Message from the Senate Past-Chair, Natalie Carroll:
Welcome to the 2nd 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.

October 31, 2019

*** October Senate Meeting ***

Documents for Action – Passed

- Resolution on Airport Parking Reimbursement (SD 19-02)
- Inclusion Resolution (SD 19-03)
- Resolution on Health Care Plan Changes (SD 19-05)
  Note: Senate rules were suspended to allow the vote.
- Nominees for Educational Policy Committee (SD 19-07)

Documents for Discussion

- Course Retake Policy Amendment (SD 19-01)
- Local Transportation Options Resolution (SD 19-06)

For Information

- Report on The Causes and Consequences of Purdue Grade Inflation by Professors Mumford and Bond. Major overall findings: grade inflation is due to higher scoring students (ACT) and course selection where grades are typically higher – each at approximately 1/3. The remaining reasons (~1/3) for grade inflation is unexplained. A Town Hall meeting is being planned for late this semester or early next semester for those wishing to learn more about this study.
- Annual Report of the Athletic Affairs Committee to the University Senate by Student Affairs liaison Professor Scott.

See the Senate website for details on any of these items, generally posted 2-3 weeks after the Senate meeting.

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University Senate Standing and Faculty Committees

See page 2 for chairs of Standing (Senators only) and Faculty Committees. Issues that the Standing Committees are working on are also listed.

The next meeting of the University Senate is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2019 at 2:30pm.

University Senate website www.purdue.edu/senate/
Standing Committees

Educational Policy Committee, Andrew Freed, freed@purdue.edu
- Earning academic credit
- Scheduling of night examinations
- Degrees and Requirements
- Priority registration for “Degree in 3” students
- Civics requirements

Equity And Diversity Committee, Audrey Ruple, aruple@purdue.edu
- Strategic Plan adoption
- Inclusion resolution
- Graduate student housing
- Sanity products in campus buildings
- Oral English proficiency exam
- National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Consensus Study Report on sexual harassment of women
- Food security on campus
- Faculty continuing education recommendation

Faculty Affairs Committee, Linda Prokopy, lprokopy@purdue.edu
- Teaching evaluations
- COACHE survey
- Dual career, retention and strategic opportunity hires
- Paying for childcare, etc. out of grants
- Academic Analytics
- Process of determining travel regulations
- Possibility of having a sick leave pool
- Academic rigor
- Pay equity
- BoilerCast and copyright issues

Nominating Committee, Fredrick Berry, berryf@purdue.edu

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

Student Affairs Committee, David Sanders, retrovir@purdue.edu
- Transportation options and rules for students
- Diversity in the student body
- Class absence policies
- Monitoring experiences of student athletes
- Civic engagement
- Concerns brought by students: housing, mental health, & food insecurity

Standing Committees (cont.)

University Resource Policy Committee, Randy Rapp, rrapp@purdue.edu
- Physical Facilities Master Plan review, 12/2/29, PMU 238, 2:45, contact chair if you would like to participate

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)
- 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)
- 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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