

Purdue University Senate News

Message from the Senate Past-Chair, Natalie Carroll:

Welcome to the 7th, and final, Purdue University Senate Newsletter AY 19-20! We provide this update to inform you of what we are working on and who to contact if you would like to comment on items or issues we are studying in committee.

April 20 and 27, 2020

The University Senate met online.

Senate Chair's Remarks:

Professor Cheryl Cooky, Chair of the University Senate reported:

- Wish that everyone is doing well.
- Reassessment of items that truly matter and her focus on improved trust and collaboration with the Administration and the Board of Trustees
- This collaboration will be even more important going forward and the Senate is in good hands.
- Important work by Univ. Senate committees.
- Wishes we could have done more however COVID-19 put some spring business on hold
- Thanks to all who worked to make this a successful year. Your work is needed now, more than ever.
- Success is due to all those involved – working together toward a shared goal.

Purdue President's Remarks:

President Mitch Daniels reiterated Professor Cooky's thanks to everyone for all their efforts during these difficult times. He shared a quote, "The outlook for higher education is changing to negative...universities face unprecedented enrollment uncertainty, risks to multiple revenue streams, and potential material erosion in their balance sheets." But then noted that "Affordable universities have a competitive advantage."

President Daniels shared that Purdue intends to be open and operating in August, but noted that the final decision has not yet been made. Most of the efforts will be focused on the older & those with health issues – 20% (physical, etc.) because of the need to protect faculty and staff.

*** April Senate Meeting ***

(SD 19-xx: Senate Document year-item)

Documents for Action – Passed

- Nominees for University and Standing Committees (SD 19-22, -23, -24, -25, -26, -27, -28, -29)
- Mental Health Statement (SD 19-18)
- Disposition of the Election Procedures Inquiry Commission (SD 19-30)
- University Senate Commendation for Joseph W. Camp, Jr. in Recognition of 17 Years of Distinguished Service (SD 19-31)

Documents for Action - Failed

- Degree Requirements for Civics Literacy (SD 19-17)
- SAT and ACT and Undergraduate Admissions (SD-19-16)

For Information

Election Procedures Inquiry Commission (EPIC) – The committee report was shared with the Senate. All documents are on the Senate website.

Presentation on University Benefits by Director of Benefits, Candace Shafer on healthcare expenditures and plans, pre-COVID. HR will be reassessing in the coming months.

Presentation on Teaching Evaluations by Provost Jay Akridge. Provost Akridge shared the Task Force report. New teaching evaluation software this fall and new questions; recommendations on student info. and teaching evaluations are only one metric considered.

See the Senate website (www.purdue.edu/senate/) for details on any of these items. Full meeting minutes are generally posted 2-3 weeks after the Senate meeting.

Standing and Faculty Committees

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

University Senate website:

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Standing Committees

Educational Policy Committee, Andrew Freed, freed@purdue.edu

All business on regulations, etc. (see April newsletter), have been sidelined while members of this committee work to support the Provosts office in their continued effort to transfer to remote teaching.

Equity and Diversity Committee, Audrey Ruple, aruple@purdue.edu

- COVID-19, the Univ. response, and the impacts
- Graduate student housing
- Food security on campus
- Faculty and staff diversity and inclusion continuing education recommendations
- Lactation spaces for students and staff
- STEM Equity Achievement (SEA) Change program

Faculty Affairs Committee, Linda Prokopy, lprokopy@purdue.edu

- Committee reports
- Results from the Elections Procedure Inquiry Commission

Nominating Committee, Fredrick Berry, berryf@purdue.edu

Steering Committee, Deborah Nichols, deborahnichols@purdue.edu

- Concerns and issues for possible University Senate consideration should be sent to the chair.

Student Affairs Committee, David Sanders, retovir@purdue.edu

- Housing
- Mental Health

University Resource Policy Committee, Randy Rapp, rrapp@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 (Matthew Lynall, MGMT / EPC)
- Academic Progress and Records (Sammie Morris, Libraries / EPC)
- Athletic Affairs (Nathan Hartman, CGT / SAC)
- Budget Interpretation, Evaluation, & Review (Lou Sherman, Biol. Sci. / URPC)
- Faculty Compensation and Benefits (Michael Fosmire, Libraries / 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 (Mary Johnson, Aviation & Transportation Technology / 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.

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