

University Senate Newsletter
Fifth Meeting, 20 February 2023, Virtual**Senate Chair's Remarks:**

Vice Chair Brian Leung presided for Chair Colleen Brady. In his remarks, he noted that the Senate was doing their part toward giving back the proverbial faculty hour (see President's Remarks, below) due to much hard work and improved efficiency.

He stated that the Senate is a demonstration of shared governance, and other universities are looking to us to see what it is we do and how we operate. We have many new faculty and staff on campus, and it is possible that they are not familiar with the Senate's ability to have input on the workings on the university. He requested that everyone listening in on the meeting take some time in the next month to reach out to colleagues, to campus visitors, and to anyone new to the Purdue community, and tell them what the Senate does, and why it matters and is important. He asked members to write him (brian-leung@purdue.edu) and share their successes in communicating the importance of the Senate to others.

Purdue President's Remarks:

President Mung Chiang highlighted three points.

1) We look forward to continuing and expanding the Ukrainian scholars program begun a year ago by President Emeritus Daniels. Nearly a dozen are with us now, and more may be arriving. As reported today, Vice President Harris has stated that the Russian invasion was a crime against humanity, and President Biden is in Ukraine to show U.S. support. We hope our guests will be able to return home in safety soon, but in the meantime, President Chiang asked faculty to consider hosting additional scholars through the renewal of this program.

2) President Chiang and Provost Wolfe are looking into an initiative called Returning One Hour Per Day to Faculty (acronym TBD). Whether it is in teaching, research, or paperwork, much labor has been pushed to faculty plates in recent years, and the hope is to support time-saving and productivity enhancement for faculty members. This is an ambitious goal, but President Mung said he felt assured there are ways to achieve it. Suggestions are warmly welcomed from the Senate and from faculty at large.

3) President Chiang concluded with the wish that Senators pay particular attention to external recognition and awards for faculty colleagues. He noted the creation of an office under the Provost to promote external awards recognition and awards nominations. He expressed hope that department heads and faculty would look at external recognition as a key priority, and act as nominators and reference writers as well as award seekers. He said this is important for retention efforts, and for celebrating Purdue's reputation for success.

Provost Wolfe responded to the Chair Brady's request that he address some of the [pre-submitted questions](#). Regarding admissions, he said that an annual target is set by the board, and then broken down across colleges based on historical trends and demographic information, and applications are then reviewed holistically.

Purdue President's Remarks (continued):

Applications and yield numbers vary across units, but every corner of campus could benefit from paying attention to increasing yield. The same basic process will apply to applicants from Purdue Indianapolis.

In response to questions about hiring protocols, the Provost confirmed that the Strategic Opportunity Hiring Program had been paused for reassessment as part of recent university leadership changes. He said strategic hires continue to occur, but not as part of this program. Promotion and tenure will continue this year per published guidelines, and faculty and deans will continue to play an important role in these processes. He argued that appointments of tenured and senior faculty to Purdue should be considered with great gravity. The Provost's Office wishes to see more uniform consistency in following guidelines for tenure and promotion, particularly in the case of outside hires hoping to come to Purdue with tenure.

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

- SD 22-12 Academic Regulations Update for Academic Probation and Deficiency Policies
- SD 22-13 Proposal for a New Embedded Learning Outcome Focused on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (revised)
- SD 22-16 Revising Academic Regulations to Drop the WF and Associated Direct Grades
- SD 22-17 Revising Academic Regulations for Stylistic Consistency
- SD 22-20 PNW Chancellor Keon's Racist Comments

Documents for Discussion

- SD 22-18 Call for Purdue University to Join the Greater Lafayette Climate Action Plan
- SD 22-19 Senators' Rights and Responsibilities
- SD 22-21 Nominees for Vice Chair
- SD 22-22 Calling for Purdue to Commit to Carbon Neutrality by 2030

For Information

- Update on Teaching & Learning 2.0

New Business

- SD 22-24 Request to Transition to Pass/Not Pass Grading for the Fourth Year of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Curriculum (will move to For Action docket in March)

University Senate Website:

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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
- Revising academic regulations to extend the drop course deadline
- Defunct committee cleanup
- Students who are not able to attach academically to any college or department

Equity and Diversity Committee, Denise Whitford,
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- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Accessibility
- Embedded learning outcome focused on DEI; sponsored by the Educational Policy Committee (University Core Curriculum)
- PNW Chancellor Proposal

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
- Senate Standing Committee Qualtrics was 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
- Seeking standing committee input on locations and quality of lactation stations across campus

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 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.

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](#).