

To: Purdue University Senate

From: Senator Howard Zelaznik and
Senator Lindsay Weinberg

Subject: A vote of no confidence in Provost Patrick J. Wolfe in the University Senate.

References: Resolution for a Vote of No Confidence in Provost Patrick J. Wolfe; Provost Responses 23 March 2026 and 2 April 2026; Senate Report 25-02 from the EPC; Senate Report 25-03 from the EPC

Disposition: University Senate for Discussion and Adoption

Rationale: Between February 16 and March 09, 2026, Senate Standing Committees were asked to look into the issues, concerns, and allegations raised in the January 2026 AAUP Purdue Chapter Statement. A [summary of findings was added to SD 25-19](#) and shared with Senators for the March 23, 2026 Senate Meeting; 70% of Senators voted in favor of holding a Vote of No Confidence at the April 20, 2026 Senate Meeting.

Proposal: A Vote of No Confidence in Provost Patrick J. Wolfe.

Resolution for a Vote of No Confidence in Provost Patrick J. Wolfe.

Whereas, at the February 16, 2026 University Senate meeting, [Senate Document 25-19](#) was introduced in response to the AAUP Purdue's [January 2026 Chapter Statement](#) calling for the immediate resignation of Provost Patrick J. Wolfe and a vote of no confidence;

Whereas, reports from 6 University Senate Standing Committees; results from 2 college-level surveys open to faculty, staff, and administrators; feedback from 10 one-on-one meetings with faculty; and 9 emails from faculty and community members were received and summary feedback provided to the University Senate;

Whereas, in addition to confirmations of the items listed in SD 25-19, other concerns were raised regarding the Provost's handling of the [College of Veterinary Medicine Dean Search](#) and lack of follow up in communication from advisory meetings, senate meetings, and committee meetings;

Whereas, there are major areas of concern regarding delayed and adverse decision-making, lack of information transparency, a disconnected institutional understanding of faculty, and inadequate conflict resolution with institutional climate and governance implications;

Whereas, effective decision-making processes, transparent communication practices, and collaborative leadership all play critical roles in sustaining a healthy academic environment;

Be it resolved that, the University Senate has lost confidence in Provost Patrick J. Wolfe's leadership.

From: Patrick J Wolfe
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2026 12:06 PM
To: Lisa B Bosman
Cc: Ximena Bernal; David Matthew Blon; Secretary of Faculties; President; Amanda K Darbyshire; James B Dworkin; Katie Jarriel; David Liu; Stephen Martin; Julio Alfonso Ramirez; Torbert R Rocheford; Mark D Zimpfer
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From: Patrick J Wolfe <patrick@purdue.edu>

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 07:32

To: Lindsay Weinberg <lweinber@purdue.edu>

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From: Lindsay Weinberg <lweinber@purdue.edu>

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 9:02 AM

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Dear Provost Wolfe,

In an effort to support due process and due diligence, we respectfully request your response regarding [SD 25-19](#). We are currently collecting responses and preparing a report summarizing feedback received from constituents since February 16.

We welcome any written feedback you may wish to provide about SD 25-19 prior to the report being circulated to Senators by the close of business on Friday, March 20.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Senator Lindsay Weinberg

Senator Lisa Bosman

CC: Purdue University Senate Steering Committee

Dr. Lindsay Weinberg (she/her) | Clinical Associate Professor | John Martinson Honors College | Purdue University | 1101 Third Street | West Lafayette, IN 47906 | Phone: 765-496-6317 | Email: lweinber@purdue.edu | *Smart University: Student Surveillance in the Digital Age* (John Hopkins University Press, 2024)

To: The University Senate
From: Educational Policy Committee (EPC)
Subject: EPC Report to the University Senate
Reference: University Senate Document 25-19
Disposition: University Senate for Information

Additional insights and observations were made by EPC by through various activities of the EPC over the recent 18 months during AY 24-25 and AY 25-26, as well as other mechanisms of communication between Purdue Administration and University Senate. This EPC Report is submitted on behalf of EPC considering those insights, observations and experience.

Following three additional recent meetings of EPC that took place after the March Senate meeting, this report is presented as an informational document, an EPC Report to the University Senate. By American Institute of Parliamentarians (AIP) rules, an information document can be considered a main motion on agenda.

No vote is needed, if presented for information only. This mechanism is invoked in this circumstance by EPC to support fairness, efficiency and clarity.

Various matters were discussed in EPC committee in recent meetings and a statement from EPC is shared in Appendix 1. It was revised based on all attendees input over the course of the three recent meetings preceding Senate Steering Committee meeting expected April 3.

The first part of statement is shared in regard to discoveries made in EPC pertaining to university operations under Provost's authority. Additionally, a second portion of the statement is included that pertains to the ethics and compliance-related aspects of S.D. 25-19 and the 12 whereas statements referred to EPC by Senate Leadership at the February meeting of the University Senate.

Appendix 2 contains the agenda of the three meetings. Appendix 3 contains information shared by Senate on Friday, March 20 about the creation of the position called Provost's Fellow for Shared Governance. That position was discussed in Chair's Report at these recent EPC meetings. This information is relevant to EPC, due to the dual role plan that has been maintained for EPC Chair.

EPC will still have opportunity to follow up with the Provost's Office to ask questions pertaining to information provided recently, and was invited to do so in Provost Wolfe's as noted in an update in Appendix 1 in Senate Report 25-03. It is the wish of the EPC members to follow up with regard to the substance of the issues raised in S.D. 25-19 and be informed on expected academic processes pertaining to whereas statements in S.D.25-19 referred to EPC at the February Senate meeting.

Appendix 1: Statement by Educational Policy Committee (EPC) to The University Senate following three meetings of EPC that took place after the March Senate meeting

Considering academic processes that we have observed in EPC over these past 18 months and that we observed these while working with various administrative offices that report to Provost, we would like the senate to recognize our EPC confidence in those elements of Teaching and Learning at Purdue that we have observed under Provost's authority.

EPC has also reviewed the 12 elements from original 25-19 that were referred to EPC in February Senate meeting and have so far found no impropriety based on the information we have reviewed.



Educational Policy Committee
Thursday, 2 April 2026, 1:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Acceptance of Agenda
- 3) Chair's Report

EPC agenda items

Same agenda items for meetings: Thurs. Apr. 2 (11:30am; 1:30pm) and Fri. Apr.3 (9:15am)

4) New business

1. Update following 25-19 in Senate re: Provost's Fellow and agenda item pertaining to 25-19 carrying prior vote with rationale re-emphasized re: new info on potential conflict.

2. An informational doc can be brought on behalf of EPC following queries to Provost's Office that I made as Chair following our EPC meetings in March. That information will be available to me in time for the Steering Committee deadline of Apr. 3, noon.

3. Invited Guest: Alysa Christmas Rollock, VP for Ethics and Compliance.

Guest to EPC at 1:30; Alysa Christmas Rollock; with experience in prior Purdue Admin.

Topic: The Role of the Senate in Fair University Process and the Role of Fair Process in the University Senate.

4. A resolution/statement for your consideration and possibly EPC vote today (or at latest tomorrow morning). It was shared in the morning meeting of EPC.

5) Final Q&A, Adjournment

Appendix 3: Additional information shared by Provost's Office regarding continued intentions for shared academic governance with implications for EPC as noted in EPC Agenda in Appendix 2.

From: Purdue University Senate <purdueuniversitysenate@purdue.edu>

Date: Friday, March 20, 2026 at 4:26 PM

To:

Subject: Fellow for Shared Governance

Dear Senators and Advisors to the Senate,

The Provost's Office, in partnership with the University Senate, is pleased to announce a new role to help improve overall faculty engagement and to strengthen communication between the University Senate and the Provost's Office. The Provost's Fellow for Shared Governance will be tasked with certain strategic projects designed to analyze and promote best practices for academic shared governance. The Fellow will serve a one-year term.

After a nomination and selection process from current and past Senate leaders, Provost Wolfe has selected Vincent Duffy as the first-ever Fellow for Shared Governance.

The Provost's Office is eager to work closely with Vince and Senate leadership to enhance the relationship between the faculty and Purdue administration.

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EPC has not had full opportunity to review this new information in committee yet, though this report was distributed to EPC. We will bring the information in Appendix 1 to EPC for review in our next EPC meeting. However, since Senate may also have not yet seen it as a part of information pertaining to S.D. 25-19, EPC is including it here as Appendix 1 in this report.

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Appendix 1: Information provided by Provost Wolfe to Provost Fellow and EPC Chair before expected April 6 Senate Steering Committee meeting

Excerpted:

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