

The Faculty Senate will meet on Friday, January 10, 2025, at 2:00pm in the State Room (1957 E Street/7<sup>th</sup> floor) and via Zoom

## AGENDA

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 2024
- 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Ellen Granberg, President)
- 4. Brief Statements and Questions/President's Report
- 5. PROVOST'S REPORT (Chris Bracey, Provost)
- 6. Brief Statements and Questions/Provost's Report
- 7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Ilana Feldman, Chair)
- 8. Brief Statements and Questions/Executive Committee Report
- 9. <u>RESOLUTION 25/4</u>: To Amend the Senate Bylaws (Guillermo Orti, Co-Chair, Professional Ethics & Academic Freedom Committee)
- 10. <u>RESOLUTION 25/5</u>: To Extend the Approved Temporary Changes to the Code of Academic Integrity (Sarah Wagner, Co-Chair, Educational Policy & Technology Committee)
- 11. REPORT: <u>Annual Research Update</u> (Bob Miller, Interim Vice Provost for Research)
- 12. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

#### 13. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a) Nominations for membership to Senate Standing Committees
- b) Nomination for membership to the Benefits Advisory Committee
  - Toni Marsh/CPS (At-Large Member)
- c) Standing Committee reports received
- 14. Brief Statements and Questions/General
- 15. Adjournment



# A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SENATE BYLAWS (25/4)

- **WHEREAS**, amendments to the Senate Bylaws may be introduced and referred to the Executive Committee, or they may be originated within the Executive Committee at the suggestion of the Parliamentarian, and they shall be treated as nearly as may be as Resolutions; and
- WHEREAS, in Senate Resolution 23/6 and Faculty Assembly Resolution 24/1, clause III.4a of the Faculty Organization Plan was amended; and
- **WHEREAS**, the mirror clause of the Senate Bylaws, Appendix II.1a of the Faculty Organization Plan was not similarly amended at the time the aforementioned resolutions were adopted;

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

That the Senate Bylaws—namely, Appendix II.1a of the Faculty Organization Plan, be amended as set forth on Exhibit A attached to this Resolution.

Professional Ethics & Academic Freedom Committee December 17, 2024

# Exhibit A

# APPENDIX II

#### Bylaws of the Faculty Senate

### SECTION 1. MEETINGS AND SESSIONS

a. A "regular meeting" of the Senate shall be held on the second Friday of September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, and May. The Executive Committee may change the date of a regular meeting in unusual circumstances. The Executive Committee may cancel any regular meeting for which there is not sufficient business. In urgent circumstances, the Executive Committee may determine that additional Regular Meetings are needed in shorter intervals and may act to arrange such Regular Meetings during each semester of the academic year or during the summer. The President mayshall call a "special meeting" upon request of the Executive Committee or upon petition of 25 percent of the elected members of the Senate. <u>The Chair of the Executive Committee</u>, in consultation with the President, shall determine whether a regular or special meeting is to be conducted in-person, virtually, or both.



## A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE APPROVED TEMPORARY CHANGES TO THE CODE OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY (25/5)

- **WHEREAS**, The academic integrity process is crucial for educating students at the George Washington University;
- **WHEREAS,** the Faculty Senate praises faculty, students and staff who participate in academic integrity panels, which are essential to a successful, community-driven process;
- **WHEREAS,** the current Code of Academic Integrity requires two faculty to serve as panelists for each case;
- WHEREAS, the number of faculty serving on these panels has significantly declined over time;
- **WHEREAS**, convening a panel is a logistical challenge as it requires a three-hour overlap in the schedules of the faculty panelists, student panelists, staff, the instructor of record, and the respondent;
- WHEREAS, the Spring 2024 semester continued to see a marked increase in cases;
- **WHEREAS**, the growing case load and declining number of panelists continue to present challenges for scheduling cases in a timely manner; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Faculty Senate continues to strongly urge the Provost Office to recruit faculty for the University Integrity and Conduct Council in order to ensure student success;

# NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

That the text in Appendix A ("Redline of Current Addendum") replace the current Addendum. This change extends the current Addendum for an additional year. It also adds the following new provision to the addendum, also to last one year.

If there is a concern for a student's academic progression (course prerequisites, impending graduation, etc.), that is being held up by a pending AI case, CESA, at the discretion of the Director or designee, can convene an ad-hoc panel of at least one student and one faculty member, in order to bring a case to a more timely resolution and minimize long term academic impact.

This should be implemented effective as soon as possible if approved by all needed entities (including the Faculty Senate, the Student Association Senate, and the University President).

Educational Policy & Technology Committee December 13, 2024

Appendix A "Redline of Current Addendum"

### "ADDENDUM:

Effective for all active cases (meaning cases that have not reached a final determination through to a resolved appeal) starting on [insert effective date following necessary Senate and Presidential approval] and expiring for cases submitted after May 31, 2026, a full Academic Integrity Panel (AIP) shall consist of three members of the University Integrity and Conduct Council. All members of the AIP shall be voting members. At least one must be a student and at least one must be a faculty member. A student will serve as the presiding officer. The panel should include at least one member from the school or college of the course in which the reported violation occurred.

If there is a concern for a student's academic progression (course prerequisites, impending graduation, etc.), that is being held up by a pending AI case, CESA, at the discretion of the Director or designee, can convene an ad-hoc panel of at least one student and one faculty member, in order to bring a case to a more timely resolution and minimize long term academic impact.

A report on this change and its effects (specifying 1) number of cases, 2) number of faculty willing to serve, and 3) time required to close a case) should be provided to the Faculty Senate and the Student Association Senate before the beginning of the Spring 2026 semester."