

Faculty Senate Meeting

Monday, April 14th, 2025 - 3:30 pm

Approval of Minutes March 31, 2025

Informal Statements

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- Jay Price

President's Report

Updates

- Follow-up for WSU-Tech Joint Senate Meeting
 - Executive committee is reviewing MOU and will recommend revisions.
- Senate record to University Special Archive
 - Prior to 2019, copies of the Senate and Exec Comm agenda/minutes were put in 3” binders and are stored in the Senate office. This consists of 21, 3” binders, 1987-2018. This information was digitized by the library in 2016–2017. All past and current volumes and documents are now available in SOAR, the WSU institutional repository and digital archive.
 - University Libraries has asked if they can store the physical binders in University Archives, which is in the Special Collections vault on the bottom floor of Ablah. The vault is climate controlled to protect the records, and the records would be readily available to anyone who requests them.
- Update on senate meeting in the RSC.
- The Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum (URCAF) abstract submission link is now live. Submissions are due Friday, April 18. Contact Dr. Semih Tartaroglu at semih.tartaroglu@wichita.edu if you have any questions.

Committee Reports

Rules Committee

Issues identified by Rules Committee

- Too many committees
- Several committees inactive or no longer relevant
- Unresponsive committees or committee members
- Difficulty filling vacant positions (126 total faculty positions)
- Lack of continuity with URCAF from year to year

Summary of Proposals

- 1. Sunset the following committees:**
 - a. Academic Integrity Policy Committee**
 - b. Scholarship and Student Aid Committee**
 - c. Undergraduate Research Committee**
 - d. Library Committee**
- 2. Stand up new Student Success Committee**
 - a. Includes charges from Academic Integrity, Scholarship and Student Aid, and Undergraduate Research**
- 3. Add library charge to Faculty Support Committee**
- 4. Change composition and charges of Planning and Budget Committee**
 - a. Change chair from Senate President to Past-President**
 - b. Update charges to reflect current work**

Student Success Committee

Composition: 11

- 9 Faculty, one from each Senate division
- 2 students, one UG and one GR
- Stakeholders from relevant campus partners should be invited as needed to participate in discussions pertaining to their areas of responsibility to encourage cooperation and ensure transparency.

Selection: Members are nominated by the Rules Committee to be confirmed by the Senate

Structure:

- 1 chair elected by the committee
- 2 co-chairs to oversee URCAF

Charges:

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Faculty Support – Add library charge

- Represent faculty interests in matters related to University Libraries, communicate faculty concerns about library policies, and assist in identifying long-term institutional priorities for library resources, services, and facilities.

Planning and Budget Committee

Executive Committee

Ombuds Person Nomination – 4 year term

- Dr. Bayram Yildirim Ph.D. term as Ombuds person is up this year. Huge thanks for his excellent service.
- Executive committee is bringing forward a nominee to serve as ombuds from 2025-2029



Dr. Nils Hakansson Ph.D.
Professor
College of Engineering

General Education Committee Report

Old Business

New Business

New Buisness

- Market-based Compensation Update – Vicki Whisenhant
- 4.22 Tenure, Promotion, Professor Incentive Review And Post-Tenure Review Calendar Revision - Muether

As May Arise

Adjourn
(Next Meeting April 28th)