

University Senate Newsletter

Seventh Meeting, April 19, 2021, Continued, May 3, 2021, Virtual

Senate Chair's Remarks:

Chair Nichols spoke about humanity's predisposition towards storytelling, and in particular the power of fairy tales to offer guidance for how to cope with sadness, pain, and loss; how to resist and defend against villainous or bullying behavior; and how transformative change can help good to win out in the end.

She concluded that we have nearly made it through to the other side; as Dory says in *Finding Nemo*, we can make the changes we need if we continue to move forward: just keep swimming.

She thanked the Senate for their hard work and many accomplishments across a year of extraordinary circumstances, and said she looks forward to what the future holds for all of us at Purdue.

Purdue President's Remarks:

President Daniels noted that the No. 7 seed Boilermakers Volleyball team would soon be facing No. 2 seed Kentucky in the NCAA Regional Finals, and urged the community to watch and support them.

He reported that a targeted location for the new facility to replace the Patty Jischke Early Care and Education Center had been confirmed at the site of the State Farm Building at 2550 Northwestern Avenue.

Purdue's vaccine clinic has administered more than 17,000 doses of vaccine, and will continue to vaccinate students, staff, WL spouses, dependents, and retirees. More than 90% of 14,455 survey respondents say they plan to be vaccinated, and students and employees are urged to confirm their status at protect.purdue.edu/vaccine-information

Finally, President Daniels announced that on June 11, the Board of Trustees plans to adopt the Civics Proficiency requirement recommendation that was developed over the course of two years by a faculty working group including Professors Cheryl Cooky, Phillip Van Fossen, Robert Browning, and James McCann. The requirement will apply to the incoming 2021 class but will be voluntary for current students.

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

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

Documents for Action - Passed

- Senate Documents 20-46, 20-47, 20-48, 20-49, 20-50, 20-51 and 20-54 – Nominees confirmed for Standing Committees
- Senate Document 20-53 – Professors Julie Liu and Shannon McMullen elected to the Steering Committee
- Process Guidelines for Discovered or Uncatalogued Art Items on Campus (SD 20-40)
- 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, as amended)
- Proposal to Introduce 4-Week January Term to Academic Calendar (SD 20-43, as amended)
- Land Use Acknowledgement (SD 20-55)

Documents for Action - Failed

- Proposed Bylaws Amendment: Election Committee (SD 20-42)

Documents for Discussion

- Required Department QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Liaisons for Mental Health Action (SD 20-45)
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion as a Distinct Item for Promotion Consideration (SD 20-56)
- Academic Calendar Revision: Election Day as a Civic Day of Service (SD 20-57)
- Academic Regulations Update (SD 20-58)
- Academic Regulations Update for Reading Week Policies (SD 20-59)
- On the Need to Demonstrate Civics Literacy Through Shared Governance (SD 20-60)

For Information

N/A

Continued Meeting

Because of its full agenda, the Senate meeting was continued to 2:30pm on Monday May 3.

University Senate Website:
www.purdue.edu/senate/

Standing Committees

Educational Policy Committee, Erik Otárola-Castillo, eoc@purdue.edu

- 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.

Equity and Diversity Committee, Audrey Ruple, aruple@purdue.edu

- Menstruation products availability on campus
- School of Interdisciplinary Studies (SIS) funding
- Land Acknowledgement statement resolution
- Diversity and inclusion as part of the Tenure and Promotion process
- 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
- Lactation spaces for students and staff

Faculty Affairs Committee, Alexander Francis, francis@purdue.edu

Nominating Committee, Robert Nowack, nowack@purdue.edu

- Populating Standing Committees

Steering Committee, Libby Richards, erichards@purdue.edu

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

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

- Management of Purdue Memorial Union
- Mental Health
- Standardized Tests
- January Term

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 ([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.

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