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Election Season is Upon Us

Deans have been notified of vacancies in Senate positions, and colleges will be holding elections between now and April, when results are due. If you are considering running for a position, you can learn more about the work of our different committees on the Faculty Senate [webpage](#). And as always, below are some updates from those committees, starting with a note from the chair of our Student Affairs Committee, Markesha Henderson.

Student Affairs: Reminders About Financial Aid

The Student Affairs Committee met with representatives from Financial Aid this month and would like to share the following announcements: The federal Pell program has been expanded to include summer. Pell-eligible students will receive a notice from Financial Aid asking whether they want to be reviewed for eligibility for a summer Pell grant. If you are offering summer classes, be sure to inform students of this option. As a reminder, it is important to list your books with the UWG bookstore so students can use their financial aid to purchase, even if there are more economical options. Currently, eBooks may not be purchased with financial aid unless the bookstore can obtain the verification code to sell to the student. If you are selecting an eBook and there is a print version available, you may want to consider listing the print version with the bookstore to ensure students can use financial aid to purchase the materials they need.

Rules: Record of Student Attendance and Absences

Megumi Fujita, Faculty
Development

Katy Green, Institutional
Planning

Markesha Henderson,
Student Affairs

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Technology

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Leanne DeFoor, Budget

Susan Welch, Rules

Lara Willox,
Diversity and
Internationalization

Jennifer Edelman,
Teaching, Learning, and
Assessment

At its February meeting, Faculty Senate approved modifications to the Faculty Handbook sections on Records of Student Attendance and Absences proposed by the Rules Committee. The modifications bring the language in the Handbook more in line with current practice and offer updated information regarding the stakeholders who make use of the information on student attendance that faculty provide.

University Email List Policy

Faculty Senate is currently considering proposed revisions to the university email list policy. Under the new policy, an All-Employees listserv would be created, and the President and Vice-Presidents would be given the authority to decide which employees would have posting privileges to the list. The All-Employees list would be used solely for official UWG-related business relevant to university employees. The All-Faculty list would move under the purview of the Provost's Office, which would establish guidelines for subscription, posting, and expected use. More details on the proposed changes can be found in the February 23, 2018 Senate [agenda](#). Faculty with comments should contact any senator from their department, so that comments can be shared with the Senate when it next takes up the topic.

Upcoming Faculty Senate Meeting Dates

Mar. 30
Apr. 27

All meetings take place at 3:00 p.m. in TLC 1203. Faculty Senate meetings are open to all.

For more on recent Faculty Senate business, minutes are available [here](#).

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