

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 <u>Faculty Senate Homepage</u>.

FROM THE SENATE MEETING ON 4 OCTOBER 2023

During the meeting, the Faculty Senate filled the vacancy in the Chair-Elect position with the appointment of Sondra Petty.

The Planning Committee (PC), Committee on Committees (CC), Budget (BC), University Affairs Committee (UAC) and Personnel Policies (PPC) Committees have been appointed, given charges and are in the process of organizing the first meetings of the Academic Year. Each will have reports after their meetings have taken place.

The **Executive Committee** (**EC**) met to review the process for filling the sub-committees, review and (where necessary) clarify their charges and tasks, and to discuss possible engagements beyond those charges.

The Treasurer reported that conversations noted in the 20 September 2023 meeting are ongoing, and some budgetary assessments regarding the funding of the Senate's awards are still pending.

Revisions of the APPM are ongoing, under the direction of VPAA Golden to revive the Dean structure that was previously in place. Since that structure is also being actively discussed in a number of Strategic Vision documents and is likely to be revived on a university-wide scale, Senators have begun the process of reviewing these potential changes, starting with those changes that would related to the tenure and promotion process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

The Faculty Senate strongly encourages faculty to attend the **Shared Governance Forum (SGF)** scheduled for 17 October 2023 at 14:00. The topic of this SGF will be the production of the materials under consideration by the HLC by their upcoming visit, especially the Criteria documents.

The **McNair Scholars Program** is still looking to recruit students and faculty mentors. As a mentor, you would be paired with one, perhaps two, students who are interested in pursuing a graduate education in your discipline. For more information about this program, please <u>CLICK HERE</u>. If you are willing to place your name in that pool, please email Kate Shannon (kshannon@se.edu) or Darla Ellett (dellett@se.edu).

Faculty members are always invited and welcome to attend meetings of the Faculty Senate. **The Faculty Senate will next meet at 15:00 on 18 October 2023 in Russell 100 and on Zoom**. The Senate will also meet on 18 October, 1 November, 15 November and 29 November. Please visit the <u>Faculty Senate website</u> for detailed information concerning <u>your</u> representative body!

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