**Faculty Senate**

**Charter**

The Faculty Senate represents the faculty in providing advice to the University President and Vice President for Academic Affairs on all matters relating to the responsibilities of faculty including the formation of university policy, the maintenance and development of curriculum, and the establishment of academic standards where such matters of interest to the faculty are specifically addressed within the agreement between the South Dakota Board of Regents and the Council of Higher Education. The Faculty Senate serves as a study committee making recommendations to the faculty on matters of concern to the faculty. The Faculty Senate consists of fifteen elected members and is chaired by the Chair of the Faculty.

One member is elected by each academic department. The immediate past chair serves a one-year term.

Members are elected to serve two-year terms and may serve up to two consecutive terms. Elections are held in March and terms commence at the beginning of the fall contract period. Any member of the faculty may vote in the election of representatives from his/her division and is eligible for election as a division representative.

**Membership**

- William Cross (Chair)
- TBD (Materials & Metallurgical Engineering)
- Erica Haugtvedt (Humanities)
- Vladimir Sobolev (Physics)
- Karen Braman (Mathematics & Computer Science)
- Andrea Brickey (Mining Engineering & Management)
- Tim Brenza (Chemical & Biological Engineering)
- David Gilley (Chemistry & Applied Biological Sciences)
- Michael Vander Heyden (Physical Education)
- Mengyu Qiao (Computer Science & Engineering)
- S. Kumar Dubey (Industrial Engineering)
- Gokce Ustunisik (FA)/ Darrin Pagnac (SP) (Geology & Geological Engineering)
- Kayla Pritchard (Social Sciences)
- Chris Shearer (Civil & Environmental Engineering)
- Khosro Shahbazi (Mechanical Engineering)
- Sayan Roy (Electrical Engineering)

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