

**University Senate Newsletter**  
Fourth Meeting, 23 January 2023, Virtual**Senate Chair's Remarks:**

Chair Colleen Brady provided a brief update from the December Board of Trustees meeting. She congratulated our four colleagues who were ratified in their named appointments. She reminded the community of the [recent renaming of several buildings and relocation of programs](#) (e.g., Recitation Hall is now Schleman Hall of Student Services), and urged everyone to remember to check their maps in the coming weeks as we adjust to the changes. She also relayed that the Trustees had expressed recognition and appreciation for the many contributions of President Daniels and Provost Akridge to Purdue's achievements.

Chair Brady stated that she wished to speak to the Senate about change: often, we want things to be different, but not necessarily to do things differently. Purdue has an opportunity in the coming months to make changes in positive ways. She highlighted the [Senate report](#) from the Purdue Student Government, and the many ways they have worked this year to institute positive changes to support our students. She noted that we have a chance to demonstrate our belief in the importance of equity and inclusion through the high number of deanship and faculty searches moving forward this semester. The decisions our community makes now will have an impact on what Purdue will look like for the next decade.

Chair Brady added that Senators have been elected to represent their units, and are thus in a leadership role within their units. The questions before the Senate were, then, how can we use our roles as leaders to help define what Purdue will be in the future? How can we use our committees to create positive change and keep Purdue moving forward? Are we serving *all* of our constituents—our students, colleagues, and community and industry partners? And finally, most importantly, can we take a look at what we have inherited as the "Purdue Way" of doing things, and make sure it is still the best way to support Purdue's 21<sup>st</sup>-century mission?

**Purdue President's Remarks:**

President Mung Chiang greeted the Senate, and recalled attending faculty meetings as an assistant professor, where, in learning the ropes, he learned about the importance of the conversations that take place in shared governance meetings. He thanked the Senate for the opportunity to be with them and to serve with them. He then asked to highlight three issues:

- 1) He reminded the community that on day one of the Spring 2023 semester, his administration [had announced](#) the creation of the Action Council on Student Housing and Wellbeing (SHW) to look into graduate and undergraduate students' housing, health, and mental needs.
- 2) Also on 9 January, Provost Wolfe, EVPR Plaut, and CFO Ruhl announced six initial steps to reward and recognize faculty excellence, including a dedicated Faculty Recognition Office to advance external nominations and awards. In the future, these and other related steps will constitute a new Giant Leap.

**Purdue President's Remarks (continued):**

- 3) He invited the community to participate in the many scholarly events happening on campus, including the first of the 2023 [Presidential Lecture Series](#), featuring 2021 Nobel Prize laureate David MacMillan, which takes place on 13 February (just before Valentine's Day, for those who see the romance in chemistry).

President Chiang introduced Provost Patrick Wolfe. Provost Wolfe echoed President Chiang's sentiments and expressed excitement for the new initiatives they were undertaking to improve the success of faculty and students alike. He noted that he was very interested in working with and learning from faculty, particularly with respect to major issues in Teaching and Learning 2.0. For example, he asked, how might the judicious use of AI, Chat GPT, et al. help us to become and/or remain national leaders in these important areas?

Administrative [responses](#) to pre-submitted questions were posted to the Senate website. It was also stated during Question Time that the increased demand for on-campus electric vehicle charging stations is being studied.

**\*\*\* Status of Legislation \*\*\*****Documents for Action - Passed**

- Senate Document 22-15 Nominee for the Educational Policy Committee

**Documents for Discussion**

- Senate Document 22-12 Academic Regulations Update for Academic Probation and Deficiency Policies
- Senate Document 22-13 Proposal for a New Embedded Learning Outcome Focused on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Senate Document 22-16 Revising Academic Regulations to Drop the WF and Associated Direct Grades
- Senate Document 22-17 Revising Academic Regulations for Stylistic Consistency

**For Information**

- Report of the Purdue Student Government

**New Business**

Lee Artz, Senator for Purdue Northwest, announced his intent to bring a draft statement regarding the recent issues on that campus to the Senate's February meeting. Senators who wish to contact him may email [artz@pnw.edu](mailto:artz@pnw.edu), or Senator Rose Mason at [rmason3@purdue.edu](mailto:rmason3@purdue.edu).

**University Senate Website:**

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[www.purdue.edu/senate/](http://www.purdue.edu/senate/)

**Standing Committees****Educational Policy Committee**, Eric Kvam,  
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- Proposal for a new Embedded Learning Outcome Focused on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (University Core Curriculum)
- Academic Regulations Update for Academic Probation and Deficiency
- Revising academic regulations to drop the WF and associated direct grades
- Revising academic regulations for stylistic consistency
- Vetting a request from VetMed to allow seniors to complete Year 4 as Pass/No Pass

**Equity and Diversity Committee**, Denise Whitford,  
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- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Accessibility
- Student Course Evaluations
- New Senator workshops
- Embedded learning outcome focused on DEI; sponsored by the Educational Policy Committee (University Core Curriculum)

**Faculty Affairs Committee**, Eric N. Waltenburg,  
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- Document addressing Senator Rights and Responsibilities
- Issues concerning Senate apportionment

**Nominating Committee**, Richard D. Mattes,  
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- Populating Faculty Committees: **please encourage all constituents to fill out the committee selection [Qualtrics survey](#)**
- Looking for Vice-Chair candidates to be presented in February: self-nominations welcome; email Mattes or the Secretary of Faculties
- Senate Standing Committee Qualtrics will be distributed in February

**Steering Committee**, Libby Richards,  
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- Soliciting reports and informational sessions in response to faculty and committee requests
- Coordinating with FAC to request review of number of Senators, definition of quorums, and MaPSAC and CCSAC representation

**Student Affairs Committee**, David Sanders,  
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- Improved Responses to Reports of Sexual Misconduct
- Protecting Student Privacy/Recording Accommodations
- Purdue Student Senate Resolution 21-69 Resolution in Support of Editable Gender-Inclusive Options Amongst Purdue Affiliated Websites

**University Resource Policy Committee**, Yuan Yao,  
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- Revising SD 21-31 on the investments of the endowment relating to fossil fuels and carbon negative renewable technologies
- Developing a Senate Document about Purdue being carbon neutral by 2030
- Developing a Senate Document about joining the Greater Lafayette Climate Action Plan

**Faculty Committees**

Members are any tenured/tenure-track, clinical & prof. faculty who volunteer. Please respond to the call for volunteers issued in January.

- **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** ([Victor Chen](#), CGT/ URPC)
- **Faculty Compensation and Benefits** ([Mireille Boutin](#), Electrical and Computer Engineering / FAC)
- **Grade Appeals** ([Jonathan Sweet](#), Bands and Orchestras / 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** ([Melissa Hay](#), CSSAC / URPC)
- **Student Excellent** ([Li Qiao](#), Aeronautics & Astronautics / EPC)
- **Undergraduate Curriculum Council** ([Karen Marais](#), Engineering / EPC)
- **Sustainability** ([Amanda Darbyshire](#), Vet Med / URPC)
- **Visual Arts and Design** ([Laura Bittner](#), Design, Art, and Performance/ URPC)

Contact the committee chairs (listed above) for more information.

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Most of the work of the University Senate happens in committees. 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.

**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](#).