# Program of the Senate, 2017

## Participate in defining and implementing the mission, values, and vision of UM as the flagship Liberal Arts institution in Montana

* + Participate in the refinement and implementation of UM’s Strategic Vision.
	+ Continue discussion regarding the undergraduate experience, General Education, and advising and mentoring at UM.
	+ Continue to provide oversight of graduate programs in conjunction with the Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship/Dean of the Graduate School.

## Participate in the searches for UM’s new President and Provost

* Provide meaningful input for the selection of the next President and Provost.
* Engage, inform, and support the new UM President and UM Provost to ensure faculty interests and continued support for shared governance at UM.

## Monitor and engage in the process of Program Prioritization at UM (APASP)

* + Ensure regular updates by APASP-engaged faculty to ECOS and Faculty Senate on the progress and process of APASP.
	+ Create and provide meaningful avenues for faculty input about APASP process and findings.
	+ Work collaboratively with the Unions and other shared governance groups to ensure student needs are met, and the rights of faculty and staff are protected.

## Continue to monitor issues related to UM’s budget implementation

* + Participate on relevant UM committees, including Budget, Planning, and Assessment.
	+ Provide ongoing input of the fiscal impacts on academics, faculty recruitment and retention, and student success to UM administration.
	+ Monitor, assess, and provide input about any proposed Budget Models.

## Collaborate with other campus and system-wide governance groups

* + Protect the role of senate leadership on the President’s cabinet.
	+ Work with student and staff governance and the UFA and MCFA leadership on issues and initiatives of common concern.
	+ Work with the Montana University System Faculty Association Representatives (MUSFAR) on initiatives of common concern across the State.

## Participate in the planning and implementation of various campus initiatives that impact faculty

* + Continue to engage in discussions about changes to student advising and mentoring practices at UM.
	+ Continue to assess and provide input about new technologies designed to support Student Success (DegreeWorks, Starfish, etc.)
	+ Continue to monitor the First Year Seminar (C&I 194), and other faculty-involved initiatives implemented to support student retention, persistence, and graduation at UM.
	+ Continue to monitor issues related to Dual Enrollment and course equivalencies for International Baccalaureate (IB).

## Monitor Board of Regents initiatives and represent the Faculty to the Board of Regents and to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

* + Continue to monitor Common Course Numbering, Dual Enrollment, Prior Learning Assessment, and Performance Based Funding.
	+ Continue to assert and maintain faculty control over curriculum.