



Report of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

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FSEC Activities

FSEC met on October 25 to arrange the agenda for today's Senate meeting. The group also received updates from the Provost as well as reports from the committee liaisons whose committees have held meetings since the beginning of the semester.

FSEC discussed the responses that have come in about the idea of a “sounding board” for administrative conversations. We hope that more Senators will contribute their views to this discussion. From the responses received thus far there is a diversity of opinion, ranging from:

- it is a good idea, and FSEC should play this role; to
- it is a good idea, and a committee made up of the Senator co-chairs of standing committees should play this role; to
- expressed uncertainty about whether this is a good idea; to
- firm conviction that this is a bad idea.

We will continue to gather input and discuss.

Reflecting on suggestions in the PEAFF report on FSEC's role from last spring, we also discussed the best mechanism for getting ideas from the Senate's standing committees in front of the Board of Trustees. We consider the FSEC chair's regular reports to the Board Committee on Academic Affairs and to the whole board to be the best means, and we will seek to regularize the existing ad-hoc practice of seeking input from the committees.

FSEC assigned the “Resolution Regarding Safety and Accountability on GWU Campus” to the Physical Facilities and Safety Committee for its consideration.

Faculty Assembly

The annual regular Faculty Assembly was held on October 30, at 4pm. Assembly Resolution 25/1 was passed and will now move to the Board for final approval. This resolution contained the Faculty Organization Plan amendment to formalize the Faculty Consultative Committee procedures for future presidential searches. Many thanks to all of you for helping ensure a quorum at this year's Assembly.

Personnel Actions

There are no active grievances at the university.

Calendar

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is November 22, 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, November 15, to assist with the timely compilation of the FSEC meeting agenda. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting is December 13, 2024.