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***Faculty Line #257***  
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Dear Colleagues,

I would like to begin our spring academic newsletter by expressing gratitude for your ongoing support in ensuring our students' success.

I want to highlight a few items:

**Faculty Senate elections** - The recent Senate elections have concluded for most colleges. A second runoff election for the College of Liberal Arts is currently underway and is scheduled to be completed at the close of business, April 10, 2024. CoLA voters who are unable to locate their ballot email should contact [facultyoffice@wright.edu](mailto:facultyoffice@wright.edu). Please join me in congratulating the recent [successful candidates](#) and welcoming them to the [AY2024-25 Faculty Senate](#).

**Volunteer for AY2024-25 Faculty Senate committees** – Faculty members are encouraged to volunteer to serve on one of the Faculty Senate committees during AY2024-25. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will work to make and confirm initial appointments when they meet on April 15, 2024.

Committee volunteer form: [https://wright.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_71BXSpUAWxgQXI2](https://wright.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_71BXSpUAWxgQXI2)

**New Wright State Core Curriculum** - The new Wright State Core curriculum was approved at the March Faculty Senate meeting. By fall 2025, all programs must undergo modification and approval to align with the forthcoming new Core, which will be implemented for incoming students. In anticipation of the increased number of curriculum proposals to be approved, the faculty senate is exploring the option to meet twice per month in spring 2025 to facilitate the approvals.

**April 8, 2024 Total Solar Eclipse** - Dayton will be in the path of a total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024. The peak will be at 3:15pm, which is toward the end of the 2:30-3:25 MWF time block. There will be a number of events hosted by the [College of Science and Math](#) and the [Lake Campus](#), and the events may impact traffic to the campuses. Please suggest to your faculty teaching at that time block and in the 3:30 time block on that date that they be lenient in enforcing their course policy on students' timely attendance, or even that they consider building in an opportunity to experience this rare event during class time.

**Commencement**

Please consider attending one of the upcoming commencement ceremonies to celebrate our students' success and achievements: ([register by Monday, April 8](#))

- Graduate Ceremony (Doctoral and Master's): Friday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

- Undergraduate Ceremony (Bachelor's): Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m.

### **College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies Announcement**

Earlier today, an announcement was made regarding my appointment as the dean of the College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies, effective from May 1st.

According to the Faculty Senate Constitution, the Vice President shall complete the President's term if necessary and I am grateful for Dr. Dawn Wooley for offering to step in. I am confident in Vice President Wooley's ability to assume the role of Faculty President and to use her insights into what is best for Wright State's Faculty and students. I am deeply proud of the Senate's role and its contributions to the achievements of Wright State University and the advancement of our students and thank you all for giving me this opportunity for this academic year.

An announcement will be forthcoming from the Faculty Office regarding the procedures and timeline for a special election to fill the role of Faculty Vice President.

Sincerely,  
Subhashini Ganapathy