



**Faculty Senate
Provost Bracey Report
March 7, 2025**

Good afternoon. It is hard to believe that we are nearly at spring break already!

You will be receiving a robust update from me later this afternoon regarding the state of academic affairs at the university, so I will keep this piece of my remarks brief.

Dean Feuer

You likely saw last week's announcement that Dean Michael Feuer, who has led the Graduate School of Education and Human Development since 2010, has announced that he will step down as dean and return to the faculty this summer. Under his leadership, GSEHD significantly expanded its academic offerings and has provided a rich environment for high-impact faculty research in top-ranked journals. Dean Feuer has been active both locally and globally, cultivating new partnerships and launching programs that advance education on a variety of levels. I am deeply appreciative of his leadership and insight and very grateful that he will continue to advance critical initiatives as a tenured full professor in GSEHD. I extend my gratitude to him for his many committed years of leadership.

We will share information about interim GSEHD leadership as it is available.

Data Preservation

Hopefully, you all saw a note distributed yesterday from Dean Geneva Henry and Interim Vice Provost Bob Miller concerning stable access to datasets necessary for research activities. Understanding that this access is critical to our research enterprise, Dean Henry and Interim Vice Provost Miller shared a resource guide that provides up-to-date information and guidance on alternative sources where data is being preserved, as well as information on ongoing efforts to help researchers locate and preserve essential datasets. Researchers may nominate an at-risk dataset for preservation or request assistance securing research data.

A cross-university collaboration called the Research Data Management Task Force is leading this effort at GW, in collaboration with other institutions. Please contact the task force if you have any questions.

Graduate Assistant Unionization

A brief update on graduate assistant unionization. In mid-February, the university received a demand to bargain from SEIU, Local 500. The university is finalizing its bargaining team in response to this demand, and we anticipate that bargaining will begin in May or June.

As we have consistently said, graduate assistants are a critical part of our GW community, advancing knowledge, providing research, and contributing to our research enterprise. We are committed to ensuring they feel supported and valued in our scholarly community and that they have a meaningful and successful experience at GW.

Finally, a few notes as we look toward the end of the academic year.

GWALA Graduation

The 5th cohort of the GW Academic Leadership Academy, or GWALA, will graduate on April 11. Applications for the 6th cohort will open soon, so keep an eye out for that announcement.

Faculty Honors

As a reminder, the 15th Annual Faculty Honors Ceremony will take place Thursday, April 24. We will announce the honorees after spring break, so keep an eye on your email, and save the date on your calendars for this special event.

Commencement Student Speaker Competition

Finally, a note about the Commencement Student Speaker Competition. We opened the competition earlier this semester to Class of 2025 graduates, and I am pleased to share we had over 70 submissions across all 10 schools and colleges. Judges in each school will review their submissions and put forth selections for the voting round of the competition, which will open after spring break. Anyone in our community may watch the audition videos and cast a vote, but we will be encouraging the Class of 2025 in particular to choose who they want to represent them on the National Mall on May 18th. The voting round will be followed by a final round of in-person auditions in April.

This concludes my report, and I am happy to take any questions.