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Welcome back!

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and productive summer. We would particularly like to welcome our new faculty to UWG. For those just joining us, we hope that this monthly newsletter will help introduce you to the work of the Faculty Senate, which serves as an important vehicle for faculty input on issues across campus. We already have a number of projects on our plate for this year. The Faculty Development Committee will be working on revising the grievance policy, the Rules Committee will continue to update the Faculty Handbook, the Facilities and Services Committee will be looking into improving the safety of pedestrian access to the Townsend lot, and the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee will be discussing advising for students transitioning out of athletics, to name but a few. For more on some of the other projects we're undertaking, keep reading!

Faculty Senate Restructuring

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee spent the summer continuing to work on a plan for restructuring its committees and now has a draft in place. Highlights of the proposed changes include the creation of a Teaching, Learning, and Assessment committee and a committee on Diversity and International Programs, as well as the creation of a subcommittee of the Undergraduate Programs Committee that would focus on Core, Honors, and Interdisciplinary Programs. Certain other committees would be combined to provide the staffing for the new committees. The proposed changes will be sent through the senate for approval in the fall, starting with the Rules Committee. If approved, the changes will take effect for the 2017-18 academic year. To see a detailed copy of the proposed revisions and offer input, please contact any member of the Executive Committee.

Discuss List Policies

Emily McKendry-Smith,
Academic Policies

David Boldt, Faculty
Development

Heather Mbaye,
Strategic Planning

Judy Butler, Student
Affairs

Craig Schroer,
Technology

Molly McCullers,
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Salvador López,
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Michelle Frazier Trotman
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Athletics

Brad Yates, Budget

Susan Welch, Rules

President Marrero has appointed a group of faculty and staff to look into UWG's Discuss list-- specifically, the questions of what guidelines or policies should be in place regarding its appropriate use and/or whether it should continue to exist at UWG. The committee is chaired by University Counsel Jane Simpson. Faculty Senate is represented by Craig Schroer (chair of the senate technology committee) and Julia Farmer (chair of the senate). Staff Advisory Council is represented by its chair April Saunders. Yves-Rose Porcena, the University's new Chief Diversity Officer, is also a member of the committee, as are Gary Leftwich (Director of Strategic Communication) and Juanita Hicks (AVP for Human Resources). Faculty with input on these questions should contact Craig or Julia; staff are asked to contact April.

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