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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 NOVEMBER 9, 2022

The **Budget (BC)** and **Personnel Policies Committees (PPC)** offered some updates on the upcoming **Shared Governance Forum (SGF)**, including a brief agenda. The SGF will include a recap of our 2020 SGF discussion on faculty compensation, the work submitted in 2021-2022 by the Salary Card Working Group, and a summary of the work that has been completed in the last year, both by the Senate and administration, to address these concerns. For more details on the upcoming SGF, see below.

The **Personnel Policies Committee (PPC)** shared updates on the updated Telework Policy recently shared by administration. The Senate discussed some significant differences in language between what the Staff and Faculty Senates originally submitted and what is included in newly adopted policy - including language about inclement weather and the frequency for when telework requests must be submitted – as well as concern regarding the current appeals process.

The **University Affairs Committee (UAC)** shared updates on their ongoing work regarding academic integrity policy. The Senate discussed several suggestions about how to improve student access to resources that clearly explain what constitutes academic dishonesty, the appeals and punishment procedures, and how students can develop best practices when it comes to their research and homework.

The **Executive Committee (EC)** wishes to remind the rest of the faculty that any feedback or concerns about the [proposed 2023-2024 academic calendar](#) must be submitted by December 1. Click on the link above to review the calendar. If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please submit them to the Senate so they can be added to the agenda for our final meeting of the semester. That will allow use as a Senate to discuss these concerns and, if necessary, pass them on to administration in a timely fashion before the Dec. 1 deadline.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

The second **Shared Governance Forum (SGF)** will meet on November 15 at 2 pm in Classroom Building 120 or on Zoom (Meeting ID: 97473144940). It will cover the recent joint work undertaken by the Budget and Personnel Policies Committees and the Salary Card Working Group regarding faculty compensation. This is a matter that affects all faculty, not only Senate members, as we hope to see a large turnout.

The **Mutual Mentoring Group (MMG)** is a faculty-developed and faculty-led group intended to provide support to faculty to help them succeed. The last MMG meeting this Fall is scheduled for 11/16 at 1 pm in the Library Collaborative Room (Room 203) and on Zoom ([click here for Zoom link](#)). Dr. Amy Madewell will give a presentation about the SONA System. A discussion about Service opportunities is also planned.

Faculty members are always invited and welcome to attend meetings of the Faculty Senate. **The final meeting of the Faculty Senate this Fall will be at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, NOVEMBER 30th in Russell 100 and on Zoom.** Please visit the [Faculty Senate website](#) for detailed information concerning *your* representative body!

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