

# 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 during the designated public comment period.
- Be kind: always assume positive intent.

# Approval of FS Minutes from December 3, 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 proposals due 1/23/26
- "Public Things" project, a yearlong interdisciplinary seminar, [documentary film "City Hall,"](#) 4:00PM, panel discussion 5:30-6:30PM, 1/22/26
- [994-Journeys, Nicholas Lux](#), 4:00PM, 1/26/26

# Undergraduate Courses and Programs

- Course Changes-**Second 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 Changes-First Read
  - [M 090](#) : Introductory Algebra
    - Credit change from 4 to 3
  - [MSSE 509](#) : Implementing Action Research in Science Education
    - New learning outcomes
  - [MSSE 575](#) : Capstone Paper and Symposium in Science Education
    - New learning outcomes
- Course Inactivations-**Second Read**
  - [HONR 131](#) : Freshman Research Symposium
    - Now HONR 141
  - [PSYX 400](#) : History & System in Psychology
    - Course retired Fall 2025

# Graduate Courses and Programs



- New Courses-First Read
  - [ACTG 593](#) : Graduate Study Abroad
  - [EM 555](#) : Granular Mechanics
- Course Changes-**Second 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 Changes-First Read

- [ARCH 560](#) : Masters Studio Project
  - Credit change from 4 to 6
- [BIOH 586](#) : AP Biology Principles for Teachers
  - Title change from AP Biology for Teachers
- [FILM 510](#) : Fundamentals of Filmmaking
  - Credit change from 3 to 4
- **Rubric change from HDCO to COUN:**

- [COUN 502](#) : Counseling Ethics and Professional Orientation
- [COUN 503](#) : Professional Issues in Counseling
- [COUN 508](#) : Counseling Theories I
- [COUN 510](#) : Counseling Theories II
- [COUN 521](#) : Counseling Skills Lab
- [COUN 522](#) : Group Counseling

- [COUN 541](#) : Introduction to Mental Health
- [COUN 542](#) : Communication and Helping Skills
- [COUN 563](#) : Multicultural Awareness
- [COUN 565](#) : Couples Counseling
- [COUN 569](#) : Advanced Family Counseling
- [COUN 571](#) : Prof Counsel Practicum
- [COUN 589](#) : Graduate Consultation
- [COUN 598](#) : Internship

- Course Inactivations-First Read
  - [AGBE 589](#) : Graduate Consultation
    - Course no longer offered

# Information Updates:

## *Proposal for Board of Regents:*

### “MSU Interdisciplinary Institute on Artificial Intelligence (IIAI)”

Doralyn Rossman  
*Dean, MSU Library*



Will Thomas  
*Dean, CLS*

# Information Updates:

## *Proposal for Board of Regents:*

### JJCBE organization into departments

#### **Accounting & Finance**

- Bachelor of Science in Business - Accounting and Finance options
- Master of Professional Accounting degree
- Oversight of finance and accounting curriculum

#### **Management & Entrepreneurship**

- Bachelor of Science in Business - Management option
- Bachelor of Science in Hospitality –Hospitality Business option
- Coordination with LaunchPad and the new Entrepreneurship Center

#### **Marketing & Analytics**

- Bachelor of Science in Marketing option
- Collaboration with the Gianforte School of Computing on data analytics and decision science initiatives

# Information Updates:

- MSU Parking – Randy Crandall, Director





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# Topics of Discussion

- What changed in how permits were sold between Academic Years 24-25 and 25-26
- Construction on Campus
- CatTracks Shuttle Service



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# What changed in how permits were sold between FY25 and FY26

- Permits released:
  - 24-25 Academic Year – Permits became available at 12:00 am.
  - 25-26 Academic Year – Permits became available at 08:00 am.
- Rationale for the Change:
  - In the previous academic year, PTS received substantial feedback that individuals had to stay up to purchase their permit.
  - In the previous academic year, PTS received substantial feedback that there was no customer service to assist them if there were problems.
- Academic year 2025-2026 Adjustments:
  - PTS changed the permit release time to 08:00 am, with the belief it would do the following:
    - Allow PTS staff to provide customer service in the moment, not requiring the customer to wait until P&T opened at 08:00 am.
    - Reduce the complaints that people had to stay up past midnight to compete for a permit.



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## **How Well Did We Execute:**

- PTS was able to work with callers having difficulty with the purchasing a permit.
- Complaints/Concerns:
  - Individual in the “Cue” for extended period of time, waiting to be able to purchase a permit.



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# **How Does Parking & Transportation Improve Next Year?**



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# Construction on Campus:

- Lot 14 – College of Nursing
  - Completion – End of April 2026
  - Regain
    - 75 Elk Parking stall
    - 6 ADA stalls
- Lot 11 – Taken offline permanently for the VIM hotel project



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# CatTracks Shuttle Service

- FY25 Ridership:
  - Rides provided = 32,685
  - Miles driven = 25,854
- FY26 Ridership – (Fall 2025)
  - Rides Provided = 12,750
  - Miles Driven = 12, 727



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# Current Parking Availability

- Bobcat Lot 25 (Eastside of Stadium)
  - Has had available parking daily, everyday throughout the day.
  - Examples:
    - Friday, January 16, 2026, @ 10:00 am – 377 available stalls
    - Tuesday, January 20, 2026, @ 1:00 pm – 270 available stalls
    - Wednesday, January 21, 2026, @ 10:50 am - 233 available stalls



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**Questions, Comments, or Concerns?**



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# Information Updates: Grad Council

- Departments may apply for travel funding assistance up to \$400 to help admitted, undecided prospective grad students visit campus – email Melis Edwards
- Feb 5 is the Graduate School application deadline for spring graduation
- Graduate School has a nice lineup of professional development events for grad students this semester – see <https://www.montana.edu/gradschool/professionaldevelopment/index.html>



# Informational Updates: Other council reports?

# Information Updates: Policy revisions

- New website with list of policies for review

<https://www.montana.edu/policy/review/>

- To be voted on by University Council on 2/4/26
  - Reporting Suspected Legal, Regulatory, or Policy Violations
  - Personal Transportation Device
  - Emergency Management Policy
- To be reviewed soon
  - Contract Approval & Execution
  - Student Field Trips and Domestic Travel

# Senate Open Discussion

# Public Comment

(Two minutes per person)

# Executive Session

(Confidential consideration of Honorary Doctorate nominees)

Do I have a motion to adjourn?  
Second?

Next meeting: February 4, 2026