



## Faculty Senate Newsletter October 20, 2009

As the flu season begins, faculty members are reminded to review Provost Erickson's message on flu policies and procedures in relation to class attendance <http://senate.psu.edu/H1N1.pdf>. Faculty senators who are ill are also reminded that Senate meetings are aired via Mediasite at <http://live.libraries.psu.edu/>.

The Senate officers have completed campus visits to Abington, Brandywine, Great Valley, New Kensington, Greater Allegheny, and Harrisburg. The visit to DuBois was rescheduled for October 21. We saw a good turnout at all campuses and would like to thank students, faculty, and administrators for meeting with us. A written report on the visits will be presented at the December 8 Senate meeting and the officers will meet with Provost Erickson and Vice President Romano on October 27 to brief them on our campus visits.

The next meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in 112 Kern Graduate Building. The following items are on the agenda for this meeting.

Informational reports will be presented on the implementation of first-year engagement plans and academic integrity.

The Senate will receive a special informational report on Long-Term Care Insurance from Robin Oswald, Manager of Employee Benefits.

The Senate will vote on a revision to the Senate Bylaws allowing student senators to send an alternate student to substitute for them at a Senate meeting and on an addition to Policy 48-40 (Deferred Grades) stating that students with DF on their transcripts will not be allowed to graduate.

Annual reports will be presented on Senate scholarships awarded to undergraduates and on cases considered in 2008-2009 by the Senate Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities.

Members of the University community are invited to attend this meeting. Normally only Senators may speak at Senate meetings; however, any member of the University community may request the privilege of the floor on any item of business on the Senate agenda. 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).

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