



**Faculty Senate Newsletter**  
**April 28, 2009**

The University Faculty Senate has a long history of consultation and shared responsibility in identifying and implementing solutions to complex challenges. Deep problems never have simple and easy solutions, no one program or person will make all things right. Transformation happens when each of us does what we can for the good of the whole. University Faculty senators have an abiding commitment to the Penn State community and to the issues we are facing.

The University Faculty Senate will meet on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in 112 Kern Graduate Building. The items below will be considered at the meeting.

The Senate will receive the results of the 2009-2010 Senate elections for Chair-Elect, Secretary, Faculty Advisory Committee to the President, and three Senate committees including the University Promotion and Tenure Review Committee. The meeting also includes the seating of the new officers and comments by outgoing Chair Ingrid Blood and incoming Chair Lee Coraor.

The Senate will vote on proposed revisions to Policy 34-89 (Course Drop) and on recommendations from the Senate Committee on Intra-University Relations regarding administrative reviews.

The Senate will discuss proposed revisions to the Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 1(f) to more clearly reflect the duties of the External Matters subcommittee. Because this is a revision to the Bylaws, the Senate will not vote on this report until the September 1, 2009 meeting.

Nancy Eaton, Dean of University Libraries and Scholarly Communications, will give a presentation on the status of scholarly communications and the motivations behind the open access movement with implications for how faculty share research and scholarship within their disciplines.

Informational reports will also be given on faculty tenure-flow rates, faculty salaries, grade distribution, and the Senate officers' visits to six University Park units in spring 2009.

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 Senate 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 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 encourage you to take part in our system of shared governance. University Faculty Senators are dynamic leaders who extend themselves in service to community. Their varied credentials represent a wide range of disciplines and experiences. They share a passion and purposefulness in serving others and in their calling to lead. Please continue to provide us feedback by sending comments and suggestions to your elected representatives or officers. We want to ensure that our meetings and reports enhance the academic and intellectual environment.

It has been a great experience and an honor to serve as chair.

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