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Faculty Senate NEWS BRIEF

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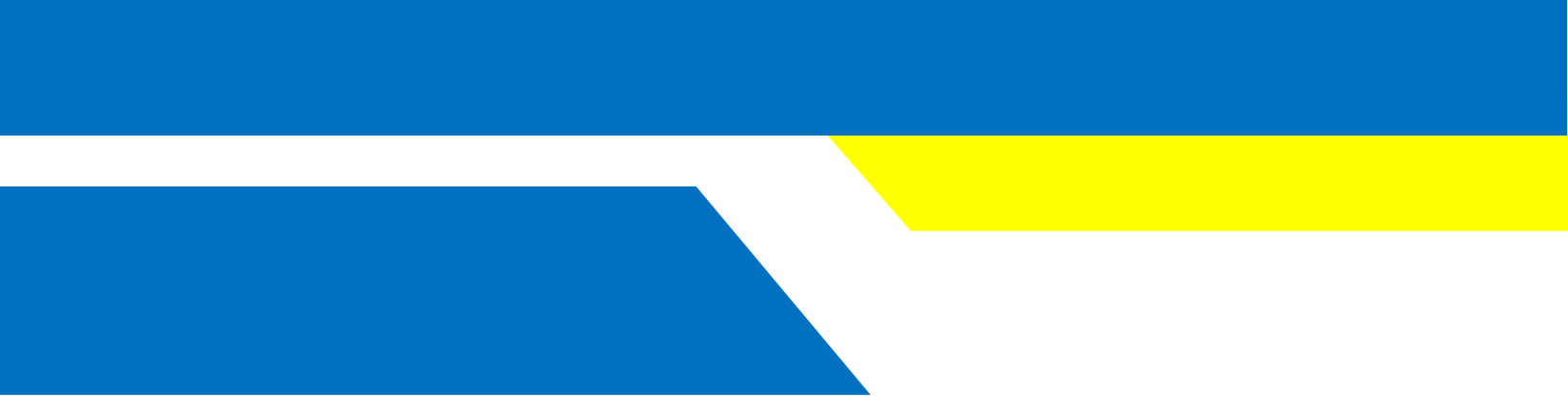
FROM THE SENATE MEETING ON 18 OCTOBER 2023

The **Treasurer** has no report.

The **Planning Committee (PC)**, **Committee on Committees (CC)**, **Budget (BC)**, and **Personnel Policies (PPC) Committees** had not met and have no report. The **University Affairs Committee (UAC)** met and divided up the charge's elements to work on. Another meeting is scheduled for later in October.

The **Executive Committee (EC)** met to organize and compile initial feedback about both the updates to the APPM and the HLC Criteria documents in advance of the Shared Governance Forum on 17 October. Both this initial feedback and that garnered during the Shared Governance Forum (summarized below) were communicated to VPAA Golden and AVPAA Rothernburg.

The Shared Governance Forum on 17 October was a productive meeting, which communicated the concerns of both faculty senators and those of the faculty that attended. While there was some concern about the more artificial or state-level policy-derived items in the HLC documentation, the consensus arrived at during the aftermath of the meeting and during the Senate meetings' debrief is that greater feedback by faculty committees, both in their specific work and in the overall influence those committees have on the APPM and similar policy-oriented document, will have an enduring influence on subsequent and similar reports. Senators involved in the process



of drafting the HLC documents noted that greater faculty involvement in committee work would, in fact, help ensure that more faculty-derived content would be included in future HLC documents. Documents from the Shared Governance Forum have been compiled by the Faculty Senate's Archivist and are [available here](#).


In order to ensure that these kinds of engaged processes have room to develop and shape lasting policy, preliminary suggestions about the theme of the Spring Shared Governance Forum on the work and involvement in Faculty Committees has been suggested. While this was not adopted, Faculty are asked to consider how the role played by their committee service shapes the reality of shared governance and its theoretical outlines.

Revisions of the APPM are still ongoing, and the concerns expressed by the Faculty Senate have been communicated to VPAA Golden.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

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 [CLICK HERE](#). If you are willing to place your name in that pool, please email Kate Shannon (kshannon@se.edu) or Darla Ellett (dellett@se.edu).

Senator Clark requests that faculty consider volunteering to judge the debates in his Honors section of Business and Professional Speaking. Emails will be forthcoming in the next few weeks, and faculty participation is crucial to the success of the events.



Senator Lincoln notes that the application portal for the [Critical Language Scholarship](#) and the [Boren Awards](#) have opened. Application portals for the [Middlebury Language Schools](#) will open on 1 November. The demographics of Southeastern make its students particularly attractive candidates for these programs, which provide funding, college credit, and training in foreign languages.

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

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