



Faculty Senate NEWS BRIEF

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FROM THE SENATE MEETING ON 13 MARCH 2024

The **Treasurer** reports that, after much work and many setbacks, the last of the Faculty Senate Awards from the 2022-23 Academic Year has finally been paid out.

The **Executive Committee (EC)** reported that its debriefing feedback, regarding the Shared Governance Forum, was communicated to the **CC** (more below) for its use in implementation.

The **Budget Committee (BC)** offered no report.

Personnel Policies (PPC) Committees did not meet and has no report.

The **Planning Committee (PC)** urges faculty to vote in the tiebreaker runoffs for its awards, noting that especially rich competition is a happy signal of the hard work done by faculty members across divisions.

Committee on Committees (CC), having reflected on the feedback from the **EC**, has provided “Year End Report” templates for the use of committees.

The **University Affairs Committee (UAC)** did not meet and had no report.

There was widespread confusion, frustration, and vexation expressed regarding the rollout of the Civitas portal, with many faculty having difficulties receiving credentials. The rollout also implied (and offered) onerous and vapid professional development that undermined general confidence in the utility, necessity, and pertinence of the same system, especially with respect to its otiose reduplication of normal faculty classroom functions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Faculty-Staff Recognition ceremony will be held on Monday, April 22nd at 3:30 in the VPAC, and all are encouraged to attend.

The next Shared Governance Forum, planned by Administration for discussion of Academic Integrity issues, will be held on April 23rd with a presentation from Student Affairs.

The Mutual Mentoring Group will hold its next meeting on April 11th at 3:30 pm in Science 333.

The Director of Study Abroad reminds his colleagues that faculty and staff are welcome to join short-term Study Abroad programs as participants. In the upcoming academic year, trips to South Africa—during Spring Break 2025—and Iceland—in May 2025—will offer students a short exploration of the histories of natural science and civil rights in the former, and physical sciences and human adaptations in the latter. Those interest should visit www.se.edu/study-abroad or email studyabroad@se.edu for further information. He also notes that faculty interested in leading their own programs should contact him to work out their ideas and select a vendor to make their experiential education dreams a reality.

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