

UNIVERSITY SENATE REPORT

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University Senate Chair
for
Board of Trustees Meeting
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OVERVIEW & AGENDA

- 2020-2021 Senate Chair Introductions
- Updates from April Senate Meeting
- Faculty | Staff | Graduate Students Town Hall and Survey
- Appendix: 2010-2021 Secretary of Faculties, Vice-Chair, Standing Committee Chairs, and Sergeant-at-Arms

2020 - 2020 SENATE CHAIR & ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Deborah L. Nichols, Ph.D.

- Department of Human Development and Family Studies
- College of Health and Human Sciences
- *Mom (x4), traveler, avid Kansas Jayhawks fan, Central Indiana Red Cross board member & DAT volunteer*



Research Interests:

- Effects of educational media on learning and cognition for children birth to 8yo
 - [e.g., Sesame Street | Between the Lions | other PBS shows]
- Science education across K-12
- Workforce development
- Policy analysis

APRIL SENATE MEETING

Highlights

- Civics Literacy and ACT/SAT test use initiatives did not pass
- Disposition of Election Procedures Inquiry Commission (EPIC)
- Commendation for Secretary of Faculties Joseph W. Camp, Jr [17 years of distinguished service]

FACULTY | STAFF | STUDENT TOWN HALL & SURVEY DETAILS

7,234 respondents with usable data*

~54% female

Overall Response Rate: 38.3% of all employees responded
(www.purdue.edu/datadigest)

844 respondents indicated *Other* as their affiliation with Purdue

All colleges and units were represented

All employee classifications were represented

QUANTITATIVE QUESTIONS

Demographics; COVID-19 risk factors; Personal and financial concerns; Perceptions of safety and preferences for working; Confidence in health & safety measures; Willingness to engage in health & safety measures

QUALITATIVE QUESTIONS

Questions/Concerns/Comments/Issues about reopening

Materials, training, and equipment needed to reopen

Obstacles to working remotely

FACULTY, STAFF, GRADUATE STUDENT, AND Post-Doc RESPONSES

Overall Responses to Open-Ended Questions

- ~56% of respondents wrote in questions, comments, concerns, and issues related to reopening and returning to campus this fall
- ~41% reported needing/wanting particular materials, equipment, and training to support reopening in the fall
- ~46% listed obstacles to working remotely

SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS & CONCERNS

Culled from the Open-Ended Responses

- Behavior change
- Enforcement of health & safety measures
- Concern over serious but non-lethal COVID-19 effects
- Cleaning, Masks, other PPE
- Fall Instruction*
- Support for Telework*

*to be discussed at 2nd Town Hall on 17 June 2020

NEW QUESTIONS & CONCERNS SUBMITTED DURING/AFTER TOWN HALL

Participants Asked to Submit Questions During (and Since) Town Hall

- Enforcement concerns
- Continued concerns regarding student behavior change
- Significant and sustained involvement in reopening planning by faculty, staff, graduate & undergraduate students
- Continuing PPE concerns (e.g., cost, access, mask washing)
- More specific details about testing and contact tracing

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THANK YOU

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UNIVERSITY SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Advisory Committee:** "The Advisory Committee shall meet on call of the Chairperson of the Senate, the President, the Board of Trustees, or at the request of any three members of the committee, to advise regarding any matter of concern to the faculty."
- **Steering Committee:** Proposes the agenda, including arranging for speakers; Refers proposals to the appropriate Standing or Faculty committee
- **Educational Policy Committee:** Improving instruction, curriculum standards, grades & grading, honors programs; General academic organization; Interdepartmental and inter-institutional research and education programs
- **Equity and Diversity Committee:** Equity and Diversity Committee: The Senate's Equity and Diversity Committee shall provide guidance in all aspects of climate, recruitment, retention, inclusion, and equal opportunities for access and success.

UNIVERSITY SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Faculty Affairs Committee:** Faculty Affairs Committee: Concerned with all matters which pertain primarily to the responsibilities, rights, privileges, opportunities, and welfare of the faculty, collectively and as individuals.
- **Nominating Committee:** Solicits volunteers from the faculty and nominate elective members for all Senate committees
- **University Resources Policy Committee:** Planning optimal utilization of the University physical facilities and nonacademic planning of architecture, landscaping, and parking; Studies of staff needs, utilization, and planning; Interdepartmental cooperation of facilities and staff utilization
- **Student Affairs Committee:** Concerned with matters having to do with the general social, cultural, and practical welfare of all students of the University. Non-classroom matters (i.e., counseling, scholarships, health, living conditions)

Senate Secretary of Faculties

Manushag (Nush) Powell, Ph.D.

- Department of English
- Department of Comparative Literature
- College of Liberal Arts

- **Research Interests:** rise of the professional author in England, periodical and essay writing, British women writers, authorship, genre and literature, performance and literature, and pirates



Senate Vice-Chair

Stephen Beaudoin, Ph.D.

- Department of Chemical Engineering
- Director, Purdue Energetics Research Center
- **Research Interests:** adhesion/cohesion in systems involving energetic materials composites and solid surfaces; polymer adsorption onto crystals; enhanced centrifuge-based approach to powder characterization



Steering Committee Chair

Elizabeth (Libby) Richards, Ph.D., MSN, RN, CHES

- School of Nursing
- College of Health and Human Sciences
- **Research Interests:** understanding and intervening on the individual, interpersonal, and environmental influences on physical behavior; examination of dyadic relationships in physical activity promotion



Education Policy Committee Chair

Erik Otárola-Castillo, Ph.D.

- Department of Anthropology
- College of Liberal Arts
- **Research Interests:** Evolution, ecology and diversity of behavior in prehistoric and modern populations of hunter-gatherers; effects that climatic change, variation of food-availability and-distribution had on the diet of some of the first North American native populations.



Equity and Diversity Committee Chair

Audrey Ruple, Ph.D., DVM

- Department of Public Health
- College of Health and Human Sciences

- **Research Interests:** Comparative oncology; one health education; the intersection of human, animal, and environmental health; companion animal epidemiology; and biosecurity and infection control



Faculty Affairs Committee Chair

Alexander Francis, Ph.D.

- Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences
- College of Health and Human Sciences

- **Research Interests:** speech perception; cognitive aging; listening effort; psychophysiology



Nominating Committee Chair

Robert Nowack, Ph.D.

- Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences
- College of Science
- **Research Interests:** Seismology, seismic wave propagation, inverse theory, time series analysis, crustal and upper mantle studies.



University Resources Policy Committee Chair

Janice Kritchovsky, VMD, MS

- Department of Veterinary Clinical Services, Large Animal Internal Medicine
- College of Veterinary Medicine

- **Research Interests:** mineral metabolism; endocrinology



Student Affairs Committee Chair

David Sanders, Ph.D.

- Department of Biological Sciences
- College of Science
- **Research Interests:** (Molecular virology)
Entry of retroviruses and other enveloped viruses into cells; mechanism of enzymatic phosphoryl transfer; scientific publication ethics and peer-review reform.



Administrative Assistant to Secretary of Faculties and Sergeant-At-Arms

Stephanie Dykuizen

- Office of the Provost
- **Responsibilities:** maintain a record of attendance at all Senate meetings; report attendance to the Steering Committee after each meeting; separate faculty visitors from voting members of the Senate; control the presence of persons not authorized to attend Senate meetings; carry out instructions of the Senate or its presiding officer during each meeting.

