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**Subject:** Undertakings of the Faculty Senate

Dear Faculty,

I hope the semester is off to a great start for everyone! By way of update from the Faculty Senate, the following is a list of our noteworthy doings during the August meeting:

- We received several updates from Academic Affairs, including the following:
  - Foundation Awards will no longer require nominees to produce portfolios.
  - There were late summer budget cuts to Academic Affairs totaling approximately \$440,000, a significant improvement from the \$2.5 million initially proposed.
  - The Professional Learning center will no longer have a director, and its administration is currently being reimagined.
  - As you heard during University Week, the number of first-time students is up considerably. Per-student SCH production is down, however.
  - The evaluation process is still under examination and revision.
  - The revised draft of the Faculty Handbook should soon be available for review.
  - New programs continue to move forward.
  - The Academics, Career, Engagement, and Support (ACES) Transition and Postsecondary Program has been launched with its first six participants this academic year.
- In addition, the senate's notable undertakings are as follow:
  - The Provost has requested that Faculty Senate develop a Faculty Preferred Name Policy, which has been referred to the senate's Faculty Welfare Committee.
  - The Provost has requested the creation of University Citizenship Award, which has been referred to the Faculty Welfare Committee.
  - The senate has requested that IT remove the preloaded Canvas templates from course sections. When contacted, IT responded that similar requests had come from elsewhere and that it is seeking authorization to do so.
  - The senate addressed an alumnus' request that a memorial webpage be developed to honor faculty and retired faculty who pass away. After discussion, the senate recommended that Alumni Affairs be consulted as a possible developer and administrator of such a page. Alumni Affairs was receptive and is looking into how that might be accomplished.
  - The senate received a request to develop a more robust mechanism for faculty concerns to be addressed. The senate has tabled this request pending receipt of the current handbook draft so that any action taken can be built into existing grievance policies.
  - The senate tabled the Workload Policy Draft submitted by the Faculty Welfare Committee pending receipt of feedback from the administration.
  - The senate also accepted the following policies for review, requesting senators contact the Faculty Senate president by Friday, September 6, with their feedback, at which point the policies will be forwarded to the Provost.
    - Summer Faculty Employment Policy
    - Hiring Faculty with Remaining Dissertation Requirements Policy
    - Attendance Reporting Policies
    - Incomplete Grade Policy

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your faculty senator. If you would rather comment anonymously or simply prefer electronic communication, feel free to contact us by clicking on the Contact the Faculty Senate icon at <https://www.ulm.edu/facultysenate/index.html>. Some other useful links are as follow:

- Minutes – <https://www.ulm.edu/facultysenate/meetings.html>
- Standing Committees - <https://www.ulm.edu/facultysenate/committees.html>

Have a great semester!

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey Anderson  
Faculty Senate President