

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 at end of the meeting during public comment.
- Be kind: always assume positive intent.

Approval of FS Minutes from Spring 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

- **Welcome new members!**
- **Senator lunch with the President:**
 - **Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, 11:30AM-1:00PM**
 - **Alumni Legacy Lounge (SUB)**
 - **(senator only; alternate if senator not available)**

FYI Updates

- **Faculty Senate representatives needed for university committees and councils**
 - **ADA Facilities Advisory Committee (ADA-FAC)—last Tuesday of each month 3:00-4:00PM.**
 - **Core Committee—every other Monday 3:00-4:00PM (next 9/8/25)**
 - **Assessment & Outcomes Committee—every other Wednesday 2:00-3:00PM (next 9/10/25)**
 - **Others**
- **Reminder about P&T reviewer training sessions**

FYI Updates

- **Canvas learning management system—how is it going?**
- **MyInfo changing with Banner 9 update. More info to follow.**
- **Campus Recreation Center faculty memberships:**
 - **\$500 annual (\$41.67 per month)**
 - **Optional locker+towel \$125 annual**
 - **Trial membership: \$30 for 30 days**

Informational Updates: Council Reports?

- Grad Council, Research Council, Academic (Deans) Council, ...

Welcome to Dr. Brock Tessman!

13th President of Montana State University

- Formal education
 - Bachelor's degree in International Relations, Brown University
 - Master's degree in International Affairs, University of Colorado at Boulder
 - Ph.D. Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder
- Most recently President of Northern Michigan University
- Prior academic appointments
 - University of Georgia Department of International Affairs
 - University of Montana Political Science Department
 - Dean of UM's Davidson Honors College.
 - MUS Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education



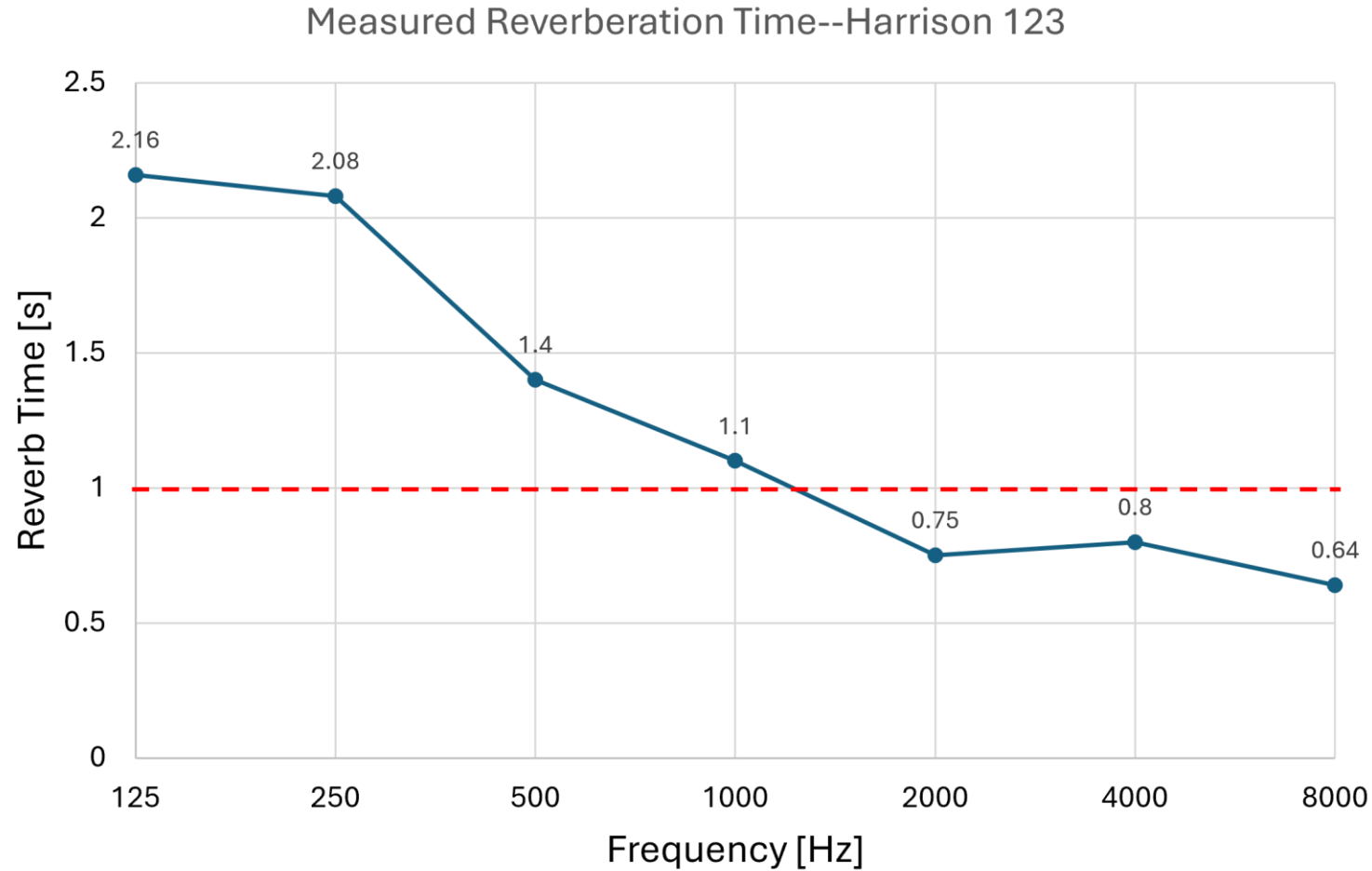
Faculty Senate "Orientation"

- Faculty Senate is the chief governance body of the faculty of Montana State University
- Frames policies, procedures and standards of the Faculty Handbook
- Fosters a climate of academic freedom
- Promotes consistency in tenure, promotion in academic rank, workload, and salary
- Upholds faculty professional standards for ethics, privileges, and obligations
- Provides input on university affairs such as strategic planning, budgeting, curriculum, accreditation, and graduation requirements

Faculty Senate Meetings

- Senate has regular formal meetings twice per month
- Typical meeting format:
 - Call to order
 - Review and approve prior meeting minutes
 - FYI items
 - Informational Items, reports from Councils
 - Deliberative business
 - Course/Program formal approval
 - Senators' open discussion
 - Public comment
- Special meetings can be called, as needed

Reminder to speak clearly and loudly...



Faculty Senate Meetings (cont.)

- Meetings are presided over by Faculty Senate Chair (Rob Maher) and Chair-Elect (Doug Downs)
- Senate admin assistant: Keely Holmes (roster, agenda, minutes)
- Senate Executive Steering Committee (2025-2026)
 - Rob Maher (chair), Doug Downs (chair-elect), Stephanie McCalla (past-chair), Jen Boles (Film & Photo), Marg Hammersla (Nursing), Chris Posbergh (Animal & Range), and Dave McWethy (Earth Science)

Faculty Senate Meetings (cont.)

- Faculty Senate meetings are run in accordance with the rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and the Faculty Senate bylaws.
- MSU Open Meetings Policy: “right to observe the deliberations of all public bodies or agencies of state government and its subdivisions, except in cases in which the demand of individual privacy clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure.”

https://www.montana.edu/policy/open_meetings/

Faculty Senate General Topics for 2025-2026

- Encourage and enable *Faculty Engagement* on campus
 - Service on governance, advisory, and ad hoc committees
 - Encourage new advisory participation
 - Activities that bring prominence and pride to the faculty roles
 - Active participation in all aspects of campus life
 - Collegial interaction: get to know each other
- Active innovation in all areas of scholarship (teaching, research, service, integration, outreach, translation to practice)
- Review and update Faculty Senate bylaws

Questions and Comments?

Undergraduate Courses and Programs

New Undergrad Courses: First Reading

- [BIOM 426](#) : Advanced Plant Pathology
- [HSTR 388](#) : The United States and the World Since 1945
- [MCH 105](#) : Exposure to CNC Machining

Undergrad Course Inactivations: First Reading

- [BIOB 484](#) : Population Genetics
 - There are no plans to offer this course in the immediate future. This course overlaps considerably with Conservation Genetics, and Ecology and PSPP should consider restructuring the Conservation Genetics offering to be Population and Conservation Genetics, and possibly to replace population genetics with another course offering that would benefit Genetics minors and graduate students.
- [US 135](#) : Veteran Academic Strategies
 - No student enrollment since 2018. Decision to inactivate course has been discussed with the Director of Veterans' Services. Students are still able to access a learning and academic strategies course if needed or desired.

Graduate Courses and Programs

New Grad Courses: First Reading

- [EMAN 525](#) : Manufacturing Management Systems

Grad Course Changes: First Reading

- [PHSX 566](#) : Mathematical Methods for Theoretical Physics
 - Title changes from Mathematical Physics I
 - This course is getting a name change to better reflect the course content.
- [PHSX 567](#) : Computational Physics
 - Title changed from Mathematical Physics II
 - This course is getting a name change to better reflect the course content.

Grad Course Inactivations: First Reading

- [PHSX 573](#) : The Science of Sound for Teachers
 - This course has struggled to make required enrollment numbers for the past few years. This year, it has 0 students registered. Due to lack of demand, we would like it to be inactivated.
- [PHSX 576](#) : World of Force for Teachers
 - In 2022, PHSX 576 World of Force for Teachers course was integrated into the PHSX 574 World of Motion and Force course to offer MSSE students a 2-credit course in the physics of motion and force.
- [PHSX 577](#) : Physics of Renewable Energy for Teachers
 - PHSX 577 Physics of Renewable Energy for Teachers was recommended as PHSX 577 in 2017. Since that time, the rubric was changed to PHSX 597 with the title Physics of Renewable Energy for Secondary Teachers. PHSX 577 is no longer active.

Grad Course Inactivations: First Reading

- [PHSX 585](#) : Physics by Inquiry: Electric Circuits
 - PHSX 585 Physics by Inquiry: Electric Circuits is no longer offered through the MSSE program because of low on-campus summer enrollment. The content of this course was integrated into PHSX 571 Electric Circuits and Magnetism, an online offering.
- [PHSX 595](#) : Teaching Mechanics Using Research-based Curriculum
 - PHSX 595 Teaching Mechanics Using Research-based Curriculum is no longer offered through the MSSE program because of low on-campus summer enrollment. The content of this course was integrated into PHSX 574 World of Motion and Force, an online course taught in the MSSE program.
- [PHSX 596](#) : Teaching Electricity & Magnetism for Teachers
 - PHSX 596 Teaching Electricity & Magnetism for Teachers is no longer offered through the MSSE program because of low on-campus summer enrollment. The content of this course was integrated into PHSX 571 Electric Circuits and Magnetism, an online offering.

Senate Open Discussion

Public Comment

(Two minutes per person)

Executive Session: Consider honorary doctorate nomination

- Do I have a motion to move into executive session?
 - Second?
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- Committee chair: Susan Luparell (joining at 4:15PM)

Do I have a motion to adjourn?
Second?