

Some quick facts about [Faculty Senate](#)

- Senate is the representative body for the faculty of the University of Iowa. Membership is about 80 faculty members—from ten colleges and across all tracks—each year. A term is three years.
- Faculty Council is the executive body of the Faculty Senate and is comprised of approximately 20 Senators.
- There are 4 Faculty Senate officers: the [President](#), the [Vice President](#), the [Secretary](#), and the [Past President](#).
- Faculty Senate is an advisory body that influences University decisions that affect faculty.

Recent Highlights

- Faculty Senate approved major changes to the [Instructional Track Policy](#) and the [faculty dispute procedures](#) in the Policy Manual.
- Faculty Senate approved policies for the creation of Research Track faculty positions in the College of Engineering and the College of Education.
- The President of Faculty Senate co-signed a [letter](#), along with the President and Provost, affirming the University's commitment to protecting the academic freedom of faculty members.
- There were numerous visitors to the Faculty Senate who shared important information, including [resources for childcare](#), [support](#) available from the Provost's Office, [Together Hawkeyes Campaign](#), and our university membership to the Small-Town & Rural Students ([STARS](#)) College Network.
- A Faculty Council and University Administration Retreat was held on August 21, 2024, that featured presentations and discussion on current perceptions of higher education, with a focus on messaging, community engagement, and shared governance.

Goals for the 2024-25 academic year

- First Amendment/Academic Freedom Information Sessions
- Increase communication about the importance of shared governance on campus
- Improve both orientation and mechanisms for communication for Senators and Councilors