

Faculty Senate NEWS BRIEF

The purpose of the Faculty Senate **News Brief** is to keep faculty informed about Faculty Senate meetings. Agendas and minutes of meetings can be accessed by clicking on the [Faculty Senate Homepage](#).

FROM THE SENATE MEETING ON OCTOBER 12, 2022

The **Faculty Senate (FS)** unanimously approved the nomination for Amy Gantt to serve as acting FS Chair-Elect. Join us in celebrating with Professor Gantt! Let us also congratulate Dr. Zhu for her nomination as chair of the **Planning Committee (PC)**!

The Senate discussed their reaction to the first [Shared Governance Forum \(SGF\)](#) of the semester, which administration organized and delivered on the Quality Initiative. The Forum was split into two halves: one that discussed online learning and the post-COVID course review process undertaken by CIDT, and one that focused on the planned implementation of a new “concierge” model of advising. Several concerns were raised, including how many new advisors this updated model would require, the training of said advisors, and the quick timeline for implementation (a target date for complete implementation by Fall 2023).

The **Budget Committee (BC)** and **Personnel Policies Committee (PPC)** continue to collaborate on developing an equitable salary card floor that takes into account last year’s Salary Card Working Group’s suggestions for a revised method of calculating compensation. The PPC was newly charged with developing a standardized method of overload compensation calculation and dispersal. The FS also unanimously approved the PPC’s changes to the A.P.P.M. revising the office hours policy to account for full-time online faculty members.

Senators recounted their experiences from the Presidential **Strategic Planning Committee**'s Town Hall hosted on October 10. There was a good blend of faculty and staff in attendance. A hearty discussion was held regarding what changes the university can make to enhance student experiences and access to educational opportunities both in-person and online. If you missed the Town Hall and wish to provide some direct input to the committee, please fill out this [WEBFORM](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

The second **Shared Governance Forum (SGF)** will meet on November 15 at 2 pm in Classroom Building Room 120 or via Zoom. Staff will lead a third Forum; be aware of schedule updates.

The **Mutual Mentoring Group (MMG)** is a faculty-developed and faculty-led group intended to provide support to faculty to help them succeed. All fall MMG meetings will be held in the Library Collaborative Room (Room 203) and on Zoom. The remaining MMG meetings are scheduled for 11/15 (12:30 – 1:30 pm) and 11/16 (1:00 – 2:00 pm). The content for sessions is the same for both meetings each month.

Faculty members are always invited and welcome to attend meetings of the Faculty Senate. As a reminder, the Faculty Senate is scheduled to meet on 10/26, 11/9, and 11/30 this fall. **The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 26th, in Russell 100 and on Zoom.** Please visit the [Faculty Senate website](#) for detailed information concerning *your* representative body!

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