

University Senate Newsletter
 Sixth Meeting, Monday March 22, 2021, Virtual

Senate Chair's Remarks:

Chair Nichols referenced the National Women's Studies Association [statement](#) condemning the violence against Asian and Asian American women in Atlanta on 16 March 2021. The statement reads in part, "We condemn the murderous attack on March 16, 2021, and we stand in solidarity in calling it what it was: a hate crime.... We cannot be silent at this moment, nor can we allow any one organization or person to stand alone."

She also noted that Indiana has opened COVID vaccines to those 40 and over, and urged everyone in the Purdue community who qualifies for a vaccine to be vaccinated.

Chair Nichols said that shared governance is never easy, and that we must guard against dysfunction taking root in our shared governance structures, and take heed of warning signs while we still can. There is a price to doing nothing and staying silent.

She ended with a hopeful note for the spring, "Don't Hesitate," by Mary Oliver, which begins, "If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, / don't hesitate. Give in to it."

Purdue President's Remarks:

President Daniels discussed the results of Purdue's recent vaccine survey. With a 47% response rate (26,700+ responses), more than 80% of faculty, staff, and students indicated that they plan to be vaccinated when able, while an additional 10% reported feeling undecided. Purdue is engaged actively in the question of how best to encourage and provide appropriate incentives for vaccination so that we may have a safe and healthy fall together.

In addition, President Daniels indicated there are on-going discussions about how to best configure the university's physical space and work patterns post-pandemic in order to support Purdue's mission and people. Staff and faculty will discuss these areas with supervisors during their annual review to provide insight and preferences to administration as the future of where and how we work is considered.

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

(SD 20-xx: Senate Document year-item)

Documents for Action - Passed

- Nominees for Vice Chairperson of the University Senate (SD 20-33); Professor Colleen Brady elected to Vice Chair
- Amendment of Bylaws to Add an Advisor to the Educational Policy Committee (SD 20-34)
- Amendments to the Bylaws of the University Senate (SD 20-35)
- Principles for On-Campus/Purdue-Affiliated Child Care (SD 20-37)

Documents for Action - Failed

N/A

Documents for Discussion

- Process Guidelines for Discovered or Uncatalogued Art Items on Campus (SD 20-40)
- Expansion of Accessibility of Menstruation Products on Campus (SD 20-38)
- Purdue Graduate Student Senate Resolution: School of Interdisciplinary Studies (SD 20-39)
- Temporary Continuation of Purdue University's Test Flexible Approach to Undergraduate Admissions (SD 20-19)
- Proposal to Introduce 4-Week January Term to Academic Calendar (SD 20-43)
- Resolution for Increased Aid for Public Higher Education (SD 20-41)
- Proposed Bylaws Amendment: Election Committee (SD 20-42)

For Information

N/A

Standing and Faculty Committees

See page 2 (reverse) for chairs of Standing and Faculty Committees. Issues that the Standing Committees are working on are also listed.

University Senate Website:

www.purdue.edu/senate/

Charge of the Purdue University Senate: The University Senate is the governing body of the faculty, subject to the authority of the Board of Trustees and in consultation with the President, it has the power and responsibility to propose or to adopt policies, regulations and procedures intended to achieve the educational objectives of Purdue University and the general welfare of those involved in these educational processes. The University Senate follows the *American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* and our [Bylaws](#).

Standing Committees

Educational Policy Committee, Erik Otárola-Castillo,
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- The University Senate EPC continues to proactively adapt academic policies to alleviate potential adverse effects on students and instructors brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are also introducing other policy adaptations and revisions in March 2021, including a proposal for a new January Term, an update to academic regulations on grade reporting, and a resolution requesting the US Congress to increase emergency funds for public higher education.

Equity and Diversity Committee, Audrey Ruple,
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- Closing of Patty Jischke Early Care and Education Center
- COVID-19: focus on the disproportionate impacts on faculty, staff, and students
- Racial justice
- Amplifying Black scholars
- Purdue police – use of racial profiling and representation on the force
- School of Interdisciplinary Studies (SIS) funding
- Land Acknowledgement statement resolution
- Continuing education pertaining to diversity and inclusion for educators at Purdue
- Lactation spaces for students and staff
- Menstruation products availability on campus

Faculty Affairs Committee, Alexander Francis,
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Nominating Committee, Robert Nowack,
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- Populating Standing Committees

Steering Committee, Libby Richards
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- Steering has sent Document 19-30 to the Nominating, Faculty Affairs, and Equity & Diversity Committee for their evaluation and is awaiting recommendations.

Standing Committees (cont.)

Student Affairs Committee, David Sanders,
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- SARS-CoV-2 testing
- Mental Health
- Standardized Tests
- January Term

University Resource Policy Committee, Janice Kritchevsky,
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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 ([Sammie Morris](#), Libraries / EPC)
- Athletic Affairs ([Jessica Huber](#), SLHS / SAC)
- Budget Interpretation, Evaluation, & Review ([Howie Zelaznik](#), Health & Kinesiology/ 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 ([Nicholas Dib](#), Construction Mgmt / URPC)
- Scholastic Delinquencies and Readmissions ([Megan Dorton](#), Sr. Assoc Director of Admissions / EPC)
- Staff Appeal Board for Traffic Regulations ([Roy Dejoie](#), Management /URPC)
- Sustainability ([Vilas Pol](#), Chemical Engineering / 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.