

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Washington, D.C.

The Faculty Senate

September 5, 2014

The Faculty Senate will meet on Friday, September 12, 2014 at 1 p.m. in the Marvin Center, Room 403. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE USUAL TIME AND LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING.**

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on May 9, 2014 (minutes to be distributed)
3. Introduction of newly-elected and re-elected Senate members
4. Introduction of Resolutions
5. Response of the Administration to Senate Resolutions for the 2013-14 Session (response to be distributed)
6. Status of Health Care Benefits; Open Enrollment Update for Fall 2014
Vice President for Human Resources Sabrina Ellis
(followed by comments by Professor Robert J. Harrington, Chair, Senate Committee on Appointment, Salary and Promotion Policies (including Fringe Benefits))
7. Status of the Corcoran Gallery Partnership: Provost Lerman
8. GENERAL BUSINESS
 - a) Nominations for election of faculty members to Senate Standing Committees:
Appointment, Salary and Promotion Policies: Eugene Abravanel;
Educational Policy: Lilien F. Robinson and Peng Peng as members;
Fiscal Planning and Budgeting: Joseph Cordes as Acting Chair and Brian L. Biles as Acting Co-Chair; Neil Buchanan, Theresa Gabaldon and Benjamin Hopkins as members;
Research: Robert Hawley as Chair; William Briscoe, Christopher Cahill, Andrew Cutler, and Stephen Hsu as members
 - b) Annual Reports of Senate Standing Committees (the Annual Report of the Committee on University and Urban Affairs is attached)
 - c) Nomination of faculty members for appointment to the Benefits Advisory Committee:
Brian Biles, Michael Castleberry, and Murli Gupta; Tyler Anbinder, Robert Harrington (ASPP Chair). Shaista Khilji, Lisa Rice, and Jane Thorpe

- d) Report of the Executive Committee: Professor Charles Garris, Chair
 - e) Provost's Remarks
 - f) Chair's Remarks
9. Brief Statements (and Questions)
 10. Adjournment

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**Report of the Faculty Senate Standing Committee
on University and Urban Affairs (UAUA)
May 2014**

**Chair: Kathryn Newcomer, Professor and Director of the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy
and Public Administration (newcomer@gwu.edu)**

1. The **UAUA Mission**: The Committee on University and Urban Affairs helps foster continued good citizenship between The George Washington University and the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area. The University and Urban Affairs Committee serves as an ongoing catalyst for maximum efficiency in this area and prevents the duplication of effort between GW and the community itself. By affirmatively tracking GW's already allocated resources and initiatives, the University and Urban Affairs Committee "paints the big picture" of GW's community relationship and subsequently provides the University with a valuable source of advice on continuous improvement and possible future endeavors.
2. The **UAUA Membership**: The UAUA Committee represents the breadth and strength of the University community, with active faculty, administrators, staff, and student members serving in full member or ex-officio status, from schools and departments across campus.
3. Our **signature initiative** this year has been to focus on publicizing and promoting faculty involvement in District of Columbia, and we chose to focus on faculty involvement in two key areas: addressing homelessness and promoting public health among the most needy. Two subcommittees of the Committee planned and hosted two events:
 - 1) *Straight Talk from the Streets: Addressing Homelessness in Washington, DC* on November 13, 2013 began at 6:45pm in the 3rd floor amphitheatre in the Marvin Center. This very special event featured a performance by Street Sense followed by a panel focused on ways to address homelessness in Washington, D.C. The Street Sense Players presented: scenes, monologues, poetry, and songs created and performed by members of Street Sense over the past 5 months in a Theatre Workshop directed by GW professor Leslie Jacobson, with colleagues Elizabeth Kitsos-Kang and Roy Barber. The 45-minute performance was followed by a discussion with a panel of leaders from organizations advocating for the homeless, facilitated by Professor Greg Squires. About 60 attendees.
 - 2) *Celebrate and Connect: GW Community Partnerships for Health* Public Health on April 7, 2014 (originally planned for March 3 but postponed due to a snow storm) was an interdisciplinary celebration to share faculty, staff, and students' contributions to the communities that GW serves through health-focused partnerships and community engagement activities. The focus of this forum was to promote networking, practice and interdisciplinary collaboration among GW students, faculty and staff and the

community. It also connected students, faculty and staff interested in participating in community-based projects to existing projects and to each other for future collaboration. About 35 attendees.

4. The Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service, especially as represented by Center Director Amy Cohen, worked extremely closely with the Committee to implement both of our signature events.