

August 28, 2024

TO: All Members of the Board of Regents
SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Update
SUBMITTED BY: Tracy Klein, Faculty Senate Chair

The Faculty Senate is reporting on the following:

- On August 16, Tracy Klein moved from Chair Elect to Chair, and Eric Shelden moved from Chair to Past Chair. Matt Hudelson continues in the position of Executive Secretary and Parliamentarian. We welcome Elizabeth (Beth) Doyle as our new Faculty Senate Principal Assistant. We will be running a special election in September for the position of Chair Elect.
- In summer session, the Faculty Senate Steering Committee has delegated authority to conduct interim business. This summer, they approved changes to the Faculty Manual regarding minor formatting and to align section II.F with federal regulatory changes as advised by the Provost's office. They also voted on the recommendation to provide a 2% salary increase to faculty with a continued request to reexamine the sustainability of faculty salaries. Finally, they approved the requested religious accommodation modifications to academic regulations 72 and 82.
- The Senate continues to be represented on several WSU Committees engaging in shared governance and furthering the academic mission. Past Chair Eric Shelden has been appointed to the WSU Presidential Search Committee and Athletic Budget Committee. Chair Klein serves on the Regents Distinguished Alumnus Award Committee, Global Campus Academic Advisory Council, and the Athletic Advisory Committee. Additional committee assignments for Senators will be completed at our first meeting in September.
- In 2024 we piloted a streamlined course review process which was then adopted by Senate vote and may be found here: <https://facsen.wsu.edu/course-review-site-24-25/>. We have provided extensive feedback to the EPPMs 13 and 14 which await final review.
- The first Faculty Senate meeting of the 2023-2024 academic year will be held on September 19, 2024, via Zoom and live streaming. Our initial speakers will be system wide Student Affairs leadership from each campus (Everett, Global, Pullman, Spokane, Tri-Cities, and Vancouver). Additional schedules may be found at: <https://facsen.wsu.edu/speaker-schedule-2024-2025/>.