

Welcome to Faculty Senate!



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Faculty Senate Meeting 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: always assume positive intent.

Approval of FS Minutes from November 19, 2025

- Do I have a motion to approve? Second?
- 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 Updates

- Norm Asbjornson Hall Student Art Wall competition info session:
Thurs 4 Dec 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Today (3 Dec): Holiday open house (3:30-5:30 p.m.)
and Lighting of Montana Hall (5:30 p.m.)
- Commencement (12 Dec):
faculty line-up 9:20AM in full regalia, North Tunnel
- Still seeking Mortar Board and Sigma Xi interest

Conferral of Degrees

- MSU Registrar: Tony Campeau



Undergraduate Courses and Programs

- New Courses-Second Read
 - [TE 499](#) : Applied Technology Management Capstone
 - [LSCI 400](#) : Truth and Reason
 - [WILD 473](#) : Fish and Wildlife Field Techniques
- Course Changes-Second Read
 - [BIOB 425](#) : Adv Cell & Molecular Biology
 - Changes to learning outcomes
 - [BIOH 423](#) : Human Developmental Biology
 - Number change from 323
 - [LSCI 121](#) :Library Research Skills
 - Title change from Digital Information Literacy
 - [LSCI 470](#) : Data Ethics and Privacy
 - Title change from Ethics and Privacy in the Age of Big Data
 - [PHSX 261](#) : Laboratory Electronics I
 - Change in credits from 3 to 4
 - Changes to learning outcomes

- Course Changes-First Read
 - [ARCH 261](#) : Architectural Graphics I
 - Credit change from 3 to 2
 - [ARCH 431](#) : Leadership in Architecture
 - Title change from Sustainability in Architecture
 - Changes to learning outcomes
 - [PHSX 490R](#) : Undergraduate Research
 - Credit change from 1-3 to 1-6
 - New learning outcomes
 - [TE 417](#) : Manufacturing Technology
 - Rubric change from AGTE
 - New learning outcomes
- Course Inactivations-Second Read
 - [TPHY-MINOR](#): Minor in Physics Teaching
 - This minor is not attracting students, and is no longer consistent with course offerings in Physics.

Graduate Courses and Programs

- Course Changes-Second Read
 - [BIOE 520](#) : Animal Biodiversity in GYE for Teachers
 - Title change from Animal Biodiversity in GYE
 - [BIOE 522](#) : Birds of Prey
 - Changes to learning outcomes
 - [BIOE 523](#) : Wildlife Ecology
 - Changes to learning outcomes
 - [BIOE 593](#) : Alpine Ecology for Teachers
 - Changes to learning outcomes
 - [BIOE 599](#) : Winter Ecology in Yellowstone National Park
 - Title change from Advanced Ecology for Teachers
 - [CHMY 595](#) : Chemistry of the Environment for Teachers
 - Changes to learning outcomes
 - [CHMY 597](#) : Exploring Biochemistry for Teachers
 - Title change from Exploring Biochemistry I for Teachers
 - Changes to learning outcomes

- Course Changes-Second Read (cont.)
 - [GEO 521](#) : Dinosaur Paleontology I
 - Title change from Dinosaur Paleontology
 - [LRES 582](#) : Streamside Science for Teachers
 - Changes to learning outcomes
 - [LRES 584](#) : Principles of Soil Science for Teachers
 - Title change from Soil Science for Middle and High School Teachers
 - [MB 533](#) : Current Topics in Microbiology for Teachers
 - Credit change from 3 to 1
 - Changes to learning outcomes
 - [MSSE 502](#) : Emerging Technology and the Science Classroom
 - Changes to learning outcomes

- Course Changes-First Read
 - [EDCI 558](#) : Methods of Teaching Secondary
 - Title change from Methods of Teaching Secondary 2
 - Credit change from 0-3 to 5
 - [NUTR 560](#) : Food Systems Leadership for Nutrition Professionals
 - Changes to learning outcomes
- Course Inactivations-Second Read
 - [AGED 585](#) : Laboratory Management and Teaching in Agricultural Education
 - Course never existed
- Program Changes-Second Read
 - [FMCS-MS](#) : Human Development and Family Science
 - Title change from Family and Consumer Sciences

Information Updates:

Regents Professor Policy

- “The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria and nominating procedures for the award of the rank of Regents Professor to Montana State University faculty members, in accordance with Board of Regents personnel policy. ”
- “Montana State University may recommend granting the rank of Regents Professor to a faculty member who:
 - is a tenured full professor, with at least five years of tenure-track service at Montana State University,
 - exhibits extraordinary and sustained distinction in scholarly activity that has demonstrably advanced the quality of the University’s teaching, research, and service missions,
 - has achieved clear and convincing evidence of earned national/international recognition outside of Montana State University,
 - will serve as an exemplary scholar and mentor for faculty colleagues, students, and public constituencies. ”

Regents Professor

[Sharepoint link](#)

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Information Updates: University Council

- First Reading:
 - [Reporting Suspected Legal, Regulatory, or Policy Violations](#) (OneMSU)
 - *Encourages reporting of suspected legal, regulatory, or policy violations, describes reporting procedures, and protects good-faith reporter from reprisal or retaliation.*
- Approved policies:
 - Student Safety Questionnaire Policy
 - *Deals with student applicants who could present an unreasonable risk to the safety and welfare of the campus community*
 - Revised Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Policy
 - *Combines alcohol, tobacco, and drug policies--generally follows current rules and procedures.*

Information Updates: Grad Council

Informational Updates: Other council reports?

Senate Open Discussion

Public Comment

(Two minutes per person)

Have a happy conclusion to the fall semester!

Do I have a motion to adjourn?
Second?

Next meeting: January 21, 2026