

University Senate Newsletter

Second Meeting, Monday October 19, 2020, Virtual

Senate Chair's Remarks:

Chair Nichols shared a personal story about struggle and perseverance to emphasize the importance of narratives that show resilience. Wave 3 Survey results indicate that our faculty, staff, and students are struggling to balance life and work, to feel productive, to maintain relationships in the face of social and personal challenges. A Wave 4 survey is in the works to help us address the coming spring.

As Audre Lorde wrote, "Life is very short and what we have to do must be done in the now." We must ask ourselves, Where will you go from here? What can you do? How will you live your life honorably and with purpose?

Purdue President's Remarks:

President Daniels encouraged the community to monitor the Purdue COVID-19 Dashboard with care. Our situation and overall positivity rate are fairly stable. Only 10% of our 900 isolation beds have been needed. The vast majority of cases report no or mild symptoms.

Purdue leads the Big 10 for the most number of students in classrooms. To date, there has been no evidence of classroom spread to instructors or among students. President Daniels thanked the faculty for their work to deliver a residential learning experience under difficult circumstances.

We are closely monitoring student mental health. Our students face enormous pressures. We are watching for signs of difficulties and expanding our resources. We are developing plans for more student life events, such as the safe outdoor viewing of football.

Provost Jay Akridge shared that planning for spring includes better use of classroom space, improved technology, and more attention to course modality in planning.

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

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

Documents for Action - Passed

- Nominee for the Educational Policy Committee (*SD 20-13*)
- Student Nominee for the University Resources Policy Committee (*SD 20-14*)
- Student Nominee for the Faculty Grade Appeals Committee (*SD 20-15*)
- EPC Support for the Spring 2021 Academic Calendar (*SD 20-16*)
- Extension of Deadline for Students to "Withdraw/Drop" Fall 2020 Courses (*SD 20-17*)
- Extension of Deadline for Students to Switch any Fall 2020 Course from a Letter Grade to P/NP (*SD 20-18*)
- Voluntary Reading Day in Fall 2020 Semester (*SD 20-20*)

Documents for Action - Failed

N/A

For Information

- Presentation on Fall 2020 Challenges for ITaP

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/

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](#).

Standing Committees**Educational Policy Committee**, Erik Otárola-Castillo,
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The EPC has been diligently working on adapting academic policies to alleviate potential adverse effects on students and instructors, brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. To this end, we present the following resolutions:

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

Equity and Diversity Committee, Audrey Ruple,
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- 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
- Accessibility issues with online learning platforms (and proctoring tools) + ergonomics (working from home vs working remotely)
- Caretaking policies and the differential impact of caretaker burden
- 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**Nominating Committee**, Robert Nowack,
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- The Nominating Committee presented the slate of nominees for committee vacancies.

Steering Committee, Libby Richards
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- 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.

Standing Committees (cont.)

- Steering is working on sending Document 19-30 to the Nominating and Faculty Affairs Committee for their evaluation and recommendations.

Student Affairs Committee, David Sanders,
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- SARS-CoV-2 testing
- Mental Health

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

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.