

Meeting Minutes

Name of body: Faculty Senate

Date: August 17th, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: [Zoom](#)



Call to Order

- Roll Call:
Present: P. Kirgis, S. Hirner, J. Bardsley, N. Priestley, K. Jakob, M. Heirigs, C. Walker, P. Anzollitto, D. Allen, A. Luis, Z. Peng, K. Geiger, J. Bunch, K. Reiser, A. Carpoca, K. McKinnie, J. Musick, J. Olomi, G. Quintero, A. Belcourt, M. Petersen Rockney, M. Hritsco, N. Bond, D. Salois, C. McKague, V. Moody, C. Van Kley, C. Hansen, K. Kane, A. Metcalf, M. Gerdes, M. Hamon, V. White, J. Thomsen, C. Breuner, D. Affleck, E. Gren, K. Loree
Absent: D. Macaluso, L. Calderon-Garciduenas, K. Werner, A. Duwell, L. Hu
- Approve [4/30/2026](#) Meeting Minutes - **Approved**

Public Comment:

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Reports:

- Might of Montana Member
 - Faculty Senate was asked to provide a member to serve on the Might of Montana Award Committee. The committee recognizes monthly award recipients, who are also celebrated during the annual Week of Excellence. The appointment is a three-year term. Senators interested in serving were invited to express interest following the meeting.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Summer Degree Candidate List (Available in SharePoint)
 - Faculty Senate reviewed the Summer Degree Candidate list.
 - **Approved**
- Chair-Elect Election
 - Faculty Senate conducted an election to fill the Chair-Elect position. One nomination was received prior to the meeting, and no other nominations were made from the floor.
 - Alex Metcalf was elected to serve as Chair-Elect.
 - **Approved**

- Caucus for ECOS Member
 - Faculty Senate conducted a caucus to fill the remaining ECOS vacancy representing the professional schools. Senators from the professional school caucused separately, with attention noted to maintaining broad representation across the professional schools.
 - One self-nomination was received. After the professional schools selected the nominee, the full Faculty Senate voted to confirm the selection.
 - Annie Belcourt was elected to serve on ECOS.
 - **Approved**
- [CSCI 312: Game Programming](#)
 - The course returned to Faculty Senate after being referred back during the previous academic year because of questions about possible duplication or overlap with related Media Arts courses. Following consultation among the relevant academic units and the Provost's Office, it was concluded that the courses were sufficiently distinct and could coexist.
 - **Approved**

Good of the Order:

- None

Adjournment (2:33 PM)