



## Faculty Senate Newsletter January 27, 2009

Happy New Year! So far, it's been an extraordinary January filled with optimism and celebration.

The University Faculty Senate will meet on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in 112 Kern Graduate Building. The items below will be considered at the meeting.

Executive Vice President and Provost Rodney A. Erickson will discuss the work of the University Strategic Planning Council. He will outline the goals and strategies the Council has included in the draft plan and the timeline for reviewing and launching the new plan. I encourage you to join this process and contribute by providing feedback to the strategic plan.

The Senate will vote on proposed revisions to the Senate Constitution (voting units) and Bylaws (Senate Council) and also on revisions to the Standing Rules (Senate committee structure) which will allow elected Senate Council members to serve on standing committees.

The Senate will hear a request to revise the Constitution (membership) granting the University College two student senate seats. Because this is a revision to the Constitution, the report will not be voted on until the March 17 meeting.

The Senate will receive a presentation from Sharon Shriver, Education Specialist in the Office for Research Protections, on the Scholarship and Research Integrity (SARI) program: training graduate students in the responsible conduct of research and scholarship.

The Senate Committee on Libraries will present an informational report on privacy and confidentiality in University Libraries. Informational reports will also be given on the Reserved Spaces Program and the 2009-2010 Faculty Census.

The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments passed a resolution in support of attending "Rally in the Rotunda" to be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009. Students from across the commonwealth will meet in Harrisburg to advocate for resources and communicate student needs. Support our students.

The Senate officers will visit the following University Park colleges and units this spring: Division of Undergraduate Studies, Dickinson School of Law, Earth and Mineral Sciences, Education, Engineering, and the Graduate School. Please encourage your colleagues to participate in these sessions.

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 27 Agenda is available at <http://www.senate.psu.edu/agenda/index.html>. Senate meeting minutes (*The Senate Record*) are also available at <http://www.senate.psu.edu/record/index.html> approximately three weeks following the Senate meeting.

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](http://www.senate.psu.edu/curriculum_resources/guide/contents.html). The January 13, 2009, Senate Curriculum Report is available at [http://www.senate.psu.edu/curriculum\\_resources/bluesheet/bluex.html](http://www.senate.psu.edu/curriculum_resources/bluesheet/bluex.html).

With a renewed commitment to service,

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