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News from Faculty Senate

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Faculty Senate Executive Committee

- Julia Farmer, Chair
- Angela Insenga,
Executive Secretary
- Elizabeth Kramer, Past
Chair
- Kyle Marrero, President
- Micheal Crafton, Provost
- Cale Self, Undergraduate
Programs
- Matt Varga, Graduate
Programs
- Mark Schoon, Honors
Committee

Welcome back!

We hope that everyone had a restful and/or productive spring break and is feeling refreshed and ready for the final third of the semester. As a reminder to those organizing elections for the Colleges and other units, election results for senators and representatives are due to Executive Secretary Angela Insenga, Chair of the Faculty Senate Julia Farmer, and Provost Micheal Crafton no later than April 14.

Officer Nominees

At its March meeting Faculty Senate nominated two excellent colleagues for the positions of Chair-Elect and Parliamentarian. Judy Butler, the nominee for Chair-Elect, is a Professor of Secondary Education, and is currently chair of the Senate Student Affairs committee. Judy has many years of experience with shared governance and also chaired the Senate subcommittee that drafted the original version of our restructuring plan. David Boldt, the nominee for Parliamentarian, is a Professor of Economics and the current chair of the Senate Faculty Development Committee. Thanks to both of these colleagues for their willingness to serve in these capacities. Voting will be held in conjunction with the General Faculty meeting in April.

Faculty Handbook Updates

At its recent meetings Faculty Senate has voted to approve a number of modifications to the Faculty Handbook proposed by the Rules and Faculty Development Committees. Revised sections include those on Classroom Procedures, Research, and Evaluating Teaching. Please see the January and February minutes posted online for more details on these and other modifications.

Declaration of Support

Emily McKendry-Smith,
Academic Policies

David Boldt, Faculty
Development

Heather Mbaye,
Strategic Planning

Judy Butler, Student
Affairs

Craig Schroer,
Technology

Molly McCullers,
Facilities and Services

Salvador López,
University Relations

Michelle Frazier Trotman
Scott, Intercollegiate
Athletics

Brad Yates, Budget

Susan Welch, Rules

In response to recent concerns raised by some faculty, at its last meeting Faculty Senate approved a document titled "UWG Faculty Senate's Declaration of Support for International Faculty and Students and the Value of a Global Education." In the declaration, the Senate "affirm(s) our commitment to uphold our university's global educational mission and values," "declare(s) our support for international students, staff, and faculty," and "assert(s) our commitment to give all of our students a global education." The declaration also reaffirms the Senate's support for the UWG values of inclusiveness, achievement, and caring. The entire document is available [here](#).

Upcoming Faculty Senate Meeting Dates

April 21, 2017

All meetings take place at 3:00 in TLC 1203. Faculty Senate meetings are open to all.

For more on recent Faculty Senate business, minutes are available [here](#).

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