

# FacultyLine

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This FacultyLine gives an update on some important changes involving faculty governance at Wright State: 1) proposed changes to the Faculty Constitution and Bylaws, and 2) new staff in the Faculty Office.

**Faculty Constitution and Bylaws** – At its last meeting of the 2013 spring semester the Faculty Senate unanimously accepted a set of proposed changes to the Faculty Constitution and Bylaws that had been recommended by a Quadrennial Review committee. You can find the proposed changes displayed in a variety of ways (including “tracked changes”) at:

<http://www.wright.edu/administration/senate/SummaryPage.html>

Article V of our current Constitution lays out some specifics about how changes to the Constitution should be accomplished. The long and the short of it is that I will be asking you to vote on the proposed changes to the constitution in an on-line election that will run from Wednesday, September 25 through Friday, September 27 where a two-thirds majority of at least 100 voters will need to approve the changes for them to be accepted. We will have two open forums where the proposed changes can be discussed by the University Faculty – one on Wednesday, August 28 from 10 to 11:30 am and another on Tuesday, September 3 from noon to 1 pm (both will be in E163 Student Union).

Many of the proposed changes to the constitution are grammatical. Some are clarifications that address interpretations that have been made by the Senate Executive Committee when questions have arisen. Two are more substantive and worthy of careful consideration: 1) changes to the structure of the Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee that are intended to simultaneously make the committee more agile and better able to consider and review important policies; and 2) changing Faculty President terms to two years (rather than one) with a two consecutive term limit (rather than none) and including a Faculty Vice President with real responsibilities rather than a Faculty President-elect.

**New Faculty Office Staff** – Pam Zambenini, the long-time Faculty Secretary, retired from Wright State on May 30. Over the summer we conducted interviews and found two individuals who will be taking on the responsibilities of Faculty Secretary. They are Bryan Nethers and Cindy Riley.

Bryan has been with the university as a staff member and student since 2006 and is in the process of completing a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. Before joining the Faculty Office he served as an Office Assistant with the Center for Performance Excellence, Organizational Development & Learning, and University Libraries Administration. He has also served as the web and database administrator for Staff Development Day since 2009 and was awarded the 2010 Spirit of Innovation award from President Hopkins as a member of the Staff Development Day volunteers.

Cindy joined the ranks of Classified Staff in 1986 and has served in many areas throughout campus. She was the assistant to the Active Duty Cadre and Cadets of the Army ROTC Department prior to her joining the Faculty Office. She served as a committee member of the Classified

Staff Advisory Council from 2002-2008 and was recently elected to return to the Council in 2013.

Bryan and Cindy have started in their new roles in the Faculty Office in July and have been doing great things. Look for changes in the Faculty Senate web pages, access to meeting minutes and schedules, and know that they would be happy to help you hold meetings in the Faculty Office.

Please stop by the Faculty Office (138 Fawcett Hall) and welcome Cindy and Bryan to their important roles in faculty governance at Wright State.

**Classroom Equipment Survey** – Mike Raymer from Computer Science in the College of Engineering and Computer Science will be chairing the Faculty Senate's Information Technology Committee for the 2013-2014 academic year. He would like to bring the following to your attention:

You may be familiar with the Classroom Equipment Preferences Form that CaTS has used to determine your technology needs for the classroom. For those that have used this form, I'd like to thank you for doing so. Your feedback plays an important role for classroom scheduling and also for planning future classroom investment.

This Fall, the Faculty Senate's Information Technology (IT)-subcommittee and CaTS will be working together to assess the current and future technology requirements for Wright State classrooms. The first step in this process is to ensure that the needs of the faculty are well understood. To that end, I would like to ask that you take a moment of your summer to fill out the Classroom Equipment Preferences Form linked below. If you have already done so in the past, you can simply review your preferences to make sure they

are up to date. By helping to paint a clear picture of the classroom technology needs of our faculty, you can help Wright State to ensure that we have the right tools in place to create the best possible learning environment for our students.

As you are filling out the form, keep in mind the following information:

1.) The “Interactive Display Screen (Symposium)” is an interactive monitor (w/pen) display enabling you to write over slides, websites, or multimedia files in a digital ink and display the work onto a projection screen in the classroom. If you use the interactive pen on your monitor in the classrooms then you need the Symposium. If you don’t use the pen, then you won’t need to check the box for the Symposium.

2.) Overhead projectors with acetate rolls have been removed from all classrooms. If you want to use an overhead projector with acetate rolls in your classroom, please add the projector to your list of equipment preferences. To add the document camera to your preferences, uncheck the overhead projector option and place a checkmark beside the “Document Camera” option.

Thank you again for taking the time to fill out the Classroom Equipment Preferences Form. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [michael.raymer@wright.edu](mailto:michael.raymer@wright.edu)

**Upcoming Events** – The first Faculty Senate meeting of the 2013-2014 academic year will be held at 2:25 PM in E156 of the Student Union on Monday, September 9. All are very welcome to attend. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will be meeting on Monday, August 26 in the Faculty Office at noon to work on an agenda for that first Senate meeting – please let us know if there are any matters you would like to see included on that agenda (which will be posted at: <http://www.wright.edu/administration/senate/senage/> ).

The University's Freshman Convocation will be held on Friday, August 23 starting at 3 pm in the Nutter Center. You can get a preview of my remarks to the class of 2017 at: [http://www.wright.edu/administration/senate/documents/freshman\\_convocation2013.pdf](http://www.wright.edu/administration/senate/documents/freshman_convocation2013.pdf) (pdf). The keynote speaker, Rocsi Diaz, has co-anchored BET's flagship show *106 & Park* and will impress upon our students the need for community engagement.

The University Convocation will be held on Wednesday, September 4 at 3 pm in the Apollo Room of the Student Union. Please plan on joining us for a celebration of some of the great successes of Wright State faculty and staff at that time.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable end to our summer of 2013!

*Dan Krane*

Faculty President