

University Senate Newsletter
Sixth Meeting, March 21, 2022, Virtual**Senate Chair's Remarks:**

Chair Beaudoin presented an update on the work of the special committee convened to address sexual violence on campus. Two rounds of recommendations have been made to the university. Actions to be taken include: more resources and modules available for education on sexual violence; additional staff and support for the CARE Center; and the timely warning language required by the Clery Act will be modified to be more supportive of survivors. Ongoing efforts continue to improve the process for reporting, and student organizations will work to expand the Sober Drivers program.

Chair Beaudoin also reported 604 faculty had responded regarding the possibility of a faculty lounge or club; most respondents were tenured or tenure-track. Most respondents were supportive of the idea, with highest interest levels for lunch and happy hour uses for the area. Overwhelming support was reported for the idea that any instructors in the university should be allowed to use such an area.

Finally, he noted that Alpine Clinic, one of the largest mental health providers in the area, recently closed its doors without much notice, badly exacerbating the shortage of mental health professionals in West Lafayette. Resources available to Purdue insurance users include the Center for Healthy Living and LiveHealthOnline.

Purdue President's Remarks:

President Daniels was unable to attend the Senate meeting, but Provost Akridge was available to address questions sent in advance of the meeting. Related to the arrest of Adonis Tuggle, no decision has yet been made by the special prosecutor in his investigation, and so no new information, including the bodycam footage, may be released yet. As soon as the University is in a position to provide updates, they will do so.

Another question was about Purdue's ability to manage rising inflation in light of the latest year of tuition freeze. Provost Akridge explained that we revisit the issue of tuition annually. While tuition has been frozen, we have grown enrollment, and so we have been able to invest in our faculty, research enterprises, and in equity matters. Our merit pool this year will be 4%, which will be at or near the top of our peers, with 1% held back as a targeted competitive adjustment pool. Graduate student stipends and some faculty and staff groups need to be more competitive, and will be the focus of that pool.

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

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

Documents for Action – Passed

- Nominees for the Educational Policy Committee (21-25)
- Nominees for the Faculty Affairs Committee (21-26)
- Nominees for the Steering Committee (21-27)
- Nominees for the University Resources Policy Committee (21-28)
- Bylaws Change to 2.00 (a) and (c) (SD 21-15)
- International Harassment of Purdue Students and Family Members - revised (SD 21-18)
- Nominees for Vice-Chairperson of the University Senate (SD 21-20): Brian Leung elected in run-off.
- Recognizing and Valuing the Voices and Contributions of Black and Underrepresented Faculty & Staff (SD 21-21)
- On the Need for a Policy to Define and Declare an Academic Emergency – revised (SD 21-22)
- Addition of a Winter Session to the Academic Calendar – revised (SD 21-23)

Documents for Action – Failed

- None

Documents for Discussion

- On the Need for Campus-Wide Curricular Treatment of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (SD 21-29)
- Statement on Shared Governance at Purdue-West Lafayette (SD 21-30)
- Request for an Investment Plan for the Purdue Endowment (SD 21-31)
- SAT/ACT and Undergraduate Admissions (SD 21-32)

For Information

- Authorship Standard (Jamie Mohler, Research Integrity Officer and Associate Dean)

University Senate Website:

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Standing Committees

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

- Senate Document on Winter Session (21-23) (with FAC and consultation with university administration)
- Senate Document on Academic Emergency Regulation (21-22) (with consultation with Provost Akridge)
- Draft Senate Document on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the University Core Curriculum (with UCC, in consultation with VP Gates and others)
- Draft Senate Document on Shared Governance (in consultation with several other Senate committees)
- Senate Document on Reading and Finals Week (20-59) with PSG, yet EPC did not find common ground
- Framework for Teaching Excellence (with Teaching Academy). Decided not to advance a Senate document on this matter this semester

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

- Campus and community policing
- University centralized funding of accessibility for deaf and hard-of-hearing community and accessibility compliance
- Defending academic freedom to teach about race and gender justice and critical race theory
- Elimination of standardized test requirements for undergraduate admission

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

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Nominating Committee, Robert Nowack, nowack@purdue.edu

- Populating Standing Committees
- Reminder that survey results are needed to fill out the remaining committees by the April Senate meeting.

Steering Committee, Libby Richards erichards@purdue.edu

- Implementation of passed Senate legislation

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

- Preventing Sexual Assault

Standing Committees (continued):

- Student-Athlete Name Image and Likeness
- Student-Athlete COVID-19 Protection
- Student-Athlete Long-Term Health
- Student Free Speech
- Student Mental Health
- Student Experience of Law Enforcement
- Standardized Tests and Admissions

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

- Shared Governance
- Academic Emergency Policy

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.

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