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***Faculty Line #247
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Dear colleagues,

Spring is in the air. Recently, we have had many opportunities to look back at where we were one year ago, and I keenly remember the dread I felt when it was obvious we would need to cancel the March 2020 Faculty Senate meeting. (I also remember naively stating, at the end of our first remote meeting in April, that I hoped to see everyone back in the Endeavor Room at the beginning of Fall 2020). Thanks to the dedication and hard work of all throughout our campus community, we are beginning to wrap up another successful, albeit challenging, Academic Year. We still have much work ahead of us before we close the books on AY 2020-2021, though, and for that, I provide some brief updates below.

March Faculty Senate Meeting:

The Faculty Senate meets Monday (**March 29**) at **2:30 EST**; I hope you will join us. Dr. Oliver Evans, our Interim Provost, will be speaking to the Faculty Senate for the first time at this meeting. Our guest speakers will be University Librarian Sue Polanka and Karen Wilhoit, Associate University Librarian. The meeting will again be conducted remotely via Webex; the link is available from the Faculty Senate agenda on our [webpage](#). As always, all faculty, students and staff are invited to attend.

The Faculty Office in 138 Fawcett remains closed and our staff will be working remotely during this time. We will be checking for mail or deliveries at least once a week, but email will remain the most efficient form of communication; facultyoffice@wright.edu or laura.luehrmann@wright.edu.

Faculty Senate: AY 2021-2022:

Thanks to the many faculty who ran as candidates for next year's Faculty Senate; it was a very competitive election with widespread participation across both campuses. Congratulations to the successful candidates from the Spring 2021 elections:

Faculty President: Brian Boyd

Faculty Vice President: Megan Faragher

Faculty Senators:

Eric Bennett, BSOM

Vicki Evans, CoNH

Amelia Hubbard, CoLA

Sharon (Lynette) Jones, COLA

Nimisha Patel, CEHS

Ayşe Şahin, CoSM

Valerie Stoker, CoLA

Adrian Corbett, CoSM

Kirsten Halling, COLA

Aubrey Jaqueth, Lake

Irina Overman, BSOM

Marc Raslich, BSOM

Jeremy Schumm, SOPP

Thomas Wischgoll, CECS

Note: RSCoB did not have an open seat in this election. For additional election information, refer to the [Faculty Senate Election Webpage](#), as well as the [2021-2022 Faculty Senate roster](#).

Academic Year 2021-2022 Committee Volunteers:

Now that the Senate elections have concluded, we ask the help of all faculty to staff the Faculty Senate Committees for AY 2021-2022. You do not need to be a member of the Faculty Senate in order to serve on, or chair, a committee. If you are interested in doing so, please complete the [volunteer form](#) by **April 12th** in order to be included in the initial review by the Executive Committee. Potential committee members will be contacted for verification and availability before final nominations go before the Faculty Senate.

Book Orders:

As you know, timely book order submissions are important for all of our students, especially students receiving various forms of scholarship support (in addition to our College Credit Plus students). Faculty convey their book orders to the WSU Bookstore (via Faculty Enlight in WINGS): www.facultyenlight.com. Note deadlines and submission rates below. Thank you advance for your assistance.

Summer 2021: currently 67% of summer courses have been submitted

Fall 2021 courses: (deadline was March 15) (40% submitted)

Spring 2022 courses: October 15, 2021

Spring 2021 Commencement Ceremonies:

As President Edwards announced earlier this month, we will be holding in-person [commencement ceremonies](#) on April 30th and May 1st on the Dayton campus and April 28th and April 29th at [Lake Campus](#). Participants will be adhering to strict Covid-19 protocols. For more information, including details related to faculty registration for participation (which will be posted next week), refer to the hyperlinks above. In addition to the in-person events, ceremonies will be live-streamed, and the names of all Spring 2021 graduating students, whether they attend the in-person ceremonies or not, will be read aloud at their respective ceremonies.

Concluding Thoughts:

We're in the home stretch of another challenging academic year. Despite the myriad difficulties we continue to face, I remain heartened by the relentless dedication of our faculty and staff colleagues—in classrooms, labs and studios (virtual and in-person), committees, and in our community. As always, please remember that your Faculty Senate works on behalf of all of our faculty as we continue to serve our students. Stay healthy, keep in touch, and mark your calendar for the final meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2020-2021 Academic Year on **Monday, April 26 at 2:30 EST**.

With my warmest regards,

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