

University Senate Newsletter

Fifth Meeting, February 21, 2022, Virtual

Senate Chair's Remarks:

Chair Beaudoin proposed that although the Senate excels at understanding complex curricular and calendar issues, Senate governance may allow opportunities for improvement when it comes to understanding all of the matters that fall under the University Senate's purview. The body needs more representation from students, staff, and regional campuses in order to give truly optimal guidance to our administration.

To be the leaders the university needs the Senate to be, the Senate must have the courage to seek out the information it needs. This includes actively weighing all of the work done by the shared governance task force.

Purdue President's Remarks:

President Daniels announced that Purdue's medical team is now confident that herd immunity across Purdue's campus is at least 92%, and is likely even higher. We have partially stepped back from masking requirements because cases have decreased significantly, and we have seen almost no serious cases this semester. However, we will continue to monitor our progress and take actions as appropriate to protect the campus as we move forward.

President Daniels also emphasized that we have and will extend our multiple programs to continue recruiting women into our STEM disciplines, nor is there any effort to recruit men at women's expense.

He showed that the West Lafayette campus has reduced CO2 emissions by 20-30% despite recent campus growth. Protect Purdue precautions required more energy than anticipated, and caused a temporary spike. We are exploring a next Giant Leap in emissions reductions.

Finally, he reminded the Purdue Community that the County Prosecutor will make a determination of fact as to whether there were criminal violations on February 4. Of note, there is no precedent for cases of excessive use of force between Purdue students of color and Purdue Police. He strongly encouraged our community to continue reserving judgment until all facts are known.

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

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

Documents for Action – Passed

- Proposal for a Medically Excused Absence Policy for Students (MEAPS) to be added to Purdue University Main Campus Academic Regulations (SD 21-12 revised)
- Nominees for Advisors to the Standing Committees and Senate (SD 21-19)
- 4 February 2022 Purdue University Police-Student Incident (SD 21-24)

Documents for Action – Failed

- Mental Health Action Week to be recognized on Official Purdue Academic Calendar (SD 21-13 revised)

Documents for Discussion

- Bylaws Change to 2.00 (a) and (c) (SD 21-15)
- International Harassment of Purdue Students and Family Members (SD 21-18)
- Nominees for Vice-Chairperson of the University Senate (SD 21-20)
- Recognizing and Valuing the Voices and Contributions of Black and Underrepresented Faculty & Staff (SD 21-21)
- On the Need for a Policy to Define and Declare an Academic Emergency (SD 21-22)
- Addition of a Winter Session to the Academic Calendar (SD 21-23)

For Information

- CARE Center Update (Director Juanita Richey and Prevention Program Specialist Allison Frazier)

University Senate Website:

Please visit the Senate website for copies of Documents, Reports, Slides, and etc.

www.purdue.edu/senate/

Standing Committees

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

- MEAPS Revisions
- Winter Sessions
- Academic Emergency Policy
- Teaching Evaluation
- Academic regulations for online learners
- DEI learning outcome for core curriculum
- Finals week

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

- Campus and community policing
- University centralized funding of accessibility for deaf and hard-of-hearing community.
- Defending Academic Freedom to Teach About Race and Gender Justice and Critical Race Theory
- Shared governance

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

- Teaching Excellence
- Winter Session collaboration with EPC
- Faculty Support for Action in Response to International Student Harassment
- Bylaws change due to Reapportionment
- Ad hoc study committee/rights and responsibilities of Senate members
- Shared governance

Nominating Committee, Robert Nowack, nowack@purdue.edu

- Populating Faculty and Standing Committees
- Vice-Chair Nominations

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
- Student Free Speech
- Student Mental Health
- Student Experience of Law Enforcement

Standing Committees (continued):

University Resource Policy Committee, Janice Kritchevsky, sojkaje@purdue.edu

- Shared Governance
- Academic Emergency Policy

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 ([Mireille Boutin](#), Electrical and Computer Engineering / 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.

Charge of the Purdue University Senate: The University Senate is the governing body of the faculty, subject to the authority of the Board of Trustees and in consultation with the President, it has the power and responsibility to propose or to adopt policies, regulations and procedures intended to achieve the educational objectives of Purdue University and the general welfare of those involved in these educational processes. The University Senate follows the *American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* and our [Bylaws](#).