



Faculty Senate Constituent Concern

Topic: WSU Press

Response Date: August 22, 2024

The Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President is pleased to share an important update on the future of the WSU Press. In mid-July, Provost Riley-Tillman learned about the anticipated closure of the WSU Press. After careful consideration, the Provost's Office decided to commit funding to ensure its operations beyond the previously scheduled closure date. Initially, funding for the WSU Press was slated to expire after December 31, 2024.

The operation of the WSU Press will transition under the umbrella of WSU Libraries and the leadership of Dr. Trevor Bond (Interim Dean, Libraries). While logistical and operational specifics are still being finalized, planning for this move is underway to ensure a seamless transition.

The Provost's Office is also pleased to confirm that the two current employees of the WSU Press will be retained beyond December 31, 2024. This continuity will help maintain the high standards and dedication that have characterized the Press's work over the years.

Finally, the continuance of the WSU Press allows Washington State University to continue delivering on its land-grant mission by supporting scholarly communication and the dissemination of knowledge.