



Report of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
May 9, 2025

FSEC Activities

FSEC met on April 25, arranging the agenda for today's Senate meeting and receiving updates on Senate standing committee activities.

The President spoke about federal actions impacting higher education, including the evolving nature of the field under a very broad order that is impacting all aspects of the sector. She also provided updates on processes around the strategic planning framework (including the marketing and branding study), the new budget model, and campus planning.

The Provost reviewed the federal administration's recent executive order on higher education accreditors and the challenges this poses for GW as it enters its Middle States reaccreditation process. He also discussed the recent virtual seminar on institutional neutrality and plans to further engage the community on this question.

FSEC discussed topics for its upcoming joint meeting with the Board of Trustees Executive Committee.

The executive committee reviewed the Senate standing committee chairships and rosters, which will be voted on by the Senate today. The executive committee also determined its standing committee liaison assignments for the 2025-2026 session.

FSEC met to discuss a second tenure-and-promotion nonconcurrence and has delivered its recommendation on the case to the Provost.

In Memoriam

As many of you have no doubt learned by now, longtime Senate Parliamentarian and Law School Professor Steve Charnovitz passed away in March. Steve served as the Senate Parliamentarian for 13 years, providing careful, reasoned advice to the Senate—including his repeated reminders that there is no such thing as a "friendly amendment." Steve was also an accomplished and highly respected scholar, and his sharp intellect and wit will be very much missed at GW. Please join me in a moment of silence in Steve's memory.

Personnel Actions

There is one active grievance at the university; the parties are in mediation.

Calendar

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is August 22, 2025. 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 August 15, 2025. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting is September 12, 2025.

I would like to add one further note to this report: The Faculty Senate and the Executive Committee expresses its gratitude for the essential support provided by Liz Carlson, Jenna Chaojarean, and Katie Cloud throughout the academic year. Without their administrative and institutional expertise and their truly remarkable organizing prowess, this body would surely cease to function. So thank you for all your efforts this year and every year.

This concludes my report.