

University Senate Newsletter

First Meeting, September 13, 2021, Virtual

Senate Chair's Remarks:

Chair Beaudoin stated that the "2021-22 Senate theme" would be "Value." He listed a number of matters which he hoped the Senate would prioritize in its work this year. These were: sexual assault prevention and support for survivors; mental health support and initiatives; and diversity and equity across campus.

He also stated that the Senate would "provide value, in a timely manner to our administration and Trustee partners" on the following issues: supporting/encouraging teaching excellence; successful implementation of a January Term; feedback on the issue of grade inflation; assessment for critical thinking skills in Purdue students; and encouraging a better approach to healthcare.

Purdue President's Remarks:

President Daniels presented census data for our 2021 student population. All figures showed new highs. While Purdue had targeted the number of 8,450 first-year students, the yield turned out to be 10,191. Domestic non-resident yield increased 3% over 2020 levels. Purdue currently has 49,636 students, representing an 8.2% increase over Fall 2020, and a 48% increase from 2014.

Students indicated that their selection of Purdue had been driven by Purdue's national prominence during the pandemic, including its decision to be in-person during 2020-21, as well as its reputation for high quality combined with affordability.

Purdue also saw a record number of traditionally underserved minority students, including a 109% increase (to 1135) in the first-year class. In addition, BA/BS graduation rates have increased to 65% over four years of enrollment, while time to graduate degree is holding relatively steady around 5 years. A comprehensive study of classroom spaces and strategic planning for their optimization is underway during 2021-22.

Purdue President's Remarks (continued):

President Daniels also indicated that preventative health measures are an important goal for the coming year, and that new incentives for common preventative health measures, better communication about screenings, and a simpler Healthy Boiler portal were on the way.

Questions about COVID-19 and Protect Purdue status and plans were addressed by Provost Akridge and Dean Barker. All are reminded to refer to the [Protect Purdue website](#) for updates and current information.

***** Status of Legislation *****

(SD 21-xx: Senate Document year-item)

Documents for Action - Passed

- Senate Documents 21-01, 21-02, 21-03, 21-04, 21-05, 21-06, 21-07 – Nominees confirmed for Committee Vacancies
- On the Need to Demonstrate Civics Literacy Through Shared Governance (SD 20-60)

Documents for Action - Failed

- Academic Calendar Revision: Election Day as a Civic Day of Service (SD 20-57)

Documents for Action - Referred for Further Study

- Academic Regulations Update (SD 20-58)
- Academic Regulations Update for Reading Week Policies (SD 20-59)

Documents for Discussion

- Convening Electronically at Will (SD 21-08)

For Information

Annual Report by the Athletic Affairs Committee, Professor Kathleen Abrahamson

University Senate Website:

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Standing Committees

Educational Policy Committee, Thomas Siegmund, siegmund@purdue.edu

Equity and Diversity Committee, Brian Leung, brian-leung@purdue.edu

- Land Acknowledgement statement resolution follow up (actions taken?)
- Presentation of Document 20-56
- Items 1,2, and 3 in Senate Priorities document (collaborating with other committees)
- Amplifying black scholars
- Campus policing
- University centralized funding of accessibility for deaf and hard-of-hearing community

Faculty Affairs Committee, Signe Kastberg, skastberg@purdue.edu

- Faculty feedback regarding Chair Beaudoin's priorities
- J-term
- Compensation and Inflation
- Collection and Use of Faculty Experiences with Benefits
- Collection and Use of Faculty Experiences with Interfaces (Concur)

Nominating Committee, Robert Nowack, nowack@purdue.edu

- Populating Committee Vacancies

Steering Committee, Libby Richards, erichards@purdue.edu

Student Affairs Committee, David Sanders, retrovir@purdue.edu

University Resource Policy Committee, Janice Kritchevsky, sojkaje@purdue.edu

Faculty Committees

Members are any tenured/tenure-track, clinical & prof. faculty who volunteer. Please watch for the call for volunteers every January.

- *Committee Name* (Chair, *Chair's department/* Standing Com. it reports to)
- Academic Organization ([Sally Bane](#), Aeronautics and Astronautics / EPC)
- Academic Progress and Records ([Lei Wang](#), EAPS / EPC)
- Athletic Affairs ([Kathleen Abrahamson](#), Nursing / SAC)
- Budget Interpretation, Evaluation, & Review (TBD/URPC)
- Faculty Compensation and Benefits (TBD / FAC)
- Grade Appeals ([Sandra \(Kuebler\) Gilpin](#), Nursing / FAC)
- Library Committee ([Sylvie Brouder](#), Agronomy / URPC)
- Parking and Traffic ([Joel Ebarb](#), Design, Art, and Performance / URPC)
- Scholastic Delinquencies and Readmissions ([Megan Dorton](#), Sr. Assoc Director of Admissions / EPC)
- Staff Appeal Board for Traffic Regulations ([Roy Dejoie](#), Management /URPC)
- Student Excellent ([Li Qiao](#), Aeronautics & Astronautics / EPC)
- Sustainability ([Alice Pawley](#), Engineering Education / URPC)
- Visual Arts and Design ([Sarah Huber](#) / URPC)

Contact the chair (listed) for more information.

Most of the work of the University Senate happens in committee. Standing Committees are composed of Senate members and university advisors. Faculty committees are composed of faculty members and often have non-faculty liaisons. Recommendations from committees come to the full Senate for consideration and vote.

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