

Purdue University Senate News

Message from the Senate Past-Chair, Natalie Carroll:

Welcome to the 4th 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.

January 28, 2020

Senate Chair's Remarks: Professor Cheryl Cooky, Chair of the University Senate reported reflecting on Senate progress this year and goals for the rest of her term:

- Increased collaboration with the university administration for the benefit of all.
- Civics Literacy working group report to the Senate's Educational Policy Committee
- Working on: Intellectual Property standard and Purdue benefits issues.
- Encouraged attendance at events provided by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the Senate's Equity and Diversity Committee.
- Need for Senators to revisit how we serve the Purdue Faculty and if we can improve.

Purdue President's Remarks: President Mitch Daniels was unable to attend the University Senate meeting so there was no report.

Basic Needs Security Syllabus Statement

Professor Ruple, Chair Equity and Diversity Committee, brought a proposal to the Senate to ask that the following statement be included as an option in the Syllabus template:

"Purdue University shall recommend the following statement be included in the course syllabus template: "Any student who faces challenges securing their food or housing and believes this may affect their performance in the course is urged to contact the Dean of Students for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so."

A motion was made, and passed, to suspend the rules and vote on the proposal at the January meeting. It passed by a unanimous voice vote. Faculty are encouraged to include this statement in their syllabi.

For More Information See the Senate website, www.purdue.edu/senate/, Meetings & Documents, generally posted in 2-3 weeks (after transcription).

***** January Senate Meeting *****

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

Documents for Action – Passed

- Basic Needs Security Resolution (SD 19-11)

Documents for Discussion

- Free the Tampon Resolution (SD 19-09)
- Diversity Statement Resolution (SD 19-10)
- Gender Marker Options on PU Forms (SD 19-12)

For Information

Dr. Beth McNeil Dean of the Libraries, provided an update on journal subscription costs and challenges. She noted that ongoing resource expenditures (primarily journal subscriptions) have increased 569% between 1986 and 2018 for North American research universities and that 82% of Purdue's collection budget goes to journal and databases. Faculty can help in a variety of ways, including inviting Libraries to departmental and college meetings and advocacy in professional associations for the return of scholarship to the non-profit publishing arena.

Memorial Resolutions for

- Anna Whitehouse, Emerita Professor, Biological Sci.
- Dale W. Margerum, Chemistry
- Samuel Noel Postlethwait, Emeritus Professor, Biological Sciences
- Eleftherios C. "Terry" Zachmanoglou, Emeritus Professor, Mathematics

Election Procedures Inquiry Commission (EPIC)

The Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) appointed members to a new committee charged with reviewing Senate election procedures. EPIC will report to the FAC.

The next meeting of the University Senate is scheduled for Monday, February 17, 2020 at 2:30pm in PFEN 241.

University Senate Standing and Faculty Committees

See page 2 for chairs of Standing (Senators only) and Faculty Committees and their work.

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Standing Committees

Educational Policy Committee, Andrew Freed,
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- Degree requirements, transfer credits, night classes, priority registration, gender neutral wording, and student grief absence policy (with APR)
- Civics recommendations (with Civics Engagement Working Group)

Equity And Diversity Committee, Audrey Ruple,
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- Graduate student housing
- Providing tampons in campus buildings
- National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Consensus Study Report on sexual harassment of women
- Food security on campus
- Faculty and staff cont. education recommendation
- Diversity stmt. rqmt. For new faculty hires
- Gender options on PU applications and forms

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

- Faculty engagement in travel policies
- University Standard S-19 (Intellectual Property)
- Academic Analytics
- Pay equity
- COACHE survey
- Election Procedures Inquiry

Nominating Committee, Fredrick Berry,
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- Requested volunteers for Faculty Committees

Steering Committee, Deborah Nichols
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- Concerns and issues for possible University Senate consideration should be sent to the chair.

Student Affairs Committee, David Sanders,
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- Food Insecurity
- SAT/ACT in Admissions – student body diversity
- Class absence policies
- Housing
- Mental health

University Resource Policy Committee, Randy Rapp,
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- Physical Facilities Master Plan review
- Parking & Mobility Survey (closed in Oct.) – important to respond

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)
- Censure and Dismissal Procedures (FAC)
- 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 (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 (committee is not yet populated / 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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