

Faculty Line #230
October 14, 2019

Colleagues,

As the routine for the Fall Semester settles in, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and I wanted to send a brief note to highlight some events and initiatives on campus. One of our major priorities for the year is to help foster more effective communication between faculty, administration, staff and students, and we seek your assistance in this regard. In the next few *Faculty Line* newsletters, I'll be highlighting opportunities to increase awareness, understanding and engagement across campus – from understanding and participating in the standing committees of the Faculty Senate to engaging in college and university-level leadership opportunities.

Special Election: Faculty Vice President

As you know, we are in the midst of the election for our Faculty Vice President.¹ We are fortunate to have four highly qualified individuals as confirmed candidates for this position. Please note that all ballots must be cast by 5pm Wednesday, October 16th. If you have not received your ballot, or if you have encountered any difficulties voting, please contact Bryan Nethers at the Faculty Office (facultyoffice@wright.edu) as soon as possible. The results of this special election will be announced Thursday, October 17th, and the new Faculty Vice President will be installed at the November 18th Faculty Senate meeting.

Faculty Senate Meetings

The Faculty Senate meets monthly at 2:30 in the Endeavor Room of the Student Union (E156). Our next meeting is Monday, October 14. All WSU Faculty, Staff and Students are welcome to attend these meetings. You can access the meeting schedule, agendas, supporting documents, and meeting minutes, and more at <https://www.wright.edu/faculty-senate>.

All Faculty Senate meetings begin at 2:30 and take place in E156 Student Union (Endeavor Room)

October 14

November 18

December 9

January 27

February 17

March 16

April 20

Committees

The lifeblood of our shared governance is the committee structure: as guardians of the curriculum, the most vital work of our Faculty Senate is conducted in these essential

¹ <https://www.wright.edu/faculty-senate/about/faculty-membership-senate-elections>

committees. We rely on regular, informed contributions of committee members to complete these tasks. The charge for each committee and committee rosters² can be found on the Faculty Senate webpage. Consistent representation on these committees is critical: it is imperative that designated representatives from each college send a proxy to the committee if they are unable to attend a meeting (voting privileges are clarified in each committees' charge). If regular attendance is a difficulty, please inform both the committee chair as well as your EC representative so that a replacement can be arranged. Committees are required to submit approved minutes from each meeting to the Faculty Office. All may review these minutes from within the "additional attachments" link from the Faculty Senate webpage.³

The core administrative committee of the Faculty Senate is the Executive Committee (EC), staffed by one representative from each college. Your EC member is often your first point of contact with any concern or question related to faculty governance. The EC members for AY 2019-2020 are:

BSOM: Marietta Owlowski⁴
CECS: Mike Raymer
CEHS: Mindy McNutt
CoLA: Susan Carrafiello
CoNH: Judy Ribak
COSM: Dawn Wooley
Lake: Megan Faragher
RSCOB: Burhan Kawosa
SOPP: Jeffrey Cigrang

Summer Working Groups

Former Faculty President Dan Krane established multiple summer working groups that brought together faculty, staff and students to collect data and complete groundwork for many of the Faculty Senate standing committees. The charges for these groups were presented to the Faculty Senate and were approved by last year's Faculty Senate EC. These working groups accomplished a great deal of work over the summer, and we expect to be reviewing multiple resolutions over the next few Faculty Senate meetings. Additionally, many of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees have received data-filled reports from these groups. Thanks to all who participated in this significant work over the summer, and especially to the individuals who chaired these groups.

Final thoughts

The WSU Faculty Senate is a representative, deliberative body. It operates best when all constituents are informed, engaged and active. Please familiarize yourself with university

² https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2019/Apr/meeting/AY2019-20_Committee_Roster.pdf

³ <https://www.wright.edu/faculty-senate/about/senate-meeting-agendas-and-minutes>

⁴ Eric Bennett is the alternate EC member for the BSOM.

policies,⁵contact your elected representatives⁶ and share your thoughts. Please also join us at the monthly Faculty Senate meetings. We look forward to working closely with each of you.

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⁵ <https://policy.wright.edu/>

⁶ <https://www.wright.edu/faculty-senate/about/2019-20-officers-and-members>