

# Purdue University Senate News

Message from the Senate Past-Chair, Natalie Carroll:

Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

February 19, 2020

**Senate Chair's Remarks:** Professor Cheryl Cooky, Chair of the University Senate reported:

- Reminded us that this is Mental Health Awareness Week (February 17-21)
- Academic Rigor Town Hall – went well and was fairly well attended. See the recording at: [www.purdue.edu/senate/calendar](http://www.purdue.edu/senate/calendar); scroll down to Wed. January 29, 2020.
- New teaching evaluations are reviewed by EPC and possibly other Standing committees. Changes coming by the end of the semester.
- The Civics Working group met with the EPC who is looking at the feasibility and costs of the w. groups recommendations.
- IP policy and Standard 19 – Chair Cooky, Steve Schultz and Jonas Burgett met with academic deans to discuss. Cooky will work with the Provost's office to organize college-wide information sessions.

**Purdue President's Remarks:** President Mitch Daniels had a number of "Facts and Figures" to share with the University Senate. Some are listed below. You can see the PPT here: [www.purdue.edu/senate/documents/meetings/Presidents-Remarks-02-17-2020.pdf](http://www.purdue.edu/senate/documents/meetings/Presidents-Remarks-02-17-2020.pdf)

- No increase in tuition next AY
  - 59% of Purdue undergraduate students graduate debt free
  - Student borrowing is down by 1/3 since 2012
- Faculty merit pay to average 3% next AY
- Faculty positions – 28 new positions; 160 routine (replacement positions)
- Growing faculty: 1,842 in 2012; 1,920 currently; when including research and clinical faculty: 2,004 in 2012 and 2,199 now
  - Purdue Polytechnic High School; 115 graduates will become Purdue graduates in the inaugural class of 2021.
  - 403 students enrolled in 2019-20 at 2 Indy schools; 37% black, 21% LatinX, 7% 1 or more races

**Purdue President's Remarks, continued:**

- Enrollment by campus in Fall, 2019 (similar in Fall, 2018)
  - Fall, 2019 (2018 was similar)
  - West Lafayette, 44,551
  - Global, 31,042
  - Regional, 20,214
  - IUPUI, 6,025
  - Polytech Statewide, 953
  - Stats on URM and Pell grant enrollment by campus

**\*\*\* February Senate Meeting \*\*\***

**Documents for Action – Passed**

(SD xx-yy--Senate Document year-item)

- Free the Tampon Resolution (SD 19-09)
- Gender Marker Options on P. Univ. forms (SD 19-12)
- Diversity Statement Resolution (SD 19-10)

**Documents for Discussion**

- Changes to Foundational Outcomes Language of the Univ. Core Curriculum (SD 19-13)
- Grief Absence Policy Revision (SD 19-14)

See the Senate website for details on any of these items, generally posted 2-3 weeks after the Senate meeting.

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**University Senate 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**

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

The next meeting of the University Senate is scheduled for Monday, March 23 at 2:30pm in PFEN 241.

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## Standing Committees

**Educational Policy Committee**, Andrew Freed,  
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- Updating student regulations with respect to degrees requirements, transfer credits, night classes, priority registration, and gender-neutral language
- Considering recommendations from the Civics Literacy Working Group and considering costs and feasibility.

**Equity And Diversity Committee**, Audrey Ruple,  
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- Graduate student housing
- National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Consensus Study Report on sexual harassment of women
- 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](mailto:lprokopy@purdue.edu)

- Censure and Dismissal Procedures Standing Committee
- Faculty Compensation and Benefits Standing Committee
- University Grade Appeals Standing Committee
- Election Procedures Inquiry Commission
- COACHE survey
- Pay equity
- Health care concerns
- Travel policies

**Nominating Committee**, Fredrick Berry,  
[berryf@purdue.edu](mailto:berryf@purdue.edu)

- Faculty Committees are currently being filled with volunteers
- The Nominating Committee is asking for volunteers to run for University Senate Vice Chair. Three candidates: Professor R Kaufmann, Professor R. Malo, and Professor D. Sanders.

**Steering Committee**, Deborah Nichols  
[deborahnichols@purdue.edu](mailto:deborahnichols@purdue.edu)

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

## Standing Committees (cont.)

**Student Affairs Committee**, David Sanders,  
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- Food Insecurity
- SAT/ACT in Admissions--Diversity in the Student Body
- Class Absence Policies
- Housing
- Mental Health

**University Resource Policy Committee**, Randy Rapp,  
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- Physical Facilities Master Plan

## Faculty Committees

Members are any tenured/tenure-track, clinical&prof. faculty who volunteer (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)
- Student Excellence (Li Qiao, Aeron. Y Astron./ EPC) Updating mission to assist Honors College, the Nat'l and Int'l Scholarship Office and est. connections with high schools across Indiana.
- Sustainability (Mary Johnson, Aviation & Transportation Technology / URPC)
- Visual Arts and Design (URPC)

Contact the chair for more information.

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