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***Faculty Line #246***  
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Good morning colleagues,

Please note a few brief reminders below.

**February Faculty Senate Meeting:**

The Faculty Senate meets this afternoon (**Monday, February 22**) at **2:30 EST**; I hope you will join us. This 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](mailto:facultyoffice@wright.edu) or [laura.luehrmann@wright.edu](mailto:laura.luehrmann@wright.edu).

**WSU Libraries:**

OhioLINK recently received a major grant from the Ohio Governor's Emergency Relief funds through the Ohio Department of Education. For more information on these resources, including Films on Demand, Sage Business Cases, MIT Press Direct eBooks and more, please view this [library news post](#).

**Office of the Vice Provost for Research – Technology Transfer “Ask the Expert”**

As you know, the Bayh-Dole Act (1980) created a uniform patent policy for all federal agencies that fund research to universities. In recent years, there has been a heightened interest in enforcing reporting requirements mandated by this act of Congress. On March 19, WSU's Office of Technology Transfer will be hosting an “Ask the Expert” program to answer any questions related to the Bayh-Dole Act, commercialization of inventions, and start-up companies. For more information, please reach out to [Dr. Whitney Hough](#), our Tech Transfer Consultant in the Office of the Vice Provost for Research. If you think that you have discovered or developed an innovation, err on the side of caution and disclose it to the Office of Technology Transfer ([techtransfer@wright.edu](mailto:techtransfer@wright.edu)). They can walk you through the disclosure process and answer any questions.

**Faculty Senate Elections: Nominations for Faculty President and Vice President:**

Every spring semester we conduct elections for the Faculty Senate. Please visit our [Faculty Membership and Senate Elections](#) page for qualifications, duties, terms and deadline information. The nomination period for all positions, including Faculty President, Faculty Vice President and Senators closes tomorrow (**February 23**) at 5pm EST. Anyone who is nominated for a position will be contacted to confirm their willingness to serve. Self-nominations are also accepted. Please consider your ability to serve in shared governance!

Ballots will be distributed on Monday, March 8; the **deadline to cast ballots is Friday, March 19** at 5:00pm.

**Concluding Thoughts:**

These past few weeks have been difficult. Through it all, please know that your Faculty Senate remains here to serve all faculty as we navigate the challenges ahead. I hope you are each able to take at least some time away from your work during the upcoming spring break so that we may all return in March re-charged and ready to serve our students. Stay healthy, keep in touch, and mark your calendar for the March meeting of the Faculty Senate on **Monday, March 29 at 2:30**.

With my warmest regards,

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