

Faculty Senate Charter

Ratified on December 19, 2008

Amended April 29, 2011

Amended February 2, 2013

This Charter hereby establishes, authorizes, and recognizes the Great Falls College MSU Faculty Senate.

The Faculty Senate represents the voice of the Faculty as an advisory and consultative body to the CEO/Dean and to the Board of Regents on all matters that may affect the attainment of the College's educational objectives including, but not limited to, the development of policy and administration of the college.

The Faculty Senate seeks to advance the welfare of the College and promote communication within the academic community of Administration, Faculty, and Students. In addition, the Faculty Senate encourages the participation of the Faculty by providing a forum to identify and discuss issues of Faculty concern and address them in a timely and productive manner.

Article I: Purpose

The Faculty Senate shall:

1. Act as a board for discussing and addressing issues of concern to the Faculty to be sure that they are addressed in a productive manner by the appropriate parties.
2. Gather, exchange, research, disseminate Faculty views, and develop, review, and approve policies regarding issues of interest to the Faculty.
3. Review, comment and approve policies brought to the senate by all parties.
4. Provide opportunity for direct communication between the Faculty and the Administration at the College.
5. Provide a representative faculty voice outside of the college (Board of Regents, Montana University System Faculty Association's Representatives, State Legislature, etc.).

Article II: Faculty Senate Membership

1. The voting members of the Faculty Senate will be comprised of tenured and tenure track faculty as follows:
 - a. Two faculty elected by the Health Science Division.
 - b. Two faculty elected by the Arts & Sciences Division.
 - c. Two faculty elected by the Business, Technology and Trades Division.
 - d. One faculty elected at large by contracted faculty.
 - e. One faculty elected at large representing and elected by the adjunct faculty.
2. The Chief Academic Officer will be an ex-officio, non-voting member.

3. A chairperson will be selected by the voting members.
4. The voting members will serve four-year terms through a staggered rotation determined by the Faculty Senate.
5. The Dean, Division Directors, Administrators, non-elected Faculty members, and adjunct faculty may participate, but not as voting members.

Article III: Committees

The Faculty Senate has the authority and prerogative to create subcommittees as it determines appropriate to address faculty issues.

Standing committees will present regular updates to the Faculty Senate to promote quality communication and to ensure faculty participation. Standing Committees are identified in the bylaws. The chair of each of these committees will provide the Senate with a membership list on an annual basis and will notify the Senate of any vacancies in membership or changes in the charge of the committee.

Article IV: Ratification

Ratification of this Faculty Senate Charter will be a ballot of the faculty and by approval of the CEO/Dean and Chief Academic Officer. A “yes” vote of 75 percent of all faculty covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement will be required to ratify this Charter.”

Article V: Amendments

Amendment of this Faculty Senate Charter will be a ballot of the faculty and by approval of the CEO/ Dean and Chief Academic Officer. A “yes” vote of 75 percent of all faculty covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement will be required to amend this Charter.

Chair, Faculty Senate	date	CEO/DeanGreat Falls College MSU	date
Vice Chair, Faculty Senate	date	Chief Academic Officer, Great Falls College MSU	date