

Faculty Senate Meeting**Harrison Hall 123****April 22, 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 & Photography	X
Brennan, Alison	EHHD/HDCH	X
Cowan, Susanne	AR/Architecture	X
Davey, Blair	LS/Math	X
Giusti, Ada	LS/Modern Languages	X
Goosey, Hayes	Extension/On Campus	X
Herman, Matt	LS/Native American Studies	R
Hodge, David	EN/Chemical Engineering	X
Johnson, Erick	EN/Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	X
Kunze, Anja	EN/Electrical & Computer Engineering	X
Leary, Myleen	Business	X
McWethy, David	LS/Earth Sciences	X
Mumey, Brendan	EN/Computer Science	X
Myers, Carrie	EHHD/Education	X
Nidever, David	LS/Physics	X
Nordby, Kim	Gallatin College	X
Palmer, Cara	LS/Psychology	X
Posbergh, Chris	AG/Animal & Range Sciences	X
Powell, Scott	AG/Land Resources	X
Shirely, Beth	LS/English	X
Swenson, Isaac	AG/Ag Econ	X
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/Agriculture Education	X

Alternates	Represents	Attended
Lachapelle, Paul	LS/Political Science	X
Mueller-Redwood, Susanne	LS/Political Science	X
Schure, Mark	EHHD/HDCH	R

Others in Attendance	Represents	Attended
Bodine, Ryan	Office of the Registrar	X
Dougher, Tracy	Office of the Provost	X
Hameline, Cassia	Center for Faculty Excellence	R
Rizzuto, Jamie	Athletics	X
Sobek, Durward	Office of the Provost	X
Sterman, Leila	Library	X
Tarabochia, Dawn	Athletics Academics	X

- I. Call to Order
 1. Meeting called to order at 3:16pm.
- II. Approval of FS Minutes from April 8, 2026
 1. Jack Jelinski moves to approve. Susanne Cowan seconds. None opposed. No abstentions. Approved.
- III. FYI Items
 1. [Climate Week events](#), April 20-24
 2. [Law Day](#), April 23, 10:00AM, SUB Ballroom (State v. Hubber)
 3. [Student Research Celebration](#), May 1, 10AM and 1PM, SUB Ballroom
 4. Commencement, May 8, 2026: [faculty line-up in full regalia](#), North Tunnel, 9:20AM for morning session, 1:50PM for afternoon session.
- IV. Registrar: faculty approval of list of graduates
 1. Ryan Bodine
 - a. Paul Lachapelle moves to approve. Hayes Goosey seconds.
 - i. How many are there? ~2,700
 - b. None opposed. No abstentions. Approved.
- V. Undergraduate Courses and Programs
 1. New Courses-Second Read
 - a. [AGED 405](#) : Building Global Leaders in Agriculture
 - b. [ARCH 213](#) : Professional Practice I
 - c. [HEE 361](#) : Youth Movement Science II
 - d. [HLD 401](#) : Intermediate Peer Mentorship
 - e. [HLD 403](#) : Advanced Peer Mentorship
 - f. [LEG 498](#) : Internship
 - g. [HLD 403](#) : Advanced Peer Mentorship
 - h. [PSCI 442](#) : Environmental Policy and Politics
 - i. [PSYX 483](#) : Psychology of Death and Dying
 - j. [WRIT 495](#) : Writing Field Experience Practicum
 2. New Courses-First Read
 - a. [BFIN 465](#) : Financial Analytics with Python

- b. [EMEC 389](#) : Mechanical Systems Integration
 - c. [EQUH 101](#) : Horsemanship 1
 - d. [LS 336](#) : Narrative Journeys in Film
3. Course Changes-Second Read
- a. [FILM 112](#) :Film Production I
 - i. Title change from Aesthetics of Film Production I
 - b. [FILM 212](#) :Film Production II
 - i. Title change from Aesthetics of Film Production II
 - c. [GEO 402](#) : Cellular and Molecular Paleontology
 - i. Title change from Molecular Paleontology
 - d. [HLD 301](#) : Fundamentals of Peer Mentorship
 - i. Rubric and number change from US 460 (US is not an approved rubric)
 - ii. Title change from Peer Leadership
 - iii. New learning outcomes
4. Course Changes-First Read
- a. [ARCH 253](#) : Architectural Design I
 - i. New learning outcomes
 - b. [ARCH 262](#) : Architectural Graphics II
 - i. Credit change from 3 to 2
 - ii. Changes to learning outcomes
 - c. [ARCH 363](#) : Architectural Graphics III
 - i. Credit change from 3 to 2
 - ii. New learning outcomes
 - d. [ARCH 413](#) : Professional Practice II
 - i. Title changed to add the "II"
 - ii. Credit change from 3 to 2
 - iii. New learning outcomes
 - e. [EDU 270](#) : Integrating Technology into Education
 - i. Number change from 370 to 270. (270 and 370 are equivalent in CCN)
 - f. [HORT 231](#) : Woody Landscape Plants
 - i. Title change from Woody Ornamentals
 - ii. Updated learning outcomes
 - g. [HTR 498](#) : Hospitality Management Internship II
 - i. Credit change from 2-12 to 3
 - ii. Updated learning outcomes
 - h. [KIN 498](#) : Internship
 - i. New learning outcomes
 - i. [MAS 111](#) : DAF Heritage and Values II
 - i. Title change from Competition and Security
 - ii. New learning outcomes
 - j. [PHOT 360](#) : National Parks Digital
 - i. Title change from Yellowstone Digital

- ii. Updated learning outcomes
 - k. [PSYX 110IS](#) : Honors Intro to Psychology
 - i. Credit change from 4 to 3
 - ii. New learning outcomes
 - l. [SOCI 358](#) : Crime and Inequality
 - i. New learning outcomes
- 5. Course Inactivations-Second Read
 - a. [M 065](#) : Pre-Algebra
 - i. M 065 and M 085 have been replaced with M063 and M 090.
 - b. [M 066](#) : Pre-Algebra Lab and Study
 - i. This course has been replaced by M063.
 - c. [M 108](#) : Business Mathematics
 - i. This course is no longer a requirement for Gallatin College students. It has been replaced with M105Q.
 - d. [PSYX 443](#) : Collective Memory
 - i. Retired Fall 2025
- 6. Program Changes-Second Read
 - a. [HEEN-BS](#) : Bachelor of Science in Physical Education
 - i. Title change from Bachelor of Science in Health Enhancement K-12 Broadfield-Health and Physical Education
 - b. [MBOA-BS](#) : Bachelor of Science in Microbiology
 - i. Title change from Bachelor of Science in Microbiology-Microbiology Option, Microbiology Track
 - ii. New learning outcomes

VI. Graduate Courses and Programs

- 1. New Courses-Second Read
 - a. [EMAN 515](#) : Industrial Internet of Things
 - b. [LRES 556](#) : Earth's Critical Zone
- 2. Course Changes-Second Read
 - a. [AGED 592](#) : Independent Study
 - i. New learning outcomes
 - b. [AGED 594](#) : Graduate Seminar
 - i. New learning outcomes
 - c. [AGED 598](#) : Internship
 - i. Change in range of credits from 2-12 to 2-8
 - ii. New learning outcomes
 - d. [BIOB 525](#) : Adv. Cell & Molecular Biology
 - i. New learning outcomes
 - e. [BIOE 585](#) : Exploring Biology for Teachers
 - i. New learning outcomes
 - f. [ENTO 510](#) : Insect Ecology
 - i. New learning outcomes

- g. [STAT 525](#) : Biostatistics
 - i. New learning outcomes
- h. [STAT 537](#) : Multivariate Analysis I
 - i. New learning outcomes
- i. [STAT 598](#) : Internship
 - i. Number change from 576
 - ii. New learning outcomes

3. Course Changes-First Read

- a. [EGEN 511](#) : Engineering Methods for Teachers
 - i. Changes to learning outcomes
- b. [PHSX 531](#) : Nonlinear Optics/Laser Spectroscopy
 - i. New learning outcomes

VII. Public Comment

- 1. None

VIII. Information Updates

- 1. Student athletes' academic progress (Dawn Tarabochia and Jamie Rizutto)
 - a. Questions
 - i. Are students getting a lot of support due to missing classes?
 - A. They do get help on the road.
 - B. They can study on the road.
 - C. Online tutoring for missed tutoring sessions.
 - D. Students are good at communicating with professors
 - ii. Do we have many graduate student athletes?
 - A. We are having more and more.
 - B. New NCAA rules may change that.
 - i. Gives them five years
 - C. The recruiting cycle doesn't always fit with the graduate school application timeline.
 - iii. Student athletes do have to hit "marks" in academics to maintain their eligibility.
- 2. Sabbatical process info and recommendations (Stephanie McCalla)
 - a. Questions
 - i. The new Strategic Plan may not be as easy to transfer to this rubric system.
 - A. Will use the current plan until it is replaced.
 - ii. In addition to years of service, can you ask if they've applied before and been rejected? How many times?
 - A. The committee is considering asking for this information.
 - i. Think they should get some credit for years of service.

- B. Don't always get denied because you wrote a bad application. There can be other reasons.
- iii. Why do applicants who applied for full year always get denied? They say it is a funding problem, but a full year sabbatical is only paid out at 70%.
 - A. Needs to be taken up with the new provost.
- iv. Are we getting closer to a place where a full year sabbatical WILL be funded at 100%?
 - A. Would need to ask the provost.
 - B. There are cost issues we are not aware of.
- v. What happened to those who were awarded sabbatical in 2020 that was then rescinded?
 - A. You would still have the tiers of service.
 - B. Will try to get more info on that.
- vi. Number of applications/awards and how they compare to UofM?
 - A. Last year, they funded 100% of their sabbaticals.
- vii. Seems this benefits full professors over associate professors.
 - A. Don't see any reason a full professor who has already taken a sabbatical would score more points over an associate who hasn't.
- viii. All notifications have gone out.
- ix. Is MSU transparent about their data?
 - A. We don't have a website where we post that data. That would be a good recommendation.
- x. Does the provost have the final approval?
 - A. Faculty Affairs does the ranking, but the provost approves them.
 - B. The Committee has not received any info on how many, if any, on numbers approved/denied.
 - i. Has been requested roughly 1.5 months ago.
 - ii. Would like to reiterate the request for deeper transparency in the data we expose to the public. We are a public institution.
- xi. Will these changes come back to us next semester?
 - A. Yes.
- xii. Can the committee ask for more funding to provide more sabbaticals?
 - A. The lack of funding isn't due to lack of asking.

3. Council Updates (University Council, Grad Council, Research Council, ...)
 - a. See slide presentation
- IX. Voting: Chair-Elect nomination of Dr. Leila Sterman
 1. Welcome.
 2. Do you have any specific initiatives you plan to work on?
 - a. A little premature but I am interested in looking into the health care plans/prices.
 - b. Leila is from the Library.
 - c. None opposed. No abstentions. Leila Sterman will become Chair-Elect next fall.
- X. Senators' Open Conversation
 1. Handbook for administrators. There isn't one.
 - a. Every employee is under the HR handbook, including administrators. There is no specific handbook on ethical guidelines for administrators specifically.
 - b. Is there a mechanism to get more transparency out of administration?
 - i. Issues with transparency throughout the hiring process.
 - ii. We are asked to be transparent, they should be too.
 - iii. This will be discussed more at the beginning of next year.
 2. Would like to see "shared governance" clearly defined.
 - a. Need to figure out how to work with, and not against administration, to work on these issues.
 - b. Why doesn't administration want shared governance?
 - i. We don't think the administration doesn't want shared governance at all.
 - ii. We sometimes have different understandings of what shared governance involves and requires.
 - c. Thank you to Rob for your dedication serving as chair.
- XI. Adjourn
 1. Michael Walach moves to adjourn. Susanne Cowan seconds. Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Social gathering for Senators and Alternates following the meeting.