

PURDUE UNIVERSITY SENATE REPORT

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University Senate

Reducing Sexual Violence

5 Recommendations Accepted

- Education: 4 new modules available to students, faculty, and staff
 - *Healthy Relationships*
 - *Intervene*
 - *Lasting Choices: Protecting Our Campus from Sexual Assault*, and
 - *Impressions: Help Recognize, Prevent, and Report Sexual Assault*
 - In addition to: *Respect Boundaries*
 - CARE Center: New marketing plan to raise visibility of CARE Center
 - Sober Monitors/Drivers/Teams: FSCL staff will work with all student councils to ensure all students on campus can receive safe transportation home from events.
 - Timely Warnings: Language in timely warnings sent to campus following an assault has been reworked to be more sensitive and supportive of survivors
 - Reporting website: Marketing and Media will work with students to improve the reporting websites and to steer students towards CARE during reporting time
- Partial victory: these remain voluntary

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4 Recommendations Submitted

- Accountability: Any faculty member who is found by OIE to have committed sexual misconduct must document this in all portfolios for all academic reviews for a period of 5 years
 - *Every committee must comment on how the info was used in every assessment of the faculty member*
 - *The faculty should not mentor students at any level for 5 years*
- Code of Conduct: The CARE and Butler Centers should partner with the Office of the Vice President for Ethics and Compliance to revitalize the Faculty and Staff code of conduct to explicitly reference sexual misconduct
- Support for Survivors: PUSH and CAPS should have staff with appropriate training in sexual violence on hand at all times, including staff from the CARE center, to ensure survivors of sexual violence are properly supported
- Messaging Campaign: PSG and PGSG should partner with Marketing and Media on a campus-wide campaign to promote eliminating sexual violence and supporting survivors

Senate Meeting: 3/21

Notable Outcomes

- Chair Elect (Chair in '23-'24): Brian Leung

- *Associate Professor, English*
- *Director, Creative Writing Program*



- Winter Session: Added to the academic calendar

- *Broad outline – work is required to fully flesh this out*

- Faculty Club: Supported by faculty

- *Over 600 responses to survey*
- *Majority were positive on the idea, and would use for lunch, snacks, and happy hour*

Other Updates

Civics literacy making progress

- Report of the Civics Literacy Proficiency Advisory Committee
 - 149 students have earned the proficiency
 - 154 students have passed the PCKT (Purdue Civics Knowledge Test)
 - 384 students have registered to take the test
 - 63 students enrolled\pending in the Civics Event learning pathway
 - 310 students enrolled\pending in the Podcast learning pathway
 - 112 students have completed the Podcast learning pathway
 - 4,035 students have completed an approved course
 - 170 students have indicated they plan to complete an approved course

- Students need more guidance on how to complete
 - Advisors are already crushed and cannot carry this load

A More Useful Senate

The Opinions of Steve Beaudoin

- Senate requires right-sizing
 - Purdue is great because of our field-defining research and our inspired, effective teaching and mentoring – not because we have a large fraction of our researchers, teachers, and mentors sitting in the Senate
 - Every year, we have multiple Senators appointed by their Heads or Deans due to lack of interest

"College"	Current	Why Not
Agriculture	12	8
Education	3	2
Engineering	18	12
Health & Human Sciences	10	7
Honors	2	1
Liberal Arts	11	7
Libraries	2	1
Management	5	3
Pharmacy	3	2
Science	14	9
Purdue Polytechnic	7	5
Veterinary Medicine	5	3
	92	60

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- Senate would benefit greatly from lifetime term limits
 - We have term limits, but we still have Senators who rotate off for the minimum amount of time and then come right back – they dominate the discourse
 - Recommend that we have a hard term limit of 6 years service over the entire career. Period. Full stop.
 - This seems workable if we reduce the size of the Senate

- There should be one or more Senate **liaisons** who participate in the executive sessions of the Trustees meetings
 - Recommend that the Chair of the Board select the liaison(s) from the Advisory Committee – not necessary to select the Chair of the Senate
 - Doesn't have to be the same representative(s) for every meeting
 - Senate Chair can still give the Senate Report

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- Consider reducing the number of committees

Standing Committees	# Senators	Could Report To
Advisory	19	Mitch Daniels
Education Policy	16	Jay Akridge
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion	18	John Gates
Faculty Affairs	14	Peter Hollenbeck
Nominating	10	
Steering	10	
Student Affairs	19	Katie Sermersheim
University Resources Policy	18	Chris Ruhl/Michael Cline

- Consider giving the remaining committees the same responsibility as the current Senate in curriculum and calendar

THANK YOU

It was a pleasure and privilege to work with you this year