Faculty Senate Overview

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Faculty Conference
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Faculty Senate Objectives

Promote cooperation and understanding among the various constituencies that comprise the School by:

- Providing a forum for the Academic Faculty to collaborate with the Administration and Board of Trustees towards improving the University;
- Encouraging the involvement of the Academic Faculty in the overall operation of the School; and
- Fostering and maintaining a stimulating atmosphere for teaching, scholarship and service.
The Senate’s Role at CSM
--How do we fit in?

Faculty* (~330)
- Tenured and Tenure Track (~202)
- Teaching (~71)
- Research (~33)
- Library and others (~25)

 Faculty Senate

Board of Trustees
President
Provost
Associate Provost
Vice-presidents
Deans

Undergrad Council
Graduate Council
Research Council
Other Senate Committees
2013 / 2014 Faculty Senators

1. Joel Bach—Mechanical Engineering
2. Bernard Bialecki—Applied Mathematics and Statistics
3. Lincoln Carr – Physics
4. Uwe Greife – Physics
5. Dan Knauss – Chemistry and Geochemistry
6. Thomas Monecke—Geology & Geological Engineering
7. Ken Osgood – Liberal Arts and International Studies, McBride
8. Steve Pankavich – Applied Mathematics and Statistics
10. John Spear—Civil & Environmental Engineering
11. Chester Van Tyne—Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
12. Kim Williams—Chemistry & Geochemistry
13. Ray Zhang—Civil & Environmental Engineering
Faculty Senate—Does What?

• Review & vote on CSM-wide issues
• Provide faculty oversight of curricula & programs
  – Three councils, other committees
• Gathers campus-wide feedback and acts on it
• Sponsors faculty forums
• Bridge to all facets of administration
Last year’s activities include

(in close collaboration with faculty and administration!)

• Curriculum: McBride Honors program, BELS transition, etc. FACTIR sub-committee to improve retention
• Improved process for Teaching and Research Faculty promotions
• Requested campus-wide cost-of-living increase
• Retained committee duties in faculty handbook
• New undergraduate research fellowship on campus
• Posthumous degree awarded
• Feedback to ORA and creation of joint working group
• Developed enhanced minor degrees
• Selection of this year’s faculty distinguished lecturer
  — Ric Wendlandt, Geology and Geological Engineering
Senate Ongoing Initiatives Include:

• Role and duties of teaching and research faculty
• Implementing electronic course evaluations
• Periodic faculty forums and CSM Distinguished Lecturer series
• Meeting and working with the BOT on synergistic ways to promote the school’s mission
• Meeting and working with Administration on a myriad of topics relevant to both Faculty and Admin

• Suggestions? Please send us your thoughts, ideas, comments, constructive criticisms!

• An Overall Goal: Enhance the student experience!
Meetings scheduled 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} Tuesday’s at 2 PM.

Always welcome to attend!

First Meeting:  
Tuesday August 27, 2-4 PM, Hill Hall 300