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News from Faculty Senate

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New Senate Structure Gets Underway

We are pleased to announce that Faculty Senate is now operating under its new committee structure. New committees include the Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Committee and the Diversity and Internationalization Committee, as well as the Core, Honors, and Interdisciplinary Programs subcommittee of Undergraduate Programs. Faculty members are encouraged to contact their college's representatives on these or any other committee with topics that they would like the groups to consider. A complete list of committees and their chairs may be found in the list to the left, and committee charges and membership are outlined [here](#).

Revisions to Faculty Handbook Sections on Leaves of Absence and Outside Employment

At its September meeting Faculty Senate approved the Faculty Development Committee's proposed revisions to the Faculty Handbook section on Leaves of Absence. The revisions to the policy clarify distinctions in processes for paid and unpaid leave and explain that paid leave may only be granted for purposes of promoting scholarly work and professional development. The committee is also working on revisions to the Outside Employment and Consulting section of the Handbook. To view proposed revisions and offer input, please consult any [committee](#) member from your college.

Updating the University Archives

Katy Green, Institutional Planning

Markesha Henderson, Student Affairs

Craig Schroer, Facilities and Information Technology

Ashley Smallwood, Intercollegiate Athletics and University Advancement

Leanne DeFoor, Budget

Susan Welch, Rules

Lara Willox, Diversity and Internationalization

Jennifer Edelman, Teaching, Learning, and Assessment

Senate officers are working to make sure that documents related to the work of both the full Senate and standing committees are as complete as possible in the University archives. In order to do this, we need help from many of you. If you have chaired a Senate standing committee at some point, please check your computers and send any documents (committee agendas and minutes) that are not already posted on the Senate committees archive [page](#) to Angela Insenga (ainsenga@westga.edu) and Julia Farmer (jfarmer@westga.edu).

Reminders about Curricular Requests

As mentioned above, the Undergraduate Programs Committee now includes a permanent subcommittee on Core, Honors, and Interdisciplinary Programs, which is the body that will consider and approve proposals for new XIDS topics, among other items. Anyone wishing to submit items to that subcommittee should consult the meeting dates and agenda deadlines on the Faculty Senate UPC [website](#) and plan accordingly. Note that agenda deadlines for CHIP fall before UPC deadlines. Those submitting curricular items to UPC or GPC through the Catalog Submission System should follow the instructions in the [CSS guide](#) in order to avoid delays caused by errors.

Upcoming Faculty Senate Meeting Dates

Oct. 13

Nov. 10

Dec. 8

Jan. 26

Feb. 23

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](#).

