

**University Senate Newsletter**

Fourth Meeting, Monday January 25, 2021, Virtual

**Senate Chair's Remarks:**

Chair Nichols welcomed the Senate to the New Year, and registered the recent chaos, both politically and due to the pandemic, we have all experienced as we transition from 2020. Chair Nichols emphasized that the die is cast. Yet, choosing optimism, she underscored the gifts of human connection and our responsibility to one another, urging that we embrace 2021 by respecting the lessons of 2020. She concluded by citing the power of authors such as Henry Melvill—"Ye live not for yourselves; ye cannot live for yourselves; a thousand fibres connect you with your fellow-men"—and Lucille Clifton to guide us:

i am running into a new year  
and I beg what I love and  
i leave to forgive me

**Purdue President's Remarks:**

President Daniels announced that Purdue will become a vaccination site, hopefully within the week. He also emphasized that Purdue has a community responsibility to stay open safely, and noted that Tippecanoe data suggests community-to-campus spread was more prevalent than campus-to-community spread.

He also discussed plans for campus and community growth and development, including the State Street renovation partnership with West Lafayette, expansion in the Discovery Park district, and plans for Purdue's West Lafayette Research Park progress. The Greater Lafayette areas demonstrates steady population and wage growth. All of this leads to the increasingly likely possibility that we may be able to bring commercial passenger flights back to Purdue's airport. Carriers have expressed interest, and Purdue is applying for a competitive federal grant that would assist us in expanding our air service by increasing the kinds of expenditures that encourage community support of local air travel.

**Purdue President's Remarks (cont.):**

President Daniels' remarks were followed by a comprehensive budget update from Chris Ruhl, Purdue's CFO. Topics included how Protect Purdue expenses were being covered, Purdue's use of Federal Stimulus funding, and current projections to fiscal year 2021 compared to the fiscal year 2020 budget plan. While uncertainty remains, Purdue's condition is healthy. Barring setbacks, merit raises will resume July 1, 150 faculty searches have been authorized for 2021 hiring, and the Trustees have approved a tenth year of frozen tuition.

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

(SD 20-xx: Senate Document year-item)

**Documents for Action - Passed**

- Student Member of Educational Policy Committee (SD 20-27)
- Nominee for Senate University Resources Policy Committee (SD 20-28)
- Nominee for Senate Equity and Diversity Committee (SD 20-29)
- Nominee for Senate University Resources Policy Committee (SD 20-32)
- Composition of the Visual Arts and Design Committee (SD 20-26)
- Extension of Deadline for Students to Switch Spring 2021 Courses from a Letter Grade to P/NP (SD 20-30)
- Extension of Deadline for Students to Withdraw/Drop Spring 2021 Courses (SD 20-31)

**Documents for Action - Failed**

N/A

**For Information**

- Budget Update from Chris Ruhl, CFO

**Standing and Faculty Committees**

See page 2 (reverse) for chairs of Standing and Faculty Committees. Issues that the Standing Committees are working on are also listed.

**University Senate Website:**

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

### Standing Committees

**Educational Policy Committee**, Erik Otárola-Castillo, [eoc@purdue.edu](mailto:eoc@purdue.edu)

- Extension of deadline to withdraw/drop a course for Spring 2021
- Extension of deadline to change from letter grade to P/NP for Spring 2021

**Equity and Diversity Committee**, Audrey Ruple, [aruple@purdue.edu](mailto:aruple@purdue.edu)

- COVID-19: focus on the disproportionate impacts on faculty, staff, and students
- Racial justice
- Amplifying black scholars
- Purdue police – use of racial profiling and representation on the force
- School of Interdisciplinary Studies (SIS) funding
- Land Acknowledgement statement
- Continuing education pertaining to diversity and inclusion for educators at Purdue
- Lactation spaces for students and staff

**Faculty Affairs Committee**, Alexander Francis, [francis@purdue.edu](mailto:francis@purdue.edu)

**Nominating Committee**, Robert Nowack, [nowack@purdue.edu](mailto:nowack@purdue.edu)

- Nominees for standing committee vacancies.
- Populating faculty committees
- Accepting Vice-Chair nominations

**Steering Committee**, Libby Richards [erichards@purdue.edu](mailto:erichards@purdue.edu)

- Concerns and issues for possible University Senate consideration should be sent to the chair.
- Received a resolution from SAC: Temporary Elimination of Standardized Test Requirement for Undergraduate Admissions. This resolution was forwarded to EPC for review.
- Steering is working on sending Document 19-30 to the Nominating, Faculty Affairs, and Equity & Diversity Committees for their evaluation and recommendations.

**Student Affairs Committee**, David Sanders, [retrovir@purdue.edu](mailto:retrovir@purdue.edu)

- SARS-CoV-2 testing
- Mental Health

**University Resource Policy Committee**, Janice Kritchevsky, [sojkaje@purdue.edu](mailto:sojkaje@purdue.edu)

- Visual Arts and Design Committee Composition

### 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 ([Sammie Morris](#), Libraries / EPC)
- Athletic Affairs ([Jessica Huber](#), SLHS / SAC)
- Budget Interpretation, Evaluation, & Review ([Howie Zelaznik](#), Health & Kinesiology/ URPC)
- Faculty Compensation and Benefits ([Susan South](#), Psychological Sciences / FAC)
- Grade Appeals ([Sandra \(Kuebler\) Gilpin](#), Nursing / FAC)
- Library Committee ([Sylvie Brouder](#), Agronomy / URPC)
- Parking and Traffic ([Nicholas Dib](#), Construction Mgmt / URPC)
- Scholastic Delinquencies and Readmissions ([Megan Dorton](#), Sr. Assoc Director of Admissions / EPC)
- Staff Appeal Board for Traffic Regulations ([Roy Dejoie](#), Management /URPC)
- Sustainability ([Vilas Pol](#), Chemical Engineering / URPC)
- Visual Arts and Design ([Sarah Huber](#) / URPC)

Contact the chair (listed) for more information.

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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.

**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](#).