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End-of-Year Thanks

In the past year you've heard a lot from Faculty Senate about some of our faculty-centered projects: Senate restructuring, Faculty Handbook revisions, issues related to Post-Tenure review, and more. As the year draws to a close, though, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many campus partners outside Academic Affairs who have interacted with Faculty Senate this year and helped make some of the non-academic items on our wish list a reality. While we cannot thank everyone individually here, we did want to highlight a few examples, starting with a note from our Budget committee chair, Brad Yates.

A Most Successful Budget

At their April 28th meeting, Budget committee members took the opportunity to acknowledge Dr. Kyle Marrero's outstanding efforts in his role as President to fight on behalf of faculty and staff for salary equity and merit, resulting in over \$10 million recurring for personnel across the last four years. The committee further expressed its earnest appreciation for a fully transparent budget process and recognized the extensive effort that Dr. Marrero puts into his job. The committee extended its sincere and heartfelt appreciation for all of his work. Dr. Marrero quickly acknowledged the work of the Budget committee members and thanked them for their service. He further thanked the Faculty Senate and the entire faculty and staff for their extensive contributions and applauded their efforts to make the largest budget allocation in the history of the institution happen.

A Conversation with Dine West

Last month the Student Affairs committee reached out to representatives from Dine West to offer feedback on its inaugural year. Many thanks to John

Emily McKendry-Smith,
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Lyons and Mark Reeves for taking the time to participate in this discussion and for being so responsive to input. As a result of the meeting, Dine West has already lowered the price on pizzas for student group catering and is working to make calorie and nutritional content information available to customers. At the meeting the committee also conveyed its appreciation for the consistent hospitality of Dine West staff.

Facilities and Services Committee and the Townsend Lot

One topic of discussion on the Facilities and Services committee in recent years has been issues surrounding pedestrians and the Townsend lot. In response to the committee's concerns on this topic, UWG recently installed a sidewalk leading from the Townsend lot to the crosswalk across West Georgia Drive. Thanks to our staff partners in Facilities for eliminating many UWG employees' daily trek through the grass.

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