# Program of the Senate, 9/8/16

## Continue to define the mission and values of UM as the flagship Liberal Arts institution in Montana

* + Participate in the renewal of our Strategic Plan;
	+ Serve as a resource to the new Interim Provost and the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs;
	+ Continue discussions regarding the design of the undergraduate experience;
	+ Continue discussions on the oversight of graduate programs in conjunction with the Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship;
	+ Represent faculty perspectives on various search committees; particularly the Provost search;

## Continue to monitor the response to the ongoing budget and enrollment crisis

* + Participate in all budgeting, planning, assessment, implementation, accreditation, and program review;
	+ Provide regular reports of the resulting fiscal impacts on academics, faculty recruitment and retention, and student success;
	+ Continue to monitor the implementation of the AAIP Taskforce report and its use in programmatic and budgetary decision-making;
	+ And conduct the biennial evaluation of the administration.

## Collaborate with other campus and system-wide governance groups

* + Continue to explore the role of senate leadership on the President’s cabinet;
	+ Work with student and staff governance and the UFA leadership on issues and initiatives of common concern;
	+ And work with the Montana University System Faculty Association Representatives (MUSFAR) on initiatives of common concern across the State.

## Continue the campus-wide conversation regarding General Education

* + The General Education committee will oversee the implementation of the recently approved revisions to Groups X and Y;
	+ And implement a one-year moratorium on General Education rolling review to allow all curriculum committees to conduct a thorough self-study of the process.

## Participate in the planning and implementation of various campus initiatives that impact faculty with campus partners:

* + IT and the Registrar’s office: Degree Audit, online catalog, curriculum management, accessibility, academic data-tracking and analysis
	+ Provost: Writing and General Education Outcome Assessment
	+ Student Success: First Year Seminar C&I 194
	+ Recruiting: Dual Enrollment, course equivalencies for International Baccalaureate (IB)
	+ and Continue to monitor UM’s Climate Action Plan

## Monitor Board of Regents initiatives and represent the Faculty to the Board of Regents and to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

* + Clarify the new Intent to Plan Process and Program Prioritization;
	+ Continue to monitor Common Course Numbering, Dual Enrollment, Prior Learning Assessment, and Performance Based Funding;
	+ Continue to assert and maintain faculty control over curriculum;
	+ Work towards decreasing the burdensome tuition differential between the University of Montana-Missoula and Montana State University-Bozeman;
	+ and coordinate with the CAO’s to participate more fully in BOR Academic and Two-Year College committees.