

**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Harrison Hall 123**  
**January 21, 2026**  
**3:15pm-4:30pm**

Senators	Represents	Attended
Maher, Rob	Chair	X
Downs, Doug	Chair-Elect	X
Barrett, Campbell	Extension/Off campus	R
Bartkowiak, Ania	EHHD/Counseling	X
Boles, Jennifer	AR/Film and Photography	X
Bradley, Star	Library	X
Brennan, Alison	EHHD/HDCH	X
Cowan, Susanne	AR/Architecture	X
Davey, Blair	LS/Math Sciences	X
Giusti, Ada	LS/Modern Languages	X
Goosey, Hayes	Extension/On campus	R
Hammersla, Marg	Nursing/On campus	X
Huang, Li	AG/Plant Sciences & Plant Pathology	X
Johnson, Erick	EN/Mechanical and Industrial Engineering	X
Kunze, Anja	EN/Electrical & Computer Engineering	X
Lauchnor, Ellen	EN/Civil Engineering	R
Leary, Myleen	Business	X
McWethy, David	LS/Earth Sciences	R
Meyer, Jim	LS/History & Philosophy	R
Myers, Carrie	EHHD/Education	X
Neufeldt, Sharon	LS/Chemistry & Biochemistry	X
Nordby, Kim	Gallatin College	X
Palmer, Cara	LS/Psychology	X
Posbergh, Chris	AG/Animal & Range Sciences	X
Powell, Scott	AG/Land Resources	X
Regain, Melissa	AR/Art	X

Rushing, Sara	LS/Political Science	X
Secor, Patric	AG/Microbiology & Cell Biology	X
Shirley, Beth	LS/English	X
Swenson, Isaac	AG/Agricultural Economics	R
Thorsen, Maggie	LS/Sociology & Anthropology	X
Tomayko, Emily	EHHD/FSNK	X
Tretter, Ruth	Nursing/Off Campus	R
Ulrich, Danielle	LS/Ecology	R
Walach, Michael	AG/Agricultural Education	X

Alternates	Represents	Attended
Lachapelle, Paul	LS/Political Science	R
Yaw, Sean	EN/Computer Science	X

Others in Attendance	Represents	Attended
Clark, Jason	Library	X
Crandall, Randy	Parking	X
Dougher, Tracy	Provost's Office	X
Fassbender, Will	English	X
Hameline, Cassia	Center for Faculty Excellence	X
Intemann, Kristen	History & Philosophy	X
Lee, Nathan	Library	R
Luparell, Susan	Honorary Doctorate Committee	R
Mokwa, Robert	Provost	X
Rossmann, Roralyn	Library	X
Sheppard, John	Computer Science	X
Sobek, Durward	Office of the Provost	R
Stoop, Nika	Center for Faculty Excellence	X
Thomas, Will	CLS	X

I. Call to Order

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:17pm.

- II. Approval of FS Minutes from December 3, 2026
  - 1. Chris Pospergh moves to approve. Mike Walach seconds. None opposed. Two abstentions. Approved.
- III. FYI Items
  - 1. [Norm Asbjornson Hall Student Art Wall](#) competition proposals due 1/23/26
  - 2. "Public Things" project, a yearlong interdisciplinary seminar, [documentary film "City Hall,"](#) 4:00PM, panel discussion 5:30-6:30PM, 1/22/26
  - 3. [994-Journeys, Nicholas Lux](#), 4:00PM, 1/26/26
- IV. Undergraduate Courses and Programs
  - 1. Course Changes-Second Reading
    - a. [ARCH 261](#) : Architectural Graphics I
      - i. Credit change from 3 to 2
    - b. [ARCH 431](#) : Leadership in Architecture
      - i. Title change from Sustainability in Architecture
      - ii. Changes to learning outcomes
    - c. [PHSX 490R](#) : Undergraduate Research
      - i. Credit change from 1-3 to 1-6
      - ii. New learning outcomes
    - d. [TE 417](#) : Manufacturing Technology
      - i. Rubric change from AGTE
      - ii. New learning outcomes
  - 2. Course Changes-First Reading
    - a. [M 090](#) : Introductory Algebra
      - i. Credit change from 4 to 3
    - b. [MSSE 509](#) : Implementing Action Research in Science Education
      - i. New learning outcomes
    - c. [MSSE 575](#) : Capstone Paper and Symposium in Science Education
      - i. New learning outcomes
  - 3. Course Inactivations-Second Reading
    - a. [HONR 131](#) : Freshman Research Symposium
      - i. Now HONR 141
    - b. [PSYX 400](#) : History & System in Psychology
      - i. Course retired Fall 2025
- V. Graduate Courses and Programs
  - 1. New Courses-First Read
    - a. [ACTG 593](#) : Graduate Study Abroad
    - b. [EM 555](#) : Granular Mechanics
  - 2. Course Changes-Second Read
    - a. [EDCI 558](#) : Methods of Teaching Secondary
      - i. Title change from Methods of Teaching Secondary 2
      - ii. Credit change from 0-3 to 5
    - b. [NUTR 560](#) : Food Systems Leadership for Nutrition Professionals
      - i. Changes to learning outcomes
  - 3. Course Changes-First Read

- a. [ARCH 560](#) : Masters Studio Project
  - i. Credit change from 4 to 6
- b. [BIOH 586](#) : AP Biology Principles for Teachers
  - i. Title change from AP Biology for Teachers
- c. [FILM 510](#) : Fundamentals of Filmmaking
  - i. Credit change from 3 to 4
- d. Rubric change from HDCO to COUN
  - i. [COUN 502](#) : Counseling Ethics and Professional Orientation
  - ii. [COUN 503](#) : Professional Issues in Counseling
  - iii. [COUN 508](#) : Counseling Theories I
  - iv. [COUN 510](#) : Counseling Theories II
  - v. [COUN 521](#) : Counseling Skills Lab
  - vi. [COUN 522](#) : Group Counseling
  - vii. [COUN 541](#) : Introduction to Mental Health
  - viii. [COUN 542](#) : Communication and Helping Skills
  - ix. [COUN 563](#) : Multicultural Awareness
  - x. [COUN 565](#) : Couples Counseling
  - xi. [COUN 569](#) : Advanced Family Counseling
  - xii. [COUN 571](#) : Prof Counsel Practicum
  - xiii. [COUN 589](#) : Graduate Consultation
  - xiv. [COUN 598](#) : Internship

#### 4. Course Inactivations-First Read

- a. [AGBE 589](#) : Graduate Consultation
  - i. Course no longer offered

## VI.

### Information Updates

1. Proposal for Board of Regents: "MSU Interdisciplinary Institute on Artificial Intelligence (IIAI)," Doralyn Rossman, Will Thomas, et al.
  - a. Questions/Comments:
    - i. Still in conceptualization stage?
      - a. Yes, to an extent.
      - b. Will go to BOR in March.
      - c. Expectation that projects will involve multiple disciplines.
    - ii. How faculty might be involved in the institute?
      - a. Provide workshops, bring in others from outside. Engage with institute.
      - b. AI is by nature interdisciplinary.
    - iii. Where does the funding for these projects come from? What is the long-term plan for funding?
      - a. Baseline investments will need to be made.
      - b. Larger initiatives will be a collaboration with Deans and the Provost.
      - c. Grant proposals are in process. Grants have been received.
    - iv. This is highlighting something that many don't recognize and that is that AI is inherently interdisciplinary.

- a. AI itself is not interdisciplinary. It is a tool and the way you use it can be interdisciplinary.
- 2. Proposal for Board of Regents: JJCBE organization into departments
  - a. See slide presentation for department breakdown.
  - b. Questions
    - i. What does this look like administratively?
      - a. Will have three “department heads”
    - ii. Is it an even split in student numbers between the three departments?
      - a. Management was the biggest
      - b. Marketing was growing.
      - c. Can’t recall the numbers in accounting.
- 3. Parking on campus update, Randy Crandall
  - a. See slide presentation.
  - b. Questions/comments
    - i. What is the plan to handle the capacity of commuters wanting to park and go to the new Gallatin College building?
      - a. Possible “Gallatin Collage Pass”
      - b. Commuter parking
    - ii. Where is parking at other sites handled? Here at MSU.
  - c. What is the history of why people have to pay to park where they work?
    - i. Parking is self-funded, including paving, maintenance, snow removal, cost of parking garage, etc.
    - ii. State law says that parking cannot be funded by student tuition/fees.
  - d. Grant funding can’t be channeled to parking? Some grants cover infrastructure.
    - i. We are separate from that.
  - e. Plans to open up passes to faculty separate from students are appreciated
  - f. Are there plans to expand Cat Tracks to stop on the east side of the stadium and campus?
    - i. Don’t have a timeline now but will look at it.
    - ii. WTI was hired to look at potential routes.
    - iii. Turning left back onto Kagy takes extra time.
- 4. Council Updates (University Council, Grad Council, Research Council, ...)
- 5. Policy revision process discussion
  - a. Carried over

VII. Senators' Open Conversation

- 1. None

VIII. Public Comment

- 1. Provost Mokwa: Thank you all for a great Fall semester. Welcome back.

IX. Executive Session

X. Adjourn

1. Susanne Cowan moves to approve. Marg Hammersla seconds. Meeting adjourned at 4:28pm.