

University Senate Newsletter

Fourth Meeting, January 24, 2022, Virtual

Senate Chair’s Remarks:

Chair Beaudoin stated that our byword for this semester must be compassion. All of our environments and communities have changed during this pandemic, and everyone’s work is different as well. We feel more stressed and less successful, and have fewer outlets for recharging, creating a spiral of discontent. He encouraged all of Purdue’s faculty, staff, and students to be compassionate with each other, and especially ourselves.

Purdue President’s Remarks:

President Daniels sent his apologies but was unable to attend the Senate meeting due to a conflict. Instead, he recorded a video introducing two live presentations.

The first, by Carol Shelby, Senior Director of Environmental Health and Public Safety, updated the Senate on the University’s response to the 2014 Security Feedback Report, which had been made under the supervision of then-Senate Vice Chair Patricia Hart in response to the 21 January 2014 murder of Andrew Bolt. The University has taken action in response to all areas identified in the report, including physical and infrastructure changes, emergency communication systems, and mental health support. Ongoing emergency preparedness training continues.

The second presentation, by Rob Wynkoop, Associate Vice President, Auxiliary Services, asked the Senate for feedback on a proposal to add a faculty club at PMU, located in the Sagamore Room. The goal of the faculty club is to be cost neutral; fees would depend to some extent on faculty interest in enrolling. The President would appreciate Senate input on the interest in a Faculty Club and on design elements important to faculty (membership structure, amenities, hours, etc.).

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

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

Documents for Action - Passed

- Nominees for Committee Vacancies (SD 21-17)
- Attempt at Dissolution of the Purdue University Senate (SD 21-14 as amended) (*Document title amended to “Opposition to an Attempt at Restructuring/Dissolution of the Purdue University Senate”*)
- Honors College Member on the Undergraduate Curriculum Council (SD 21-16)

Documents for Action – Delayed until February

- Proposal for a Medically Excused Absence Policy for Students (MEAPS) to be added to Purdue University Main Campus Academic Regulations (SD 21-12)
- Mental Health Action Week to be recognized on Official Purdue University Calendar (SD 21-13)

For Information

- Purdue Student Government Update (PSG President Shannon Kang)
- Purdue Graduate Student Government Update (PGSG President Madelina Nuñez)
- Shared Governance Task Force Update (Professor Deborah Nichols)

University Senate Website:

Please visit the Senate website for copies of Documents, Reports, Slides, and etc.

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, Thomas Siegmund,
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- Medical Excused Absence Policy for Students, SD 21-12
- Honors College Member on the Undergraduate Curriculum Council
- Winterflex proposal
- Enrollment trends vs. instructional resources (space, instructors, TAs)

Equity and Diversity Committee, Brian Leung,
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- Addressing Sexual Assault on Campus
- Amplifying black faculty and staff
- Campus and community policing
- University centralized funding of accessibility for deaf and hard-of-hearing community.
- Juneteenth commemoration

Faculty Affairs Committee, Signe Kastberg,
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- Teaching Excellence
- Winterflex collaboration with EPC
- Faculty Support for Action in Response to International Student Harassment
- Bylaws change due to Reapportionment

Nominating Committee, Robert Nowack,
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- Populating committee vacancies
- Populating faculty committees

Steering Committee, Libby Richards
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- Implementation of passed Senate legislation

Student Affairs Committee, David Sanders,
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- Preventing Sexual Assault
- Student-Athlete Name Image and Likeness
- Student-Athlete COVID-19 Protection
- Student-Athlete Long-Term Health
- Student Free Speech
- Student Mental Health
- President's Annual Letter to Purdue Community

Standing Committees (continued):

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 ([Lei Wang](#), EAPS / EPC)
- Athletic Affairs ([Kathleen Abrahamson](#), Nursing / SAC)
- Budget Interpretation, Evaluation, & Review (TBD/ URPC)
- Faculty Compensation and Benefits ([Mireille Boutin](#), Electrical and Computer Engineering / 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.