



Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate Standing Committee on University Urban Affairs (UUA) Interim Report 2022-2023

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In Summer 2022, UUA was reconstituted with several new members under a continuing co-chair, Amy Cohen, and new co-chair, Arthur Wilson.

Current UUA Members include:

- Arthur Wilson, Chair (GWSB)*
- Amy Cohen, co-Chair (CCAS, Nashman Center)
- Lisa Bagby (SMHS)
- Sarah Baird (SMHS)
- Sonal Batra (SMHS)
- Khalil Diab (SMHS)
- Karen Dawn (SON)
- Wendy Ellis (GWSPH)
- Jeffrey Gutman (GWLAW)*
- Samantha Luna (Center for Excellence in Public Leadership staff)
- Renee McPhatter (Gov and Community Rel.)
- Gene Migliaccio (GWSPH)
- Mallory Miller (GSEHD)
- Helen Cannaday Saulny (ODECE staff)
- David Sullivan (SMHS)
- Joel Teitelbaum (MISPH)
- Leslie Trimmer (GSHEd)
- Margaret Venzke (SON)
- Maranda Ward (SMHS)
- Christian Williams (GWSA)
- Christy Zink (CCAS)

*Faculty Senate Members

Committee Mission states:

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.

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) also identified the following goal for UUA:

- Proactively look at ways to improve neighborhood relations, including building an inventory of current efforts across the university in this area.

Committee Actions (Fall Semester 2022):

All meetings of the UUA committee have been done virtually via Zoom. Members met on September 22, October 20, November 17.

Below is a snapshot of the ongoing activities that relate to the above UUA goal:

- *Building an inventory of current efforts aimed at fostering close relationships with the community across the university:* Committee members are prioritizing these efforts as key activities for the committee during the 2022-2023 academic year. Thus far, discussions have involved trying to understand the projects that currently exist, and the platforms that are available to collect this information. It is a priority for the faculty and the George Washington University to foster these relationships with the community more broadly in the future.

Based on member discussions and interests, UUA has identified one project for 2022-2023:

- **Create an inventory** of community engagement events at GW that is sustainable and acts as a catalyst for further partnership related to community engagement by GW faculty, students, and staff.
 - Tell the story of the purpose and impact of community engagement, especially the engagement undertaken by faculty connecting their scholarship to community.
 - The committee has had a presentation from Dr Wendy Ellis on the work of her GW [Center for Community Resilience](#) and a presentation from the DC Office of Planning on the results of the 2020 census on DC with attention to redistricting.

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Reviewed by UUA committee members.