

University Senate Newsletter

Second Meeting, October 18, 2021, Virtual

Senate Chair's Remarks:

Chair Beaudoin reviewed an extensive list of tasks and areas for both study and action. Information presented included that the Senate has a representative on the teaching space master planning exercise being carried out this fall and that the Provost's Office is working with the EPC and FAC on the evolving form of a winter academic term. Chair Beaudoin additionally expressed his aspiration to implement a Purdue system-wide observation of Juneteenth.

Beaudoin also addressed the student protest over sexual assault prevention and support at the recent Board of Trustees meeting. He stated that sexual assault and harassment are campus-wide problems in need of campus-wide resources, and urged the Senate to partner with stakeholders to find actionable solutions. He voiced his support for the version of the PSG SAFER resolution coming to the Senate in the form of Document 21-10 as the result of a partnership between the Purdue Student Government and the Senate Student Affairs Committee. He outlined his intent to form a Senate special committee to study sexual violence and harassment within campus culture.

Purdue President's Remarks:

President Daniels gave a campus COVID update. The overall fall positivity rate is 1.16%; currently there are only 58 active cases on campus. 87% of Purdue's population is vaccinated (97% faculty, 86% staff, 87% students). Purdue's requirement that members of its community either be vaccinated or comply with regular testing is working well. Compliance is very high, and the campus remains the safest part of Greater Lafayette.

All graduation rates have continued to improve steadily (currently 65% 4-year; 83% 6-year), but we lag behind some of our peers in the Big Ten. President Daniels asked for faculty participation in finding ways to continue to increase our graduation rates for all students, and for Pell Grant recipients in particular, as part of a broader call for continued excellence in all we do.

Purdue President's Remarks (continued):

Provost Akridge presented an update on Transformative Education 2.0 whose goal is to make Purdue the most innovative residential learning program among large R1 universities in the nation—in other words, Purdue will become a "T1" university. There are two primary projects: Road Map Foundations (focused on support systems), and Innovation College (focused on innovation in programs and pedagogy). There has been substantial progress made since April, supported in part by a \$5 million grant from the Lily Endowment.

Vendors will be presenting candidates for new degree planning and auditing tools, and there will be opportunities to weigh in on these and other matters, including student data and reporting, and optimizing student communications. The Innovation College, headed by Jenna Rickus, will form an innovation council and will engage the Innovative Learning Team, Libraries, and ITaP. Ed Berger is pursuing the use of artificial intelligence in assessment and artificial/virtual reality in the classroom in his role with the Innovation College.

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

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

Documents for Action - Passed

- Convening Electronically at Will (SD 21-08)
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion as a Distinct Item for Promotion Consideration (SD 20-56)

Documents for Discussion

- Senate Standing Committee Members Temporary Leaves of Absence (SD 21-09)
- Steps in addressing campus sexual assault and misconduct (SD 21-10)

For Information

Update on Senate Document 20-60

University Senate Website:

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Standing Committees

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

- J-term and current plans
- Academic Emergency Policy
- In collaboration with PSG/PGSG: Medical Excused Absence Policy, Mid Term Grade Policy, Reading and Finals Week Policy
- In collaboration with UCC: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Core Curriculum

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

- Vote on Document 20-56
- Addressing Sexual Assault on Campus
- Amplifying black scholars
- Campus and community policing
- University centralized funding of accessibility for deaf and hard-of-hearing community
- Diversifying faculty via historically high number of searches this year
- Following up on Document 20-38 (passed in April)

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

- Tuition Remission Benefit
- Compensation and Inflation
- Authorship Standard
- Teaching Excellence

Nominating Committee, Robert Nowack, nowack@purdue.edu

- Standing committee members temporary leaves of absence
- Monitoring committee vacancies

Steering Committee, Libby Richards, erichards@purdue.edu

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

- Preventing Sexual Assault

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 ([Susan South](#), Psychological Sciences / 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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