

**GW**

Faculty Senate

# New Senator Orientation

May 6, 2025

Welcome!



# [facultysenate.gwu.edu](https://facultysenate.gwu.edu)

- Meeting Summaries
- Senate Calendar
- Roster
- Current Agendas
- Current Minutes
- Committee Missions, Rosters, & Reports/ Annual Call for Service
- Faculty Assembly Resolutions, current Minutes and Agendas
- Senate Resolutions
- Faculty Code
- Faculty Organization Plan (includes Senate by-laws)

# Faculty Senate Portal on myGW

- New this year!
- Administered by the Senate Office and GWIT
- Includes a discussion board, events, and links to resources

# Faculty Senate Communications

- Agendas (and any attachments): 7 days prior to regular Senate meetings
- Resolutions and Presentations are sent with the meeting agendas
- Notification that draft minutes have been posted
- Executive session minutes and confidential documents shared via Box
- Occasional ad hoc messages related to upcoming Senate business

# Faculty Senate Meetings

- The State Room (our typical meeting location) will be under renovation beginning this summer until sometime in the fall.
- Meetings may take place virtually or in an alternate campus location with a hybrid option.
- Please check meeting notices carefully for location/webinar information!

# Parliamentary Procedures

Sarah Binder, Senate Parliamentarian

- What do parliamentarians do all day?
- How I can help you
- How you can help me 😊



# 2025-2026 Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) Nominees

Katrin Schultheiss (CCAS), Chair

John Warren (CPS)

Jennifer Brinkerhoff (ESIA)

Jonathan Eakle (GSEHD)

Arthur Wilson (GWSB)

Amita Vyas (GWSPH)

Scott Kieff (LAW)

Sameh Badie (SEAS)

Jeff Akman (SMHS)

Rhonda Schwindt (SON)

# Key FSEC Functions

- Helps to implement shared governance: Facilitates flow of information between the administration, the Board, the Faculty Senate, Senate committees, and reports regularly to the full Senate
- Creates annual charges for standing committees
- Assigns resolutions introduced at meetings to standing committees
- Arranges the agenda for Senate meetings
- Staffs each standing committee with a liaison for efficient communication with/updates to FSEC
- Acts on behalf of the Senate in emergencies, reporting to full Senate for confirmation at next meetings



# Faculty Senate Resolutions

There are three ways a resolution can be introduced to the Senate:

- By a standing committee (reported by committee and submitted to FSEC)
- By a senator at a Senate meeting (FSEC then assigns the resolution to a standing committee)
- By a request of 20% of the members of the Senate to FSEC

# Faculty Assembly Resolutions

Most resolutions requiring action by the Assembly come to the Assembly following an earlier Senate resolution leading to that action.

# Faculty Senate Standing Committees

*Committees are where the work of the Senate truly takes place!*

- Appointment, Salary, & Promotion Policies (ASPP)
- Athletics & Recreation (ARC)
- Educational Policy & Technology (EPT)
- Fiscal Planning & Budgeting (FPB)
- Honors & Academic Convocations
- Libraries (FSLC)
- Physical Facilities & Campus Safety (PFCSC)
- Professional Ethics & Academic Freedom (PEAF)
- Research (FSRC)
- University & Urban Affairs (UUA)

# Faculty Senate Standing Committees

## *How to Serve*

- Annual Call for Committee Service Volunteers
  - Online form on the Senate website (typically open mid-January through March)
  - Senate office and committee chairs work together to produce draft rosters for Senate approval in May
- Ad hoc appointment
  - May be initiated by committee chair, individual wishing to serve, or FSEC suggestion
- Committee membership requires Senate confirmation
- The President appoints nonvoting administrative members to each committee; the Senate is notified of nonvoting committee additions

# Questions/How to Reach Us

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