

# Purdue University Senate News

Message from the Senate Past-Chair, Natalie Carroll:

Welcome to the first 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.

September, 2019

**Senate Chair's Remarks:** Professor Cheryl Cooky, Chair of the University Senate welcomed Senators to the first meeting of the year, and highlighted several initiatives. Purdue University has joined over 40 AAU and Big Ten universities to sign on to the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine's Action Collaborative on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Higher Ed. ([sites.nationalacademies.org/sites/sexualharassmentcollaborative/](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/sites/sexualharassmentcollaborative/)). The Higher Learning Commission's routine reaccreditation evaluation of Purdue will hold a site visit on October 14 and 15. You can attend a 'drop-in' session with a HLC team member. More details to be provided in Purdue Today and the Purdue HLC website. An expert working group distributed a survey to assess civics literacy during BGR. This group will continue to analyze those survey responses and report to the Senate. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion's recently held a day-long conference on "Maximizing Student Potential." She looks forward to Senate support and involvement of new initiatives coming from ODI.

**Purdue President's Remarks:** President Mitch Daniels provided AY 2019-20 enrollment information and answered questions about the decrease in autism therapy support, a recent *Forbes* article on Purdue Global, Purdue online tuition, and Regional campus enrollment. (PPT slides and Q/A will be published with the minutes later in September.)

**University Senate website  
(more info for enquiring minds):**  
[www.purdue.edu/senate/](http://www.purdue.edu/senate/)

## \*\*\* September Senate Meeting \*\*\*

### Documents for Action – Passed

- Change to the Senate Bylaws Section, 5.02
- Change to the Senate Bylaws, Section 5.21
- Voter ID Resolution (originally presented for Discussion but moved to a vote by > 2/3 vote)

### Documents for Discussion

- Inclusion Resolution
- Resolution on Airport Parking Reimbursement

**For Information,** Presentation by Director of Benefits, Candace Shaffer: Update on the 2020 Health Care Plan Changes

Director Shaffer provided an overview of Purdue's historic healthcare expenditures, changes that have been made in recent years, and the planned 'sunsetting' of the PPO option. She then provided a summary of the changes for 2020 and the new charges for working spouses that opt out of their employer's medical plan. These changes have been provided via e-mail and mailed to employee homes. She reminded attendees that Open Enrollment is October 29 through November 12 and HR will be providing assistance to those who want it.

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

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### University Senate Standing and Faculty Committees

See page 2 (reverse) 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 October 21, 2019 at 2:30pm in PFEN 241.

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## Standing Committees

Members: Senators and Administrative Reps (name, chair, followed by current work from the Résumé of Items under Consideration)

**Educational Policy Committee**, Andrew Freed, [freed@purdue.edu](mailto:freed@purdue.edu)

- Reviewing Faculty Committees under their jurisdiction

**Equity And Diversity Committee**, Audrey Ruple, [aruple@purdue.edu](mailto:aruple@purdue.edu)

- Strategic Planning
- Inclusion resolution
- Purdue ID cards for use as voter ID
- Graduate student housing

**Faculty Affairs Committee**, Linda Prokopy, [lprokopy@purdue.edu](mailto:lprokopy@purdue.edu)

- Teaching evaluations
- COACHE survey
- Dual career, retention and strategic opportunity hires
- Paying for childcare, etc. out of grants
- Academic Analytics
- & many other issues (see Univ. Senate Résumé of Items, 09 September 2019 for entire list)

**Nominating Committee**, Fredrick Berry, [berryf@purdue.edu](mailto:berryf@purdue.edu)

**Steering Committee**, Deborah Nichols, [deborahnichols@purdue.edu](mailto: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](mailto:retrovir@purdue.edu)

- Transportation options and rules for students
- Standardized tests in Admissions
- Monitoring experiences of student athletes
- Civic engagement

**University Resource Policy Committee**, Randy Rapp, [rrapp@purdue.edu](mailto:rrapp@purdue.edu)

- Physical Facilities Master Plan Review
- Campus Parking and Mobility Study

## Faculty Committees

Members are any tenured/tenure-track, clinical/prof. faculty who volunteer (call for volunteers every January). The committee name is followed by the chair and the Standing Committee that this committee 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 (Jonathon Day, H&T Mgmt / URPC)
- Visual Arts and Design (committee is not yet populated / URPC)

Contact the chair for more information.

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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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