

University Senate Newsletter

Third Meeting, November 15, 2021, Virtual

Senate Chair's Remarks:

Chair Beaudoin briefly updated the Senate on ongoing priorities, and underscored that the immediate focus of the Senate was on addressing campus-wide concerns with sexual violence. Many stakeholders, including the Office for Ethics and Compliance, CARE, PSG, PGSG, Provost's Office, and ODOS are working to coordinate their responses to this issue. Chair Beaudoin announced the formation of an advisory committee to study where our campus-wide programs and processes show opportunities for improvement. The committee's work was to begin on 11/15 and conclude in mid-February.

Chair Beaudoin also noted that advisory committee members had pointed out that the Senate itself has no explicit standards of civility or mechanism for enforcing an internal code of conduct. To be leaders on campus conduct, it is imperative for the Senate itself to develop and implement explicit Bylaw language to ensure our own compliance and commitment to equity and a safe, respectful environment for all members.

Purdue President's Remarks:

President Daniels invited Senior Vice President for Purdue Online and Learning Innovation Gary Bertoline to provide the Senate with an update regarding Purdue Online. Vice President Bertoline explained that Purdue had already been developing robust, high-quality online instructional units when the pandemic forced everyone to move to emergency online instruction.

Purdue Online remains distinct from Purdue Global. The former concentrates on selective, and the latter on accessible courses and programs of study; further, Purdue Online offers graduate and certificate degrees (such as the fully online Doctorate of Technology), but no fully online undergraduate degrees. He also offered information about the increases in enrollment over the past four years at Purdue's West Lafayette and regional campuses. New opportunities via the Innovation Fund will be used to explore ways to use technology and online/virtual innovations to improve and support residential learning.

Purdue President's Remarks (continued):

During Question Time, President Daniels stated that many Protect Purdue protocols will be revisited in the spring. For example, provided that vaccine compliance continues to be robust, COVID-19 positivity rates and severity remain low, and spring return-to-campus policies are carefully observed, mask mandates in non-instructional spaces may be relaxed as early as February.

Winter Flex Survey:

During the Résumé of Items Under Consideration updates, it was announced that the EPC and FAC had been contacted for feedback regarding a faculty survey on plans for a new Winter Flex term. The survey will be circulated by the Provost's Office shortly.

***** Status of Legislation *****

(SD 21-xx: Senate Document year-item)

Documents for Action - Passed

- Senate Standing Committee Members Temporary Leaves of Absence (SD 21-09)
- Steps in addressing campus sexual assault and misconduct (SD 21-10)
- Academic Regulations Update (SD 20-58)
- Reapportionment of the University Senate (SD 21-11)

Documents for Discussion

- Proposal for a Medically Excused Absence Policy for Students (MEAPS) to be added to Purdue University Main Campus Academic Regulations (SD 21-12)
- Mental Health Action Week to be recognized on Official Purdue University Calendar (SD 21-13)
- Attempt at Dissolution of the Purdue University Senate (SD 21-14)

For Information

University Benefits (Director of Benefits Candace Shaffer)

University Senate Website:

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www.purdue.edu/senate/

Standing Committees

Educational Policy Committee, Thomas Siegmund, siegmund@purdue.edu

- Senate Resolution 20-58 (for vote), with PSG
- Medical Excused Absence Policy (for discussion), with PSG
- Academic Emergency Policy
- Definition of Teaching Excellence: via Professor Bross
- Winter Flex survey

Equity and Diversity Committee, Brian Leung, brian-leung@purdue.edu

- Addressing Sexual Assault on Campus
- Amplifying black faculty and staff
- Campus and community policing
- University centralized funding of accessibility for deaf and hard-of-hearing community.
- Juneteenth commemoration

Faculty Affairs Committee, Signe Kastberg, skastberg@purdue.edu

- Benefits
- Compensation and Inflation
- Teaching Excellence
- Sabbatical Leave
- Travel Card
- Winter Flex survey

Nominating Committee, Robert Nowack, nowack@purdue.edu

- Standing committee members temporary leaves of absence
- Populating committee vacancies

Steering Committee, Libby Richards erichards@purdue.edu

- Implementation of passed Senate legislation

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

- Preventing Sexual Assault
- Student-Athlete Name Image and Likeness
- Student-Athlete COVID-19 Protection
- Student-Athlete Long-Term Health

Standing Committees (continued):

University Resource Policy Committee, Janice Kritchevsky, sojkaje@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 ([Sally Bane](#), Aeronautics and Astronautics / EPC)
- Academic Progress and Records ([Lei Wang](#), EAPS / EPC)
- Athletic Affairs ([Kathleen Abrahamson](#), Nursing / SAC)
- Budget Interpretation, Evaluation, & Review (TBD/URPC)
- Faculty Compensation and Benefits ([Susan South](#), Psychological Sciences / FAC)
- Grade Appeals ([Sandra \(Kuebler\) Gilpin](#), Nursing / FAC)
- Library Committee ([Sylvie Brouder](#), Agronomy / URPC)
- Parking and Traffic ([Joel Ebarb](#), Design, Art, and Performance / URPC)
- Scholastic Delinquencies and Readmissions ([Megan Dorton](#), Sr. Assoc Director of Admissions / EPC)
- Staff Appeal Board for Traffic Regulations ([Roy Dejoie](#), Management /URPC)
- Student Excellent ([Li Qiao](#), Aeronautics & Astronautics / EPC)
- Sustainability ([Alice Pawley](#), Engineering Education / 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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