

# Faculty Senate

April 4, 2005, 2:45 p.m., E156 Student Union

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes for March 7, 2005**  
<http://www.wright.edu/admin/senate/senmin/documents/Mar05SenMin.pdf>
3. **Report of the University President or Chief Academic Officer**
4. **Report of the Senate Executive Committee**
5. **Written Committee Reports and Attendance (Attachment A)**
  - A. Faculty Budget Priority Committee: Drew Pringle
  - B. Non-Bargaining Unit Faculty Affairs Committee: Carole Endres
  - C. Undergraduate Curriculum & Academic Policy Committee: Tom Sav
  - D. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Shelley Jagow
  - E. Information Technology Committee: Maggie Veres
  - F. Student Affairs Committee: Rick Wantz
  - G. Student Petitions Committee: KT Mechlin
6. **Councils**
  - A. Athletics Council – David Reynolds  
Materials will be distributed at the meeting.
7. **Old Business**
  - A. Ohio Senate Bill 24 Resolution – Drew Pringle (Attachment B)
  - B. COLA Program Change: B.A. International Studies  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/baintnal.pdf>
  - C. COLA Program Change: B.A. English: Emphasis in Professional Writing  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/baengpro.pdf>
  - D. COSM Program Change: B.S. in Mathematics – Pure Mathematics  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/bsmthpur.pdf>
  - E. COSM Program Change: B.S. in Mathematics – Computing Concentration  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/bsmthcom.pdf>
  - F. COSM Program Change: B.S. in Mathematics – Applied Math Concentration  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/bsmthapp.pdf>
  - G. COSM Program Change: B.S. in Mathematics – Statistics Concentration  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/bsmthsta.pdf>
  - H. COSM Program Change: B.A. in Mathematics

- I. COSM Program Change: Dual Degree in Mathematics (B.S.)  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/bamth.pdf>
- J. COSM Program Change: Dual Degree in Mathematics (B.A.)  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/dbsmth.pdf>
- K. COSM Program Change: Minor in Mathematics  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/dbamth.pdf>
- L. COSM Program Change: Minor in Mathematics  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/minormth.pdf>
- L. COSM Program Change: B.S. Life Science  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/bslifesc.pdf>
- M. COSM Program Change: B.S. Life Science/Chemistry  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/bslifech.pdf>
- N. COSM Program Change: B.A. Life Science  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/balifesc.pdf>
- O. COLA New Program: Minor in Comparative Literature  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/complit.pdf>
- P. COLA New Program: Certificate in Technical and Professional Writing  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/0005/minutes/tpwrite.pdf>
- Q. COLA Program Termination: Certificate in Professional Writing
- R. COLA Program Termination: Certificate in Technical Writing
- S. New Academic Policy: Procedures and Guidelines for Deactivation, Reactivation, and Termination of Programs  
<http://www.wright.edu/%7Etom.sav/ucapc/newguide/terminate.pdf>

## 8. New Business

- A. Faculty Constitution\* – Drew Pringle  
<http://www.wright.edu/admin/senate/senage/documents/NewFacConst4-4-05.pdf>  
\*A hard copy of both the current and proposed Faculty Constitutions will be provided at the meeting. The current Constitution is available online at:  
<http://www.wright.edu/academics/fhandbook/constitution.html>
- B. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Policy – Carole Endres (Attachment C)
- C. CEHS Program Change: Early Childhood Education Licensure Program – Tom Sav  
<http://www.wright.edu/~tom.sav/ucapc/0005/fsreport/earlych.pdf>
- D. COLA Program Change: B.A. Acting: Musical Theatre – Tom Sav  
<http://www.wright.edu/~tom.sav/ucapc/0005/fsreport/thactmus.pdf>

### Items E. through N. are COSM Program Changes

- E. B.S. in Physics – Tom Sav  
<http://www.wright.edu/~tom.sav/ucapc/0005/fsreport/phybs.pdf>
- F. B.S. Dual Major in Physics and Math – Tom Sav  
<http://www.wright.edu/~tom.sav/ucapc/0005/fsreport/phymthbs.pdf>
- G. B.S. in Physics: Geology Option – Tom Sav  
<http://www.wright.edu/~tom.sav/ucapc/0005/fsreport/phygeobs.pdf>
- H. B.S. in Physics: Computing Option – Tom Sav  
<http://www.wright.edu/~tom.sav/ucapc/0005/fsreport/phycombs.pdf>
- I. B.S. in Physics: Biology Option – Tom Sav  
<http://www.wright.edu/~tom.sav/ucapc/0005/fsreport/phybiobs.pdf>
- J. B.A. in Physics – Tom Sav  
<http://www.wright.edu/~tom.sav/ucapc/0005/fsreport/phyba.pdf>

- K. B.A. in Physics: Physics Licensure Program - Tom Sav  
<http://www.wright.edu/~tom.sav/ucapc/0005/fsreport/phylicba.pdf>
- L. B.A. in Physics: Physical Sciences Licensure Program - Tom Sav  
<http://www.wright.edu/~tom.sav/ucapc/0005/fsreport/physciba.pdf>
- M. B.A. in Physics: Life Sciences/Physics Licensure Program – Tom Sav  
<http://www.wright.edu/~tom.sav/ucapc/0005/fsreport/phylfba.pdf>
- N. B.A. in Physics: Earth Sciences/Physics Licensure Program – Tom Sav  
<http://www.wright.edu/~tom.sav/ucapc/0005/fsreport/phyerhba.pdf>

**9. Adjournment**

- A. Nominations for Faculty President-Elect (2006-07) are currently being accepted through Friday, April 15, 2005. Qualifications for the office of Faculty President are stated in the Faculty Constitution located at:  
<http://www.wright.edu/academics/fhandbook/constitution.html>

The following is applicable via Provost Memorandum No. 82-3, May 1, 1982.

“The President of the Faculty shall have a two course, or two-third, reduction in his or her full-time teaching load during the Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters of his or her term of office. The President Elect of the Faculty shall have a one course, or one-third, reduction in his or her full-time teaching load for the Spring Quarter of his or her term of office.”

- B. Any curriculum or academic policy proposals that require approval this academic year, must be submitted to the UCAPC by March 31 at 12:00 noon. Pending approval by the UCAPC, the Faculty Senate will consider it as New Business at its May 2 meeting and act on it as Old Business at its June 6 meeting.
- C. Next Faculty Senate: May 2, 2005, 2:45 p.m., E156 Student Union

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Committee Reports to  
Faculty Senate  
April 4, 2005**

**Faculty Budget Priority Committee - Drew Pringle**

No report.

**Non-Bargaining Unit Faculty Affairs Committee - Carole Endres**

No report.

**Undergraduate Curriculum & Academic Policy Committee - Tom Sav**

The UCAPC report to the Faculty Senate Meeting of April 4 is available as follows:

<http://www.wright.edu/~tom.sav/ucapc/0005/fsreport/7fsrep.htm>

**Buildings & Grounds Committee - Shelley Jagow**

No report.

**Information Technology Committee - Maggie Veres**

No report.

**Student Affairs Committee - Rick Wantz**

No report.

**Student Petitions Committee - KT Mechlin**

No report.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 24**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 24, referred to as an "academic bill of rights", has been introduced into the 126th session of the Ohio General Assembly; and Wright State University is committed through its mission statement to serve as a catalyst for educational excellence to meet the need for an educated citizenry dedicated to lifelong learning and service; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 24, if adopted into law, imposes unnecessary constraints and restrictions on scholarship, service, and teaching by college and university faculty; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 24 contains language so ambiguous as to invite frivolous and unwarranted challenges to practically every aspect of university life; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 24 imposes a disturbing redefinition of academic freedom; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 24 is superfluous as student rights expressed in its language are already protected by the *Student Handbook*, *Code of Student Conduct*, by other university policies, and by the Ohio and United States Constitutions; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University adopted a diversity statement in 1991 wherein the university is "committed to achieving an intellectual, cultural, and social environment on campus in which all are free to make their contribution," an environment "in which every student may think, and learn, and grow without prejudice, without intimidation, and without discrimination;" and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 24 is a redundant unnecessary piece of legislation that actually is a bill of restrictions, none of which is in furtherance of the aims of higher education in this or any other college or university;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Faculty Senate of Wright State University adamantly and vigorously opposes Senate Bill 24, both in spirit and in substance

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3 **ATTACHMENT C**  
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5 **Faculty Rights and Responsibilities**  
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7 **Approved by the Faculty \_\_\_\_\_ and the Provost \_\_\_\_\_.**  
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9 Applies to all full-time faculty who do not have administrative appointment and who are  
10 not represented by collective bargaining. This policy excludes the faculty from the SOPP  
11 and the SOM.  
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13 **Section A Textbooks**  
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15 When possible, faculty have the right to select textbooks and other teaching materials  
16 (e.g. software, course notes, etc) for the courses they are scheduled to teach.  
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18 **Section B Grades**  
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20 Faculty retain the authority to make the final determination of the grade to be awarded to  
21 each student in his or her class. If a faculty member cannot be contacted, there is a  
22 conflict of interest, or extraordinary circumstances serve to make the grade inappropriate,  
23 the Chair, Dean or a provost may change a grade awarded by a faculty member.  
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25 A grade may also be changed in accordance with specific academic policies set by the  
26 Faculty Senate.  
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28 Faculty members shall explain a grade during regular office hours or at a mutually agreed  
29 upon time, if a student requests such an explanation.  
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31 Prior to the end of the seventh week of each quarter, faculty will schedule examinations,  
32 papers or other components in a manner that will give students adequate feedback to  
33 make informed judgments about their progress. In those graduate and advanced  
34 undergraduate courses wherein it is not feasible to comply with this requirement, faculty  
35 members will include a statement to that effect in the course syllabus.  
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37 Faculty shall turn in course grades to their departments in time to meet the registrar's  
38 published deadlines.  
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40 **Section C. Course Syllabi**  
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42 Faculty members shall provide a course syllabus for students in each course taught. The  
43 syllabus shall include at least a clear explanation of the course requirements, policies on  
44 grading and expectations for class attendance. The syllabus shall be distributed to  
45 students and to the Department Chair/Dean at the beginning of the course.  
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48 Section D. Faculty Availability

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50 Faculty members have an obligation to meet their scheduled classes throughout the  
51 scheduled time, unless an alternative learning experience has been assigned in the  
52 syllabus as part of the course requirement. Faculty members who will be absent from  
53 class because of religious observance shall inform the students and Department  
54 Chair/Dean in advance. Faculty members who will be absent from class because of  
55 attendance at a professional meeting shall request written permission from the  
56 Chair/Dean.

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58 When forced by illness or unforeseen emergency to cancel class, the faculty member  
59 shall inform the Department Chair/Dean of such cancellation. If possible, the faculty  
60 member will inform the Department Chair/Dean and the students of the cancellation in a  
61 reasonable period of time before the class is scheduled to meet.

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63 Section E. Office Hours

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65 Faculty members shall be available to meet the reasonable needs of the faculty member's  
66 students and advisees through posted office hours, e-mail, voice mail and other types of  
67 electronic communication and face-to-face meetings.

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69 Section F. Classroom Atmosphere

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71 In order to maintain an appropriate learning environment, faculty members have the right  
72 to remove a disruptive student from their classes.

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74 Section G. The Internet

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76 Faculty members will have access to the internet including basic software for email  
77 communication at no cost to the individual faculty member.

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79 The University will not monitor any outgoing internet or email activity of individual  
80 faculty members on that faculty member's office computer(s) without reasonable  
81 suspicion of unlawful or criminal activity. A faculty member who commits a criminal act  
82 through the use of internet access provided by the University shall be liable for all  
83 damages and costs incurred.

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85 Section H. Institutional Environment

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87 Within limits of available space and resources, the University shall make a reasonable,  
88 good faith effort to provide each faculty member with suitable office space, network-  
89 compatible computer and related items, access to copying services, office and classroom  
90 supplies, library resources, etc.

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92 The university will make a good faith effort to respond in a timely manner to reasonable  
93 requests from faculty member for measures to secure hazardous materials.