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A Few Words from Faculty Senate

<https://www.rit.edu/facultysenate>

New Faculty Orientation
Wednesday, Aug 12, 2026

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What is the RIT Faculty Senate?

- One of four shared governance bodies at RIT (<https://www.rit.edu/shared-governance>)
 1. Faculty Senate (FS)
 2. Staff Council (SC)
 3. Student Government (SG)
 4. University Council (UC):
includes FS, SC, SG, and Administration (President, Provost, etc.)
- **Shares information** related to academic work and the working lives of faculty
- **Advocates** for faculty in governance matters, creates and revises policy in co-operation with the Provost (Dr. Prabu David), RIT Academic Affairs, and the President (Dr. Bill Sanders)

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Policies

- A number of educational, institutional, and employment-related policies govern our work at RIT
- Online policy library (make sure to browse this):
<https://www.rit.edu/policies/governance>
- **Faculty Senate Policy Focus:** policies on education (**D***), faculty and staff (**E***) & governance (**B***)
 - *Key Policies: B02.0 ([Charter of Academic Governance](#)) & B05.0 (["Policy on policies"](#))

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Policies and Representation in Senate

- RIT policies supersede department and college policies
 - e.g., tenure policies reviewed & approved by senate before any updates
- Each college has one or more senators -- if you have questions or comments about faculty matters, reach out to them: <https://www.rit.edu/facultysenate/members>

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Executive Committee Academic Year 25-26

Executive committee sets
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Some Suggestions

- 'Synergistic service': identify service roles likely to benefit yourself, your colleagues, and the institution, and pursue them
- Talk to faculty *outside* of your department and college
- Follow senate communications, be aware of which policies are under review, and check policies that impact you
- Participate in faculty surveys from senate – these drive, and sometimes directly impact policy changes (e.g., votes)

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Questions?

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RIT Department Org Chart

(<https://www.rit.edu/humanresources/HR-org-charts>)



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RIT Colleges & Degree-Granting Units

- 9 Colleges (*NTID: Federally Funded)
- + Golisano Institute for Sustainability
- + School of Individualized Study

- College of Art and Design
- Saunders College of Business
- Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences

- Kate Gleason College of Engineering
- College of Engineering Technology
- College of Health Sciences and Technology
- College of Liberal Arts

- National Technical Institute for the Deaf
- College of Science
- Golisano Institute for Sustainability
- School of Individualized Study