



Faculty Senate Newsletter
January 29, 2008

Welcome back to a new semester.

Activities to celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. are taking place at Penn State campuses across the state. I hope you have the opportunity to attend some of these events and announce them to your students.

We now have a schedule for our spring officers' visits to University Park colleges and DUS. We meet one hour each with students, faculty, and administrators. These visits help us learn what is on your mind. They also help to determine the charges for next years standing committees so we would encourage your attendance. You should receive more information about times and locations from your dean's office.

Spring 2008 Senate Officers' Visits

College of Information Sciences and Technology	January 28 (morning)
Division of Undergraduate Studies	January 30 (morning)
College of Agricultural Sciences	January 30 (afternoon)
Smeal College of Business	February 21 (afternoon)
University Libraries	February 27 (morning)
College of Arts and Architecture	February 27 (afternoon)

The University Faculty Senate will meet on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in 112 Kern Graduate Building. The items below will be considered at the meeting.

Rodney P. Kirsch, Senior Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations, will report on Penn State's third comprehensive capital campaign--For the Future: The Campaign for Penn State Students. Following the presentation, the Senate will vote on a resolution to endow a new Faculty Trustee Scholarship. Our hope is that this scholarship will grow with contributions from faculty across the University until it provides assistance to students at all locations.

The Senate will also vote on recommendations to amend the Senate Constitution, Article II, Section 1 (Membership) and to create a new standing subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Intra-University Relations on fixed-term faculty.

Nancy Eaton, Dean of University Libraries, will give a presentation and respond to questions on the Evolving Virtual Library.

Informational reports will be given on the Reserved Spaces Program; the 2008-2009 Faculty Census; and the Digital Preparation of Faculty Activity Information.

Members of the University community are invited to attend this meeting. Any member of the University community not a member of the Senate may request the privilege of the floor on any item of business already before the Senate. Such a request must be made to the Chair, through the Executive Secretary of the Senate, at least four calendar days before the meeting at which the individual wishes to speak.

The *Senate Agenda* will be posted on the Senate Web site one week prior to each Senate meeting. The January 29 Agenda is available at <http://www.senate.psu.edu/agenda/index.html>. Senate meeting minutes (*The Senate Record*) are available at <http://www.senate.psu.edu/record/index.html> approximately three weeks following the Senate meeting. Senate meetings are available through streaming video at <http://live.libraries.psu.edu>.

For information on submitting major, minor, option, or course proposals, the Guide to Curricular Procedures is available at http://www.senate.psu.edu/curriculum_resources/guide/contents.html.

The January 15, 2008, Senate Curriculum Report is available at http://www.senate.psu.edu/curriculum_resources/bluesheet/bluex.html.

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