

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

# Approval of FS Minutes from August 28, 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?

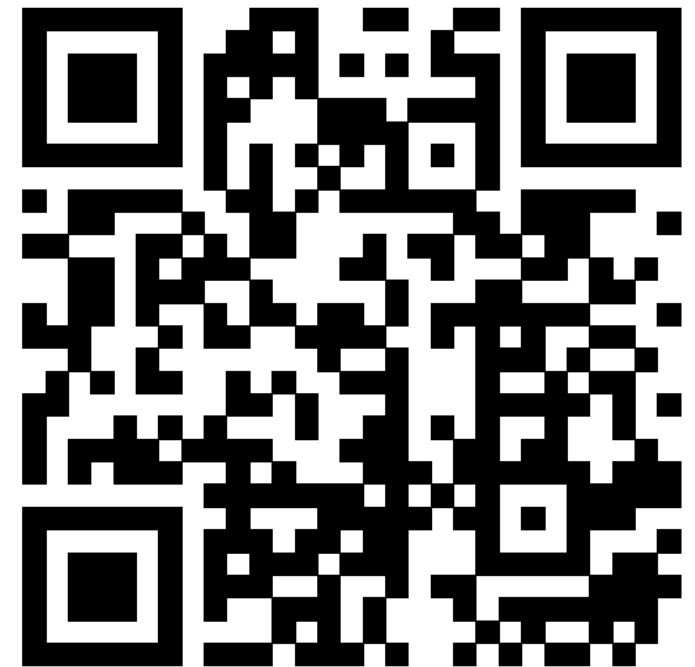
# FYI Items

Reminder: September is suicide prevention month

- New online training for recognizing and supporting those in crisis
- Link is in agenda, need to create an account as described on the MSU webpage:
  - <https://www.montana.edu/education/menu/resources/mindwise.html>
  - [Login/create account: https://mindwise.digitalchalk.com/auth/login](https://mindwise.digitalchalk.com/auth/login)

# FYI Items

- The Center for Faculty Excellence is surveying faculty on programming needs:
  - Link in agenda: <https://forms.gle/EsXK4PdZakhFffTD9>
  - Also can use QR code below!



# FYI Items

- Update on diversity statements
  - Cannot ask for diversity statements from job applicants
    - Nondiscrimination statement on job postings is standardized
  - No university or college policy limiting diversity statements on websites, syllabi, etc
  - Can use boilerplate diversity statements from CFE  
[https://www.montana.edu/facultyexcellence/teaching-advising/resources/syllabus/syllabus\\_inclusiveness.html](https://www.montana.edu/facultyexcellence/teaching-advising/resources/syllabus/syllabus_inclusiveness.html)
- Update on Trump Rally spending: details in web link
  - Paid in full, ~\$162K
  - Cost to MSU police is ~\$12.7K for mutual aid to secret service

# FYI Items

- Update on parking
  - Resent the parking task force recommendations from last year
  - Contacted Randy Crandall
  - Please send a brief, polite note to parking services about your specific issues: [parkingservices@montana.edu](mailto:parkingservices@montana.edu) or to Randy
- Update on Wellness Center
  - Lowering locker fees and including towel service (thank you Rob!)
  - Please contact Amber Long for comments on pricing and availability of gym memberships

# Informational Update: Graduate Council

- Grad Council will have several guests this semester:
  - State economist (economic impact/success of alumni)
  - Graduate housing
  - Counseling & Psychological Services
  - Accreditation
- Grad School will soon release an RFP for "Faculty Champions" to improve the graduate group wellness/satisfaction. Grants of up to \$1000.
- Policy updates/changes:
  - Appeals policy (uniform due process)
  - 1 credit extension policy and graduation in absentia (uniformity/consistency)
    - NOTE concern about faculty who are not "on contract" during extension
  - Thesis "appendix" guidelines
  - Failed Comprehensive Exam policy



# Informational Update: 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)

1. New policy on vehicle management
  - Currently don't have a centralized database for vehicle/maintenance records – now go through UFM
  - Everyone driving an MSU owned car/truck will need training (insurance reasons)
  - Out for public comment, will vote in October
2. Add one line to EHS and risk management policy
  - Section 800.00: *“Safety and Risk Management will work in conjunction with the Vice President of Research and Economic Development to ensure laboratory safety when necessary.”*
3. Justin Arndt is working out the operating policy, asking for another read
  - “policy on policies”

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

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

# Questions for Chief Data Officer?

- Dr. Jason Browning, MSU Office of Planning and Analysis
- October 9 faculty senate meeting
- What data would you like to see?

# Informational Update: Ariel Dononhue

- Diversity report
- Q&A

# Undergraduate Courses and Programs

# Courses – First Reading

ANTY 359: Public Archaeology

EDSP 462: Special Education Law, Policies & Practices

# Course Inactivations – Second 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.

# Programs – First Reading

-CAS: Law Enforcement

# Program Inactivations – Second 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 – Second 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.

# Senate Open Discussion

# Public Comment

(Two minutes per person)

Do I have a motion to adjourn?  
Second?