

MSU Denver Faculty Senate Agenda

02 September 2026, 3:20-4:50 pm

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Opening

1. Welcome – Brenden Kendall (Faculty Senate President [FSP])
2. Guests
 - a. Governor Roy Romer, 39th Governor of Colorado
 - b. Edward Brown – Chief of Staff to the President – MSU Denver Presidential Faculty Fellowship
 - c. Shaun Schafer, Vice Provost – Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Visit 2026-2027
3. Announcements – FSP
 - a. [Mandatory Participation Verification Policy](#): September 2 is reporting deadline for non-participation in full-term courses. We have standardized the [definition of “participation”](#) for AY 26-27 for enrollment/participation verification.
 - b. [5th Annual MSU Denver Research Symposium](#) – use [this link to apply](#) by September 25th
 - c. New university-level policies to maintain university compliance:
 - i. [Academic Adjustments for Students with Disabilities Policy](#)
 - ii. [Missing Student and Preliminary Wellness Assessment Policy](#)

- d. Proposed university policies now [open for community comment/feedback](#) through September 23:
 - i. Records Management Policy
 - ii. Information Security Program Policy
 - iii. Employee Survey Management Policy
- e. Book talk with Seth Levine, author of Capital Evolution: The New American Economy. Thursday, September 17, 12–1 p.m. Please RSVP [here](#).
- f. Student Parent Month (September): Encourage students who are parents to participate in a series of community-building events, including a free All-Sports Youth Camp for children, hosted through MSU Denver’s Parenting Students Program.

Senate Business

- 1. **VOTE:** Attendance / Quorum
- 2. Approval of [minutes from 19 August 2026](#)

Officer and Representative Reports

- 3. President, Brenden Kendall
 - a. Field Notes from the FSP: [September issue](#) of new monthly memo (archive coming soon to [Faculty Senate website](#))
 - b. [Faculty Senate Priorities for AY 26-27](#) and [Faculty Senate President’s September 2026 Report to the Board of Trustees](#)
 - c. Committee and other vacancies
- 4. Colorado Faculty Advisory Council Representative, David Fontenot

Committee Reports and Business Arising

- 5. Budget Committee, Kristina Kesselring (chair)
 - a. Report on university and committee budget activities from AY 25-26
- 6. Academic Policies Committee, Jangwoo (JJ) Jo (chair)
 - a. 2nd reading & **VOTE:** [Final Grade Availability Policy](#)
 - b. 2nd reading & **VOTE:** [Graduate Catalog Academic Recovery Policy](#)
- 7. Rules Committee, Katrina Little (chair)
 - a. 1st reading: Establishing speaking time limits in Senate Bylaws of 4 minutes for initial speeches and two minutes for second comments on debatable motions. (Changes our current practice of defaulting to RONR’s allowance of 10-minute limits per individual comment.)
- 8. Curriculum Committee, Keah Schuenemann (chair)

- a. Status of exceptions to pause substantive undergraduate curriculum proposals.
- 9. Senator action items, FSP
- 10. Open forum / faculty concerns *[time permitting]*
 - a. Senators may raise questions, concerns, or faculty feedback for Senate awareness, possible referral, or future agenda consideration.
 - b. To allow broad participation, Senators will be recognized for one initial comment of up to three minutes. Senators wishing to speak again may be recognized after others who wish to speak have had an opportunity.
 - c. No final action will be taken during this item. Matters requiring action may be referred to Senate leadership, committee, or a future agenda.
- 11. Standing motion to adjourn at 4:50