Faculty Senate
Tuesday, September 22, 2015,
South Room MPSC, 4:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

Composition of the Senate:
Three members elected from each college and one elected from the library. Six members are elected at-large. The Chancellor and the Provost are non-voting members ex officio. Each College also elects a teaching academic staff representative. The Academic Staff Senate and Student Senate appoint liaisons.

Quorum - Minimum number of 10 voting members needed to call a meeting to order

☐ Christopher Baxter (BILSA, 2018)  ☐ Teresa Burns (LAE, 2016 at-large) Chair
☐ Mike Compton (BILSA, 2016)  ☐ Rea Kirk (LAE, 2016)
☐ Evan Larson (LAE, 2018) Proxy Shane Drefcinski, 2016  ☐ Abulkhair Masoom (EMS, 2016 at-large)
☐ Colleen McCabe (at-large, LAE, 2017)  ☐ Tera Montgomery (BILSA, 2017)
☐ Michael Penn (EMS, 2016)  ☐ Laura Anderson (at-large, LAE, 2018) Parliamentarian
☐ James Swenson (EMS, 2018) Vice-Chair  ☐ Amanda Tucker (LAE, 2017)
☐ Mary Rose Williams (at-large, BILSA, 2018)  ☐ Frank Steck (at-large, EMS, 2016)
☐ James Alquist (Academic Staff, EMS, 2016)  ☐ T.A. Sandberg (Academic Staff, LAE, 2018)
☐ Misty Lemon-Rogers (Academic Staff, BILSA, 2017)

Non-Voting Members
☐ Dominic Barraclough (Provost’s Rep)  ☐ Mittie Nimocks Den Herder (Provost, ex officio)
☐ Dennis Shields (Chancellor, ex officio)  ☐ Vacant (Student Senate Liaison)
☐ Lisa Merkes-Kress (Recording Secretary)  ☐ Vacant (Liaison, Academic Staff Senate)

The Faculty Senate meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m., please see Faculty Senate website for location for 2015-16. The Faculty Senate agenda is composed of items from many sources. Agenda items come from many resources, if you wish to have an item placed on the agenda, please submit it to a Senate officer no later than eight days prior to the Senate meeting. The meetings are open to the public and all faculty members are invited to attend. The agenda is distributed to the faculty in advance of the meeting to give faculty members the opportunity to contact members of the Senate to express views on topics being discussed.

Description | Approximate Time
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1. Call to Order | 4:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes and Agenda
   A. Minutes of September 8, 2015 | 4:00 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.
   B. Agenda
3. Announcements
   A. Budget Update including Possible Effect upon Academic Positions (M. Den Herder) | 4:05 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
   B. Faculty Representative Report (C. Cornett) | 4:15 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.
4. Unfinished Business
   A. Update on Committee Members (J. Swenson) | 4:20 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.
   Purpose: To fill vacant seats on committees for 2015-2016
   B. Clemency Policy (J. Wilson)
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**Purpose:** Revising clemency policy as per previous Senate discussion 4:25 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

C. **Voluntary Absence Policy** (J. Wilson)
   **Purpose:** Revising voluntary absence policy as per previous Senate discussion 4:30 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.

D. **General Education Committee** (T. Burns)
   **Purpose:** Proposed addition to Faculty By-Laws from 9-8 has returned from the By-Laws Committee; General Education Ad Hoc Committee seeks Senate adoption 4:35 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.

E. **Reducing the Number of Faculty Committees** (all)
   **Purpose:** Solicit actionable suggestions to start process 4:40 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

5. **New Business**
   A. **Master of Science in Computer Science (MSCS) Program** (Q. Yang, J. Clifton)
      **Purpose:** Presenters seek Senate approval of program 4:45 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

6. **Adjourn** 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 13, 2015