

University Senate Newsletter

First Meeting, Monday September 14, 2020, Virtual

Senate Chair's Remarks:

The Senate observed a moment of silence for the nearly 200,000 persons in the United States who have died due to COVID-related illness. Chair referenced Adrienne Rich's 1973 "Diving into the Wreck," which begins, "**I came to explore the wreck. / The words are purposes. / The words are maps. / I came to see the damage that was done.**" The words that we speak, the words that we write, including how we say them and write them can act as weapons to divide, intimidate, and harass, or serve as bridges to unite us, demonstrate compassion, and encourage collaboration.

Summer work:

- Three survey waves received more than 21,000 responses, which informed the Senate town halls and Conversations events hosted by the Provost.
- Wave 1 survey led to the formation of the Protect Purdue Leadership Group.
- Believes that the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 temporary calendars were a positive example of shared governance, with discussions between the Provost's Office and the EPC.

Purdue President's Remarks:

- President Daniels: Presentation of census data shows a dramatic increase in enrollment. 8,900 first-year students; 12-13% online. Overall enrollment is 35,122.
- Dr. Esteban Ramirez and Dr. Eric Barker on Protect Purdue: Overall positivity rate of 2.67%; WHO standard is to stay under 5%. 63 of 853 quarantine beds in use. Staff working to help congregate housing stay safe.
- Provost Akridge: Very busy summer, strong summer session; working to resolve nationwide Kaltura issues; Brightspace doing well so far. Course modality a continued focus. Much work on providing student co-curricular activities through Student Life, Colleges, etc.. More Trustees Task Force on Equity announcements coming soon.

Purdue President's Remarks (cont.):

- Steve Schultz: Purdue Global properly disclosed its Kaplan relationship in its IRS filing for tax-exempt status.
- Frank Dooley: Report on status of Purdue Global. Numbers are going up; steps being taken to bring Global further into Purdue's overall mission of public educational service.

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

(SD 20-xx: Senate Document year-item)

Documents for Action - Passed

- Convening of the Senate During the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency (SD 20-01)
- Nominee for the Equity and Diversity Committee (SD 20-02)
- Nominee for the University Resources Policy Committee (SD 20-03)
- Nominee for the Faculty Affairs Committee (SD 20-04)
- Nominee for the Student Affairs Committee (20-05)
- Nominees for the Steering Committee (SD 20-06)
- Nominees for Student Members of Senate Standing Committees (SD 20-07)
- Nominees for Student Members of the University Grade Appeals Committee (SD 20-08)
- Commitment to Maintaining an Inclusive Community (SD 20-09)

Documents for Action - Failed

N/A

For Information

- Athletic Affairs Annual Report

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.

Standing Committees

Educational Policy Committee, Erik Otárola-Castillo, eoc@purdue.edu

- Continues to work in an advisory capacity with Provost's efforts to adapt University policies to the current COVID-19 context. This summer and fall, the EPC advised on guidelines on the management of facemasks in the classroom, the temporary spring calendar adjustment, and final and in-person exams.

Equity and Diversity Committee, Audrey Ruple, aruple@purdue.edu

- Inclusion Resolution 2.0
- COVID-19: focus on the disproportionate impacts on faculty, staff, and students
- Racial justice
- Lactation spaces for students and staff
- Stem Equity Achievement (SEA) Change program

Faculty Affairs Committee, Alexander Francis, francis@purdue.edu

- The committee presented a resolution (SD 20-01) to delineate procedures for senate meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee, Robert Nowack, nowack@purdue.edu

- The Nominating Committee presented the slate of nominees for committee vacancies.

Steering Committee, Libby Richards, erichards@purdue.edu

- Concerns and issues for possible University Senate consideration should be sent to the chair.

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

- SARS-CoV-2 testing
- Mental Health

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 ([Sammie Morris](#), Libraries / EPC)
- Athletic Affairs ([Jessica Huber](#), SLHS / 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 ([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 ([Vilas Pol](#), Chemical Engineering / 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.

University Senate Website:

www.purdue.edu/senate/

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