

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 infostructure.
 - i. We are sperate 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.