



**Faculty Senate Newsletter**  
**March 17, 2009**

Welcome back from spring break.

The University Faculty Senate will meet on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in 112 Kern Graduate Building. We want all of our students to have a high-quality and equitable education. The items below will be considered at the meeting to make this possible and sustainable.

The Senate will vote on a proposed revision to the Constitution (membership) granting the University College two student senator seats. The Senate will also vote on revisions to the Standing Rules (Senate Record) and a revision to the Final Examination Policy 44-20.

Executive Director of Penn State's Alumni Association Roger Williams will give a presentation on how the Alumni Association engages faculty and supports the academic mission.

During the past two years, the Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity has formulated a Disability Advisory Group to assist in supporting the full inclusion and participation of faculty, staff, and students with disabilities within the University community. Director of the Office for Disability Services William Welsh will report on the work of the group.

Since all of us are responsible for ensuring our University's future, it is important to elect committee members with high expectations and committed leadership. The Nominating Committee will present nominees for 2009-2010 for the positions of chair-elect, secretary, and the Faculty Advisory Committee to the President. Additional nominations will be requested from the floor of the Senate. Nominations will be solicited for three extra-senatorial committees: Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, Standing Joint Committee on Tenure, and the University Promotion and Tenure Review Committee. Senators making nominations from the floor must have the permission of the person they are nominating.

The roster of senators by voting units for 2009-2010 of new and continuing senators will be presented.

Three informational reports will also be given on practices to support new full-time faculty, retirement options, and wellness initiatives.

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 March 17 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 February 24, 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).

I wish you well in fulfilling your commitment to preparing and inspiring our students.

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