



Faculty Senate

Report of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

October 4, 2024

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FSEC Activities

FSEC met on September 20 to arrange the agenda for today's Senate meeting. The group also received updates from the President and Provost as well as reports from the committee liaisons whose committees have held meetings since the beginning of the semester.

As a first step in the process of gathering ideas about a faculty "sounding board" for administrative conversations that is based in the Senate, the Senate office sent a short form to elected Senate membership. For this first stage, responses are being solicited only from the Senate; next stages will request input from the broader faculty. Responses are greatly appreciated by October 20.

The GW Board Executive Committee and FSEC met jointly on September 26 and had a substantive and engaging discussion about the strategic framework planning process. Among other topics, we talked about the importance for this endeavor of removing bureaucratic and budgetary barriers to interdisciplinary research and teaching. Beyond GW, we also talked about challenges facing the university sector more broadly, especially organized attacks on higher education.

Faculty Assembly

The annual regular Faculty Assembly will be held on Wednesday, October 30, at 4pm. There will be an Assembly resolution to formally approve the last Faculty Organization Plan change approved by the Senate during the last session. To that end, a quorum at this meeting will be extremely important. Please spread the word in your schools and encourage your colleagues to attend this meeting. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format, and virtual attendance will count toward the meeting quorum.

Personnel Actions

There are no active grievances at the university.

Calendar

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is October 25, 2024. Draft resolutions and any other possible Senate agenda items should be forwarded to Liz Carlson in the Senate office as soon as possible, ideally by Friday, October 18, to assist with the timely compilation of the FSEC meeting agenda. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting is November 8, 2024.