

Guest Presentation: [New Academic Year Welcome with President Kirk Schulz & Provost Elizabeth Chilton \(PDF\)](#).

Minutes

The Faculty Senate met on Thursday, September 21, 2023, in French 130D and via Zoom. Seventy (70) senators were present with nineteen (19) absent and twenty-two (22) non-voting members present. The meeting was called to order by the Senate Chair, Eric Shelden at 4:09 pm.

1. Call to Order at 4:09pm
2. [Approval of minutes from the April 6, 2023, faculty senate meeting](#)
3. Announcements
 - A. Information Items
 - a. The faculty senate executive officers met with President Schulz and Provost Chilton on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.
 - b. The faculty senate chair presented to the Board of Regents on Friday, September 15, 2023.
 - c. The faculty senate executive officers will meet with the provost leadership team on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.
 - d. (Item #2023.03.23_314_Exec) 2023-24 Senate meeting schedule (Exhibit [314A](#)).
 - e. (Item #2023.09.21_332_Steering) Recommended approval of new courses CE 516, CE520, and CE 545 (Exhibit [332A](#) [332B](#) [332C](#) [332D](#) [332E](#)).
 - f. (Item #2023.09.21_337_Catalog) Graduate Major Change Bulletin No. 9 Addendum 1 (Exhibit [337A](#)).
 - g. (Item #2023.09.21_79_GSC) Recommended correction of the Master of Engineering, Civil Engineering clerical error (Exhibit [79E](#) [79D](#) [79A](#) [79B](#) [79C](#)).
 - h. (Item #2023.09.21_335_Steering) Department Creation Proposal – College of Nursing (Exhibit [335A](#) [335B](#)).



- i. (Item #2023.09.21_336_Catalog) Professional Health Sciences Major Change Bulletin No. 1 (Exhibit [336A](#)).
- j. (Item #2023.09.21_338_Steering) Request for the Masters of Nursing to be placed in moratorium effective January 1, 2024, through August 1, 2025 (Exhibit [338A](#)).
- k. (Item #2023.09.21_339_Steering) Proposed Amendment to EPPM Section 9.1; WSU Academic Advisory Responsibilities (Exhibit [339A](#) [339B](#)).
- l. (Item #2023.09.21_340_Catalog) Minor Change Bulletin No. 1 (Exhibit [341A](#)).
- m. (Item #2023.09.21_344_Steering) Faculty Senate Voting Process (Exhibit [344A](#)).

4. Additions or changes to the agenda

- A. Motion from J. McDonald to move discussion items 2,4, and 5 to action items in support of committee action, A. Goodman seconded this motion.
 - a. 60 approved and 0 rejected.

Note: *Senators are encouraged to contact senate committee chairs if they have specific questions that they would like addressed before the senate meeting. Additionally, senators are encouraged to ask questions about exhibits before they advance to action items.*

Non-voting faculty and community members are not eligible to vote and should not respond to participation prompts for Faculty Senate Zoom polls. Non-voting faculty & community members may view the Faculty Senate meeting through the [YouTube livestream](#).

5. Agenda Items

A. Action Items

- a. (Item #2023.09.21_334_Steering) Recommended approval of the Faculty Senate Bylaws Section VIII as it relates to the assembly of ad hoc committees (Exhibit [334A](#) [334B](#)).



- i. **Discussion:** Recommendation to update the ad hoc committee language to specify faculty senate ad hoc committees. -H. Jansen
 - ii. **61 Approved; 0 rejected**
- b. (Item #2023.09.21_341_CoC) Recommended approval of the faculty senate committee appointments for vacancies on the Professional Health Science Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee (Exhibit [341A](#)).
 - i. **No discussion;**
 - ii. **61 approved;** 0 rejected
- c. (Item #2023.09.21_342_CoC) Recommended approval of the Ad Hoc Faculty Salary Step Committee composition (Exhibit [342A](#)).
 - i. **Discussion:** Request to refer to the ad hoc salary step committee charge (Exhibit [301A](#))
 - ii. **63 Approved;** 1 rejected

B. Discussion Items

- a. (Item #2023.09.21_333_Steering) Recommended approval of updates to the Faculty Senate Bylaws adding a new section II.6 regarding participation in meetings (Exhibit [333A 333B](#)).
- b. (Item #2023.09.21_343_GSC_Steering) Recommendation to establish a faculty senate policy concerning graduate program student handbooks (Exhibit [343A 343B](#)).
 - i. **Comment:** Confirming that the Grad School will still need to receive the departmental handbook updates for archiving and NWCCU requests. -J. McDonald
 - ii. **Response:** This discussion item is addressed within Exhibit 343B. -T. Barry
- c. (Item #2023.09.21_340_AAC) Proposal to revise Rule 75, Final Examination Schedule (Exhibit [340A](#)).

6. Constituent Concerns



- A. **Concern:** West Virginia University serves as an example of a university that has significantly impacted its foreign language program through the reorganization / layoff of 21 faculty. Proactive concerns for WSU and considerations for budget management that do not include program removal are requested. -J. Bonzo.
- B. **Concern:** Course Challenge Process clarity and considerations for the pilot program to be changed in name to the Course Review Process. -J. Miller
 - a. **Response:** Clarification of the course review process explained and considerations for the name change received. -C. Horne
- C. **Concern:** Considerations for the specific timeline of constituent's course posting and review deadlines. -N. O'Donnell
 - a. **Response:** Reference to the [faculty senate webpage](#) for the posting and review deadlines. -C. Horne
- D. **Concern:** Institutional Review Board and delays. Recommendation for senate support with the IRB turnaround and delays. – L. Fournier
 - a. **Response:** Faculty Senate leadership is happy to connect with the Chair of IRB / Chris Keane to address this concern. -E. Shelden
- E. **Concern:** Budget Cuts and research allocation to the library subscriptions. -N. Grow
 - a. **Response:** Recommendation for this concern to be forwarded to the Office of the Provost for next step review. - L. Hill

7. Meeting Adjourned: 4:37pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Hudelson".

Matt Hudelson, Executive Secretary