

**University Senate Newsletter**  
Seventh Meeting, 17 April 2023, Virtual**Senate Chair's Remarks:**

Chair Colleen Brady reminded Senators and visitors that the minutes for the April meeting would also include end-of-year reports from the Standing and Faculty Committees. Committee chairs were reminded to update their reports with information about the implementation of any legislation that they were responsible for taking to the Senate.

In her main remarks, Chair Brady provided an update from the April 13-14 Board of Trustees meeting, taking a moment to applaud the 144 faculty members who were tenured and/or promoted, as well as those professors ratified to named professorships, and to extend special congratulations to Prof. Clint Chapple, recent inductee into the National Academy of Sciences. At the meeting, President Chiang announced all faculty recipients of national awards since January 2023, and he intends to make this a quarterly practice; therefore, Chair Brady reminded faculty to be sure their award information is shared with department heads and deans.

After delivering a report on the "one-hour challenge" responses collected by the Senate this semester, Brady warmly thanked the Senators who worked hard all year, and who prioritized shared governance in their busy lives—as well as all the members of faculty committees who do important service work university-wide. Chair Brady especially thanked the Standing Committee Chairs, who have a complex, important job, and did it fearlessly this year (and shall feast upon a delicious box lunch of gratitude in May). She also recognized the contributions of the Secretary of Faculties, and Vice Brian Chair Leung, who will be taking over gavel swinging duties in June.

**Purdue President's Remarks:**

President Mung Chiang joined the Senate from Washington, D.C., and thanked Chair Brady for her leadership. He also thanked Purdue faculty for their feedback and suggestions regarding how to return time to faculty, which had been compiled and transmitted to administration by Senate leadership.

In his remarks, President Chiang drew attention to the elevation of the minimum stipend for PhD students, emphasizing that a minimum is a floor, not a ceiling. He hoped that the new 150 / year Presidential Doctoral Excellence Awards would encourage current and future students to join Purdue for their advanced studies.

He noted that the Board of Trustees had just approved plans to add nearly 1000 new beds for undergraduate housing, with the possibility of an additional 800 more to come. Taken together, these beds would catch Purdue up to its current undergraduate population. He also stated that Dudley and Lambertus Halls had opened under budget and on time, offering 250,000 square feet on campus that included student success offices, student organization space, and active learning areas.

President Chiang emphasized that Purdue Online and Purdue Global are not the same, although collectively they both provide growth for student success in online spaces. The Board of Trustees had approved clarifying language to distinguish between both, and to encourage efforts to manage any curricular conflicts.

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

Finally, President Chiang confirmed that a merit pool of 4% + 1% (for retention of outstanding faculty, staff, and students) had been approved. He said that, per government data, the rate of inflation had dropped to 5% as of last week. It was reported that Purdue's back-to-back collective 5% raise pools had not happened previously in this century, but that the financial strength of the university made it possible to do this, alongside another year of frozen tuition. In discussion, President Chiang acknowledged that inflation was a concern, as was the cost of housing, but argued these were better problems to face than a depressed market.

Provost Patrick Wolfe went over the administrative answers to pre-submitted questions, which are also now available on the Senate website. Topics included Purdue and climate change; interest in a possible shuttle to and from Indianapolis; Purdue Airport; salaries and retention; tenure and promotion; and the role of the Liberal Arts at Purdue. During discussion, Provost Wolfe defended the decision to require a minimum of 8 letters for promotion cases, and responded to questions about the impact of Purdue Global on Purdue West Lafayette's nursing program, and plans for Interdisciplinary Studies.

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

- SD 22-32 Nominees for the Educational Policy Committee
- SD 22-33 Nominees for the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee
- SD 22-34 Nominees for the Faculty Affairs Committee
- SD 22-36 Nominees for the Steering Committee
- SD 22-35 Nominees for the Nominating Committee
- SD 22-37 Nominees for the Student Affairs Committee
- SD 22-38 Nominees for the University Resources Policy Committee
- 22-23 Schedule Revisions Policy Update (revised)
- 22-25 Resolution Calling for Changes to the False Allegations, Statements, and Evidence Section of the Title IX and Anti-Harassment Policy
- 22-26 Resolution Calling for Clarification of the Incapacitation Definition in the Title IX and Anti-Harassment Policy
- 22-27 Full-Time Students Not Enrolled in Any College or Department Due to Academic Underperformance (revised)
- SD 22-39 Improvement of Services and Relevant Policies and Procedures at Purdue-Affiliated Early Care and Education Centers (rules waived for immediate action)

**Documents for Discussion**

- SD 22-40 Proposed Modification to Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee (FCBC) Bylaws (will be taken up for action in September)

**For Information**

- [Update](#) for Purdue Online
- [Update](#) on Faculty Responses to President Chiang's "One-Hour Challenge"

**University Senate Website:**

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

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

**Standing Committees**

**Educational Policy Committee**, Eric Kvam,  
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- Schedule Revisions Policy Update
- Full time students not enrolled in any College or Department due to academic underperformance (academically unhoued)

**Equity and Diversity Committee**, Denise Whitford,  
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- Planning for AY 2023-24

**Faculty Affairs Committee**, Eric N. Waltenburg,  
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- Issues concerning Senate apportionment
- Issues regarding Purdue daycare policies & procedures
- Concerns stemming from the recent passage of SB 480

**Nominating Committee**, Richard D. Mattes,  
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- Populating Senate Standing Committees: slates to be voted on by Senate in April
- Managing summer vacancies

**Steering Committee**, Libby Richards,  
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- Soliciting reports and informational sessions in response to faculty and committee requests

**Student Affairs Committee**, David Sanders,  
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- Resolution Calling for Changes to the False Allegations, Statements, and Evidence Section of the Title IX and Anti-Harassment Policy
- Resolution Calling for Clarification of the Incapacitation Definition in the Title IX and Anti-Harassment Policy
- 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"
- Whether there should be a mental health awareness day on campus

**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

**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](#).