.edu and MSU password

FYI Items

- Need more Faculty representatives on the Assessment and outcomes committee
 - Every other Wed (same as FS days) at 2pm
- Need Faculty Senate representatives on the Grievance Committee
 - Does not need to be on faculty senate

FYI Items

- CIM (Curriculum inventory management) Users Training
 - Option 1: Monday, September 9th, 2024, 2:00pm-4:00pm SUB 233
 - Option 2: Thursday, September 12th, 10:00am-12:00pm SUB Ballroom B
- CIM Approvers Training (Curriculum Committee Chairs, Department Heads, Deans, or those serving as a proxy.)
 - Option 1: September 9, 10am-11am-SUB 233
 - Option 2: September 12, 2-3pm-SUB Ballroom B
- Help with specific edits/issues on CIM you are working on. Bring your laptop!
 - Option 1: September 9, 11am-12pm-SUB 233
 - Option 2: September 12, 3-4pm-SUB Ballroom

FYI Items

- RTP training is on September 11 or 18 for anyone involved in reviewing dossiers.
- Canvas transition information: <https://ato.montana.edu/canvas/>
- The Wellness Center is open and faculty passes are available
 - <https://www.montana.edu/wellness/campus-recreation/membership.html>
 - In person purchases on weekdays only, bring your CatCard

Welcome New Members!

What is Faculty Senate?

Shared Governance¹

- *Frames policies, procedures and standards of the **Faculty Handbook**²*
- *Oversees the curricula and evaluates new academic programs*
 - Faculty eyes on all things curricular
- *Actively [provides] input, advice and perspectives...regarding campus issues, policies, and procedures that impact the direction of the university*
- We represent faculty on many committees (see bylaws for more info)

1. <https://www.montana.edu/facultysenate/>

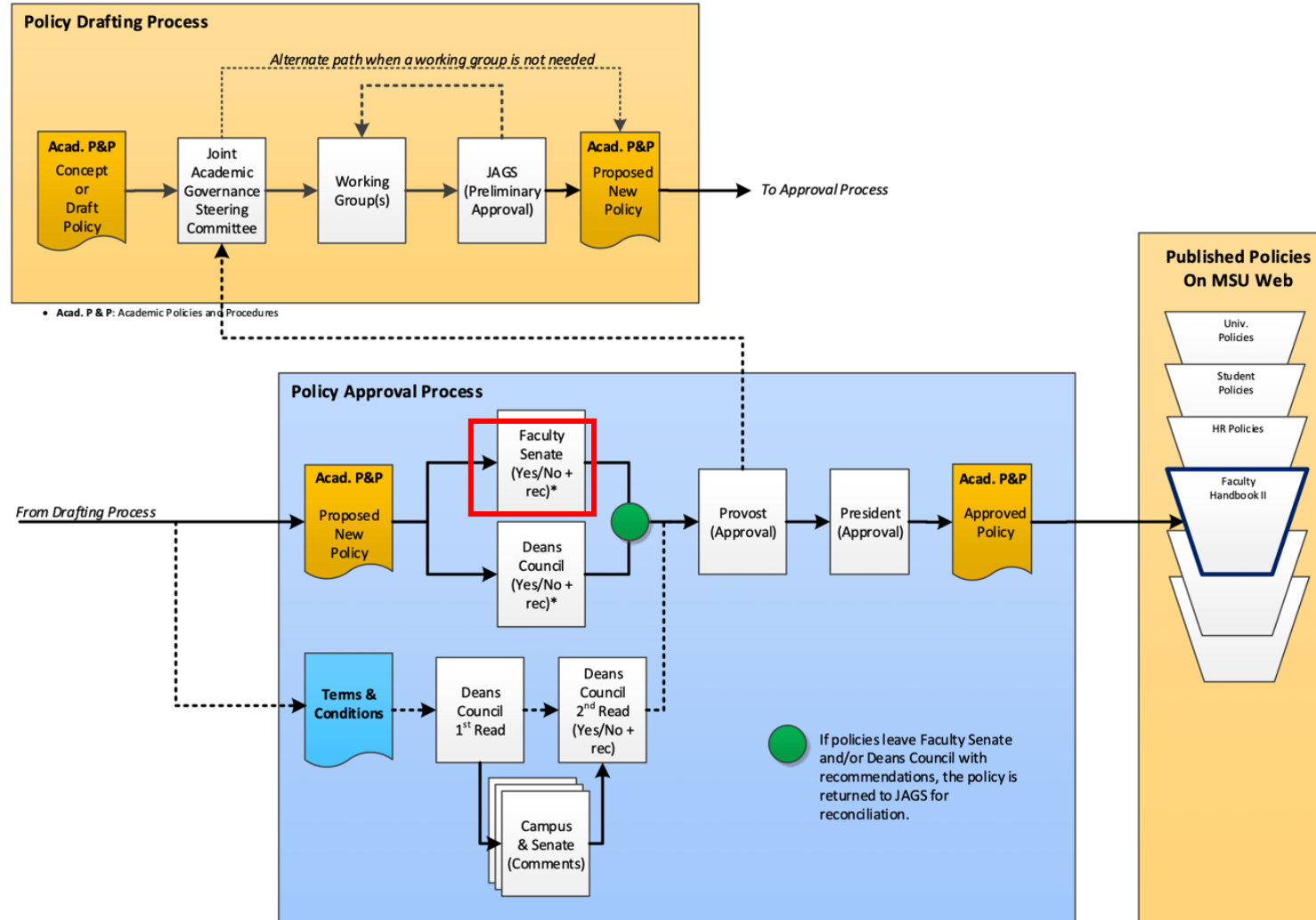
2. https://www.montana.edu/policy/faculty_handbook/

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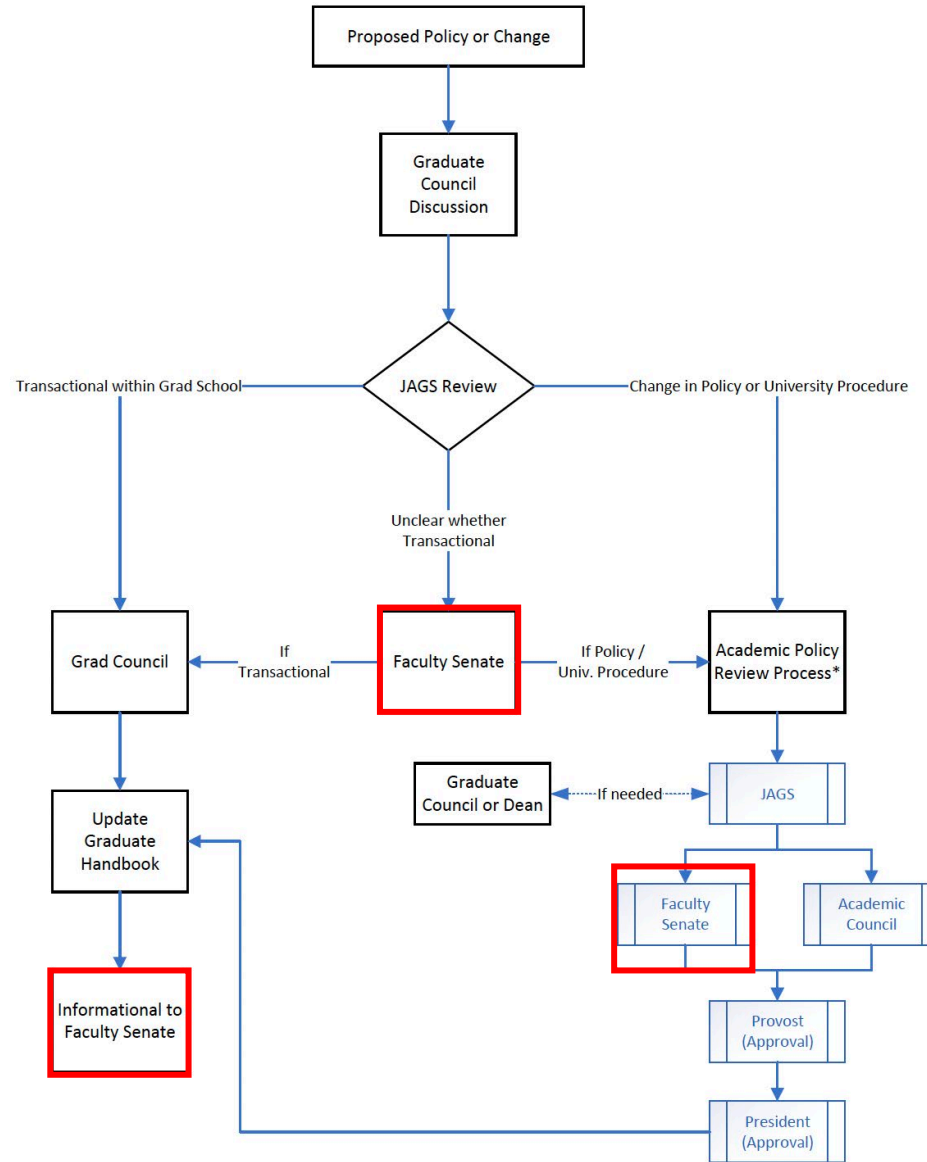
Streamline Communication

- *Serves to enhance communication between MSU faculty, administration, and students.*
- We meet weekly with administrators
- We would like to continue developing a relationship with All Staff Council
- Communication within the MUS and FS Leadership
 - MUSFAR: Montana University System Faculty Association Representatives
 - Board of Regents Meetings

Academic Policy Review Process



https://www.montana.edu/provost/documents/jags/Academic_Policy_Review_Process_Sep2015.pdf



Robert's Rules of Order

Guiding Principles:

- Everyone has the right to participate in discussion if they wish, before anyone may speak a second time.
- Everyone has the right to know what is happening at all times. Only urgent matters may interrupt a speaker.
- Only one thing (motion) can be discussed at a time.
- Limit each speaker to 2 minutes

Quick Reference					
	Must Be Seconded	Open for Discussion	Can be Amended	Vote Count Required to Pass	May Be Reconsidered or Rescinded
Main Motion	√	√	√	Majority	√
Amend Motion	√	√		Majority	√
Kill a Motion	√			Majority	√
Limit Debate	√		√	2/3 ^{rds}	√
Close Discussion	√			2/3 ^{rds}	√
Recess	√		√	Majority	
Adjourn (End meeting)	√			Majority	
Refer to Committee	√	√	√	Majority	√
Postpone to a later time	√	√	√	Majority	√
Table	√			Majority	
Postpone Indefinitely	√	√	√	Majority	√

https://assembly.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/roberts_rules_simplified.pdf

https://www.montana.edu/facultysenate/minutes/faculty_senate-by_laws.html

Our ask of you...

- Take notes
 - Send notes to your faculty
 - Solicit feedback and represent your department in Senate
- Ask questions
- This is your senate

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Research Council Update

Mission

Enhance the research enterprise at MSU and provide guidance and recommendations for strategic investments to facilitate discovery on the MSU campus.

Meet monthly, one faculty senate rep

Last meeting Wed Aug 21, 2024

- Review research council goals for this year (Alison)
- MSU is renegotiating F&A
- Encourage submission to internal grants, especially REF (<https://www.montana.edu/research/ord/>)
- Encourage submission to NSF (large EPSCoR pot of \$)
- USP now under VPRED, under leadership of Anna Tuttle

<https://www.montana.edu/researchcouncil/>

Joint Academic Governance (JAGs)

- Faculty representation: Past Chair (Colter), Chair, Chair – Elect
- Scheduled biweekly, meet as needed

Charge

- The JAGS will conduct **preliminary evaluations of proposals** and establish a **review process or pathway of action** for each proposal, which may include:
 - Further development of the proposal by a joint working group or the Faculty Affairs Committee. A working group, often the Faculty Affairs Committee, is used when the proposal involves substantial revisions to an existing policy or if the JAGS anticipates significant changes to the submitted proposal.
 - **Recommend the proposal be sent to Faculty Senate or Deans Council for review** and evaluation. This option may include minor editing by the JAGS.
 - Recommend the proposal be sent back to the originating body with specific requests for revisions.

<https://www.montana.edu/provost/committees/jags.html>

Graduate Council Update

- Grad council chair: Stephan Warnat (Mechanical & Industrial Engineering)
- Grad council vice-chair: Amy Reines (Physics)
- SU23+FL23+SP24: 85 PhD grads, 40 DNP grads, ~500 Masters grads
 - (Strategic plan: ""Metric 1.2.3 - MSU will increase the number of research doctoral degrees (to 90), professional practice doctorates (to 30), and Master's degrees (to 650) awarded annually by 2026.")
- September 4: grad coordinators' meeting
- Upcoming: consideration of the Appeals policy for students who are given a fail on a thesis defense, qualifying exam, or other action (seeking clear due process description)
- Upcoming: consideration of the 1-credit extension duration and allowed purposes

Academic Council and University Council

Academic Council

Mission: The Academic Council will provide vision and leadership for the academic enterprise of the University.

Meets monthly, one faculty rep (faculty senate chair)

University Council

Mission: Ensure institutional policies and procedures support the university's strategic plan and land grant mission.

Meets monthly, one faculty rep (faculty senate chair)

<https://www.montana.edu/universitycouncil/>

<https://www.montana.edu/deanscouncil/>

Undergraduate Courses and Programs

Course Inactivations – First Reading

M 088 : Mathematical Literacy

- We inactivated M088 because we are allowing all level 100 students into the M005/105Q co-req. The course supervisor for these courses felt like there was enough overlap in the two courses and that the level 100 students could still be successful in the M005/105Q while allowing them to receive college credit. After one semester of a pilot we were able to show success in this area and thus got rid any fully developmental math course on the non-STEM side.

Program Inactivations – First Reading

CEBR-BS : Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering - Bio-Resources Option

- This program was ended but never inactivated in CIM.

Graduate Courses and Programs

Courses Changes – First Reading

EIND 525 : Multi-Criteria Decision Making and Optimization

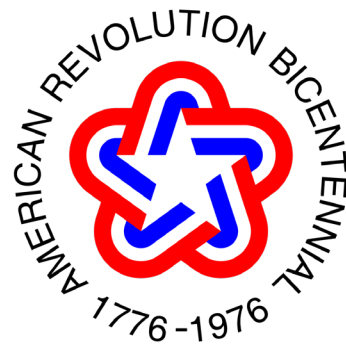
- Title changed from Multi-Attribute Analysis
- Updating the course title to be more contemporary and recognizable.

2026: United States 250th birthday

- "Semiquincentennial"



- (1976 Bicentennial)



- Interest in special honors classes, special-topics team-taught courses, special guest speakers, art or music commissions, etc.?

Senate Open Discussion

Public Comment

(Two minutes per person)

Do I have a motion to adjourn?
Second?