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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:

- September was the initiation of campus visits starting with the Tri-Cities campus on September 5-6, 2024. In addition to the opportunity to meet with the campus-based faculty organization Resident Faculty Organization (RFO) Chair Klein was also able to meet with Chancellor Haynes, VC for Student and Academic Affairs McAteer, Associate VC for Student and Academic Affairs Plemons, and VC for Research and Graduate Education Bauman and participate in a social event for faculty as well as for the social work and nursing programs. On September 13 Chair Klein presented to the Vancouver Council of Faculty Representatives (CFR). The Spokane campus also reports that they are finalizing bylaws for a campus faculty organization, which would mean that all campuses except Pullman and Global have a faculty organization that is campus based. Chair Klein and Chair Elect Roberts are anticipating a November 14-15 visit to the Everett campus.
- The Faculty Senate held their New and Returning Senators orientation on Zoom on September 5. As with Senate meetings, this was recorded and can be viewed on our website at: <https://facsen.wsu.edu/live-stream-recordings/>.
- At its October 3 Senate meeting the Faculty Senate adopted recommendations for a new committee, focusing on International Affairs. As with prior years, we anticipate that faculty compensation will be a top priority of the Faculty Senate and have devoted resources to both focusing our committee activities and highlighting key issues and reports specific to faculty compensation. A dedicated committee focusing on Faculty Compensation is under review by the Senate Steering Committee. Additionally, the Faculty Senate Executives are regularly meeting with the President and Provost.
- Leslie Brunelli CFO was invited to provide educational outreach regarding the University Budget process as well as upcoming actions specific to the Academic Affairs Program Optimization project to the Faculty Senate Budget Committee. President Schultz and Provost Riley-Tillman additionally addressed the full Senate on October 3 and addressed questions from the faculty. Chair Klein will represent the Faculty Senate on the Board of Regents Budget Committee and attended their first meeting.
- In order to facilitate engagement and discussion, the Faculty Senate is reviewing changes offering a Pathway to a Motion which ensures that Senate motions are actionable and clear. If approved, this adds an additional option to submit motions for Steering Committee consideration and Senate review.