

What it means to be a Senator. . .

Faculty Senate is the lynchpin of shared governance. Faculty Senators represent each department and provide recommendations on all matters regarding faculty and academic affairs to the MSU's President and Provost.

The Faculty Senate counsels with leadership in Student Government, Staff Congress, and MSU administration. Senate provides comprehensive recommendations/ manages the following:

- Academic Policies (PAC)
- University Administrative Regulations (UAR)
- General Policies (PG)
- Manage Faculty Regent Election
- Manages, Solicits, and Appoints Ad Hoc Committees of faculty for special topics
- Faculty Evaluation Plans (FEP)
- General Education
- Faculty Handbooks
- University Strategic Plans
- Academic Calendars
- Exam Week Study days
- Appoints, Approves, and/or runs elections for all university Standing Committees
- AND MORE!

Included with your membership on Faculty Senate is appointment to a subcommittee. The subcommittees engage in the research, scholarship, and presentation of recommendations, elections or appointments, and may meet with MSU administrators and others.

It is essential that you are present and actively engaged for Faculty Senate and subcommittees. Without your voice, we cannot be part of shared governance. As per our Senate Constitution, Senators missing three consecutive or a total of five regular Faculty Senate or subcommittee meetings during the academic year are subject to removal. It's also necessary to complete your assigned subcommittee tasks so that a complete presentation on a topic may be made to Faculty Senate and/or administration.

We are the faculty voice. If you must be absent from Senate, you are allowed a substitute. Please review Section 2 of our Constitution for guidance. If you are having difficulty with assignments from your subcommittee, please talk to your Chair. Communication with your Chair will aid in resolving any issues.

We are the support for all faculty in maintaining academics and policy. It's the framework for our university and requires all of us being present and actively engaged.