

## The President's Report

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This month we will hold our second Faculty Senate meeting. There are several reports and information items linked to the agenda on the web. The Curriculum Committee has submitted requests for approvals of a departmental name change, degree and course changes. There will be three resolutions from the Information Technology Computer Committee (ITCC) dealing with the creation of the faculty and staff web pages and computing privacy. The "Privacy Policy" is something that faculty and students should be familiar with. The Senate will be asked to carry over certain Academic Council Policies. The Academic Freedom & Standards and the Student Affairs Committees will jointly report on policies relating to student absences. The Facilities Planning Committee has a report on the Emergency Action Plan.

Of particular concern at the IFC meeting last week were the responses to Senate Bill 389, especially regarding the student consumer information. There was also considerable discussion about how the different campuses approach academic dishonesty. It appears that even within the different campuses, the processes, procedures, and range of sanctions for academic dishonesty are not always clear. I believe that the IFC will be looking at this more carefully in the future.

As always, more information on the Academic Council Reports can be found on the web page:  
<http://facultysenate.mst.edu>

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