WELCOME TO THE FACULTY SENATE

Orientation for Faculty Senators

The Faculty Senate acts as a representative body and conducts the business of the General Faculty

http://www.facsen.iastate.edu/
You Will Make a Difference!

- The Faculty Senate is very important to provide faculty representation and to connect with the ISU administration.
- The Faculty Senate is a vital partner in policy improvement and change for faculty to thrive, succeed, and advance.
- The Faculty Senate involves collaboration and networking across disciplines and colleges.
You Will Make a Difference!

- You meet great new people – networking
- An effective way to learn how the university works
- Many different levels of engagement to fit your career stage
- You can participate in leadership opportunities
- Fill a need for diverse membership
Faculty Senate Website
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Iowa State University Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate represents the general faculty of Iowa State University and participates in shared governance of the University with the administration. It is made up of 82 representatives elected by the general faculty, and divided into caucuses representing each of the seven colleges. The Faculty Senate has legislative responsibility for general academic and educational policy, serving to facilitate communication among faculty, students, and administration. It also cooperates with the administration in conflict resolution, and advises the administration on budgetary and other policy matters.

The Faculty Senate conducts its business through a system of five councils (Academic Affairs, Faculty Development and Administrative Relations, Faculty Governance, Judiciary and Appeals, and Resource Policies and Allocations) and their committees. The Executive Board of the Faculty Senate consists of the chairs of the five councils, the chairs of the seven college caucuses, and the officers. The Faculty Senate was established in 1988. Prior to that time, the General Faculty was the only mechanism for faculty participation in university governance, and meetings were poorly attended. A Faculty Council existed, but it was advisory and had no authority or responsibility.
Senate Governance, Constitution, Bylaws
http://www.facsen.iastate.edu/history

- Faculty Senate Constitution
- Faculty Senate By-Laws - updated January 2017
- Faculty Handbook
- Faculty Senate Strategic Plan
- Faculty Senate Procedures Manual
- History of the Faculty Council 1954-1988
- List of Past Presidents
Faculty Handbook Online

Faculty Handbook

The Faculty Handbook is the official statement of Iowa State University policy governing the rights, responsibilities, and performance of faculty. This handbook contains information on state and federal policies, Board of Regent’s policies, administrative policies, and policies approved by the Faculty Senate on behalf of the faculty. The Faculty Handbook also contains information about procedures that are not readily available elsewhere and links or references to other sources for further information.

The Faculty Handbook is updated twice annually, January 15 and August 1. Maintenance of the Faculty Handbook is the responsibility of both the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost and the Faculty Senate Governance Council. Past versions of the Faculty Handbook (back through 1998) are archived and available online.

Faculty Handbook (PDF, 1.02MB) (uploaded March 23, 2018)

Archive (PDF versions): 2018a (PDF, 1.55MB), 2017b (PDF, 1.55MB), 2017a (PDF, 983KB), 2016b (PDF, 965KB), 2016a (PDF, 960KB), 2015b (PDF, 1.38MB), 2015a (PDF, 884KB), 2014b (PDF, 884KB), 2014a (PDF, 864KB), 2013b (PDF, 859KB), 2013a (PDF, 801KB), 2012b (PDF, 7.33MB), 2012a (PDF, 699KB), 2011b (PDF, 699KB), 2011a (PDF, 773KB), 2010 (PDF, 760KB), 2009 (PDF, 751KB), 2008c (PDF, 724KB), 2008b (PDF, 702KB), 2008a (PDF, 707KB), 2007 (PDF, 704KB), 2006 (PDF, 815KB), 2005 (PDF, 866KB), 2004 (PDF, 864KB), 2002 (PDF, 848KB), 1999 (PDF, 888KB), 1998 (PDF, 744KB)

https://www.provost.iastate.edu/faculty-and-staff-resources/faculty-handbook
The Faculty Senate is charged with three functions:

- **Legislative Function**: The senate is responsible for educational policies and procedures, including the curriculum.
- **Advisory Function**: The senate is obliged to advise the university community including the administration and Board of Regents on matters of general welfare to the faculty and institution.
- **Communication Function**: The senate facilitates communication among members of the university community and assists in conflict resolution.
ISU Faculty Senate - Established 1988

- Represents the general faculty and participates in shared governance with the University administration.
- There are 82 representatives elected by the general faculty, and divided into caucuses representing each of the seven colleges.
- The college caucus has members that represent each department and at-large-members that represent the college. Caucus members are faculty senators.
Faculty Senate Leadership

- President
- President-Elect
- Past-President
- Secretary
- Administrative support, Sherri Angstrom
Executive Board

- Comprised of:
  - Four officers (President, President-Elect, Past-President, Secretary)
  - Seven College Caucus Chairs
  - Five Council Chairs
  - Ex-Officio: Provost and Associate Provosts
- Meets monthly to review and approve Faculty Senate monthly agenda
- Faculty Senate Councils report to the Senate Executive Board and will be guided by its recommendations and actions
Faculty Senate College Caucuses

- There are seven (7) college caucuses
- Each caucus is comprised of a senator from each department plus elected at-large members
- College caucus members:
  - Elect a caucus chair who sits on the Executive Board
  - Appoint representatives to each Council
  - Meet monthly to review senate issues
  - Communicate with college/departmental faculty
  - Meet regularly with the dean
Faculty Senate Councils

• Five Councils conduct senate business:
  – Academic Affairs Council (AA)
  – Faculty Development and Administrative Relations Council (FDAR)
  – Governance Council (Gov)
  – Judiciary and Appeals Council (J&A)
  – Resource Policies and Allocations Council (RPA)
• Council chairs are elected by the general Senate membership
• Council members must be Faculty Senators

http://www.facsen.iastate.edu/councils
Faculty Senate Councils

• Prepare, review, and revise resolutions and proposals prior to consideration by the Executive Board
• Oversee and coordinate the activities of the committees that report to them
• Keep an agenda and minutes of their activities, as well as of the committees that report to them
• Provide annual written reports to the Executive Board and the Faculty Senate
COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

**Academic Affairs Council**
- Academic Standards and Admissions Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Outcomes Assessment Committee
- Student Affairs Committee

**Faculty Development and Administrative Relations Council**
- Facilities and Educational Resources Committee
- Recognition and Development Committee
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

**Governance Council**
- Committee on Committees
- Senate Documents Committee
- College and Departmental Document Review Committee

**Judiciary and Appeals Council**
- Appeals Committee

**Resource Policies and Allocations Council**
- Faculty Compensation Committee
- Business and Finance Committee
- Research Planning and Policy Committee
- Information Technology Committee

**Note:** Membership on Committees is **not** limited to Faculty Senators.

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Process of the Faculty Senate Meeting

• Faculty Senate agenda will be sent by Sherri Angstrom, administrative office support for Faculty Senate

• It is important to read all emails sent from Sherri Angstrom from the Senate office

• The agenda will include attachments to review prior to the meeting; please read all attachments

• The meeting is conducted using Robert’s Rules; in supplementary power point*
Faculty Senate Agenda

An emailed packet with the agenda and supporting materials goes out a few days before every senate meeting.
Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

- **New business**: items discussed as a “first reading”. These have been approved by Executive Board for discussion by the Senate. No vote may yet be taken.

- **Unfinished business**: items discussed as a “second reading”. Following this second discussion, these are eligible for a vote.
Consent Agenda

• Items included are routine or do not need discussion.
• Allows the Senate to approve these items together without discussion or motions.
• If you want to have discussion on an item you will have to move to remove it from the consent agenda.

II. Consent Agenda – 3:32 p.m.
A. Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting – April 18 2017 [S16/M/9]
B. Agenda for – May 2, 2017 [S16/A/10]
C. Docket Calendar – [S16/C/10]
D. Council/Committee Annual Reports [S16-28]
Schedule of action items that have come before the senate all year. Anything that needs a vote will get a calendar number. The status of each item is shown.

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Faculty Senator Best Practices/Guidelines

- Review duties of your respective position
- Assure 2-way communication to bring issues from faculty back to senate and to inform faculty of issues discussed in senate
- Facilitate faculty senator recruitment at the college and departmental level
- Assure that a diverse and inclusive pool of candidates are recruited to faculty senate and develop strategies to do so
- Report updates at departmental and college faculty meetings
Faculty Senator Best Practices/Guidelines

• Disseminate knowledge about the importance of the faculty senate and serving as a faculty senator, such as input on policies, changes in the faculty handbook, and faculty advancement, to name a few

• Be knowledgeable about faculty interests for committees, which includes senators and non-senators

• Enjoy the important collaborative service you are engaged in for the University!
Questions?

• Contact your caucus chair, council chair, or committee chair
• Procedural documents under history and governance documents http://www.facsen.iastate.edu/history
• For additional procedural information, contact the Faculty Senate Office Sherri Angstrom sangstro@iastate.edu
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