



Faculty Senate Newsletter October 23, 2007

The Senate officers just returned from their fall campus visits. We would like to thank the students, faculty and administrators that met with us and shared their views. Senate Secretary Pam Hufnagel will prepare a report on the visits that will be presented at the December meeting of the Senate. We will debrief with Provost Erickson and Vice President Romano on October 23, 2007.

Many people asked us about the Status of the Disciplinary Community Report and we can report that a disciplinary community implementation committee has been formed, chaired by Angela Linse, Executive Director of the Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence. The committee charge and membership may be found at http://www.senate.psu.edu/about_senate/committees/irc/irc.html.

The University Faculty Senate will meet on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. in 112 Kern Graduate Building. The items below will be considered at the meeting:

The Senate will vote on a recommendation from the Senate Committee on Committees and Rules to amend Article III of the Senate Bylaws, Election to the Senate.

Executive Vice President and Provost Rodney A. Erickson will give a presentation on the University's 2007-2008 operating budget and summarize the draft budget plan and the appropriation request for 2008-2009. The provost will also discuss the updated strategic planning guidelines.

Informational reports will also be presented on Faculty Senate scholarships awarded to undergraduates and best practices for the preservation of digital data.

Included in the Senate Agenda is the University Ombudsman's report and a roster of campus and college ombudsmen. Information on the role, duties, and responsibilities of ombudsmen may be found at this Senate Web site: <http://www.senate.psu.edu/ombudsman/ombuds.asp>.

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 October 23 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 October 9, 2007, Senate Curriculum Report is available at http://www.senate.psu.edu/curriculum_resources/bluesheet/bluex.html.

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