MSU Denver Faculty Senate Agenda

28 October 2026, 3:20-4:50 pm

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Opening

1. Welcome, Faculty Senate President (FSP)
2. Guests
    a. Christine Marquez-Hudson, President & CEO of the MSU Denver Foundation

1. Announcements, FSP
    a. Soar Award Nominations open through November 14

Senate Business

1. **VOTE:** Attendance / Quorum
2. Approval of minutes from October 14 Faculty Senate

Officer and Representative Reports

1. President, Brenden Kendall
    a. Note on test proctoring and testing center discussions
    b. President Davidson's budget charge

Committee Reports and Business Arising

1. Academic Policies Committee, Jangwoo (JJ) Jo (chair)
    a. 2nd Reading and **VOTE**:
        i. Proposal to Revise Credit Applicability in CUG Programs
        ii. Proposal to Add Letter-Grade Grading in Addition to Pass/Fail for Culminating Activities

iii. Proposal to Add Leave of Absence Language

b. 1st Reading:

i. Proposal to Add Language Regarding Program Suspensions, Dismissals, and University Expulsion

2. General Studies Committee, Dan Pittman (chair); Curriculum Committee Keah Schuenemann (chair)

a. 2nd Reading and **VOTE**:

i. Proposal to Allow Honors VT Courses in General Studies (see October 14 slides for details)

ii. ***Note:*** *Faculty Senate Executive Committee voted 10/21/2026 to allow Todd Laugen, Professor of History and Director of General Studies (not a senator), to speak on this item, subject to the same rules that apply to senators (2 speaking turns on the item of up to 4 minutes each).*

3. Curriculum Committee (FSCC), Keah Schuenemann (chair)

a. 1st Reading:

i. Proposal to revise the Undergraduate Curriculum Manual sections 1 & 2: Introduction and Goals, General Policies

ii. ***Note:*** *This agenda presents the first in a series of substantive curriculum manual revisions developed through a special project led by former Faculty Senate President Liz Goodnick, FSCC Chair Keah Schuenemann, and the FSCC. Separate proposals addressing different sections will come before the Faculty Senate at various times. Together, they aim to make curriculum rules and processes clearer, more efficient, and more effective. Because the proposals are detailed, please review each carefully while it is under Senate consideration. The proposal will be available through the session slide deck, links in the agenda, or both. Find meeting materials on this page of the Faculty Senate SharePoint site. Slides may be under development until the start of a Senate session.*

CONCLUDING ACTIVITES

4. Senator action items, FSP
5. Open forum *[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 four 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.

6. Standing motion to adjourn at 4:50