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Faculty Senate Executive Committee

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Welcome to the New Faculty Senate Newsletter

As always your Faculty Senate has been hard at work on various issues, and we wanted to take this opportunity to share a few highlights with you. Our hope is to use this format to offer brief updates on our business as it progresses and to solicit your input. Should you have feedback on any of the topics mentioned, feel free to contact your senators or representatives on the appropriate committee, or any member of the Executive Committee. We would love to know what you think!

Budget Committee: Faculty Salary Study FAQs

The Budget Committee, chaired by Andrea Stanfield (Ingram Library), has spent the last several months working on preparing an FAQs document related to the new round of faculty salary studies that is currently underway. The committee will present this document at the February Faculty Senate meeting. In the meantime, the committee is interested in receiving feedback on the draft from faculty. If you would like to see the draft and/or offer input, please contact Andrea (astanfie@westga.edu), your faculty senator, or a member of the Budget Committee.

Academic Policies Committee: Online Course Evaluations

The Academic Policies Committee, chaired by Shelly Elman (COAH), is discussing possible revisions to the course evaluation form that students fill out for online courses. These revisions would make the form more applicable to the online learning environment. If you have thoughts or suggestions on this matter, please contact Shelly (relman@westga.edu) or a member of the Academic Policies Committee.

Faculty Development Committee: Tenure and Promotion, Grievance Processes

Mark Faucette, Honors
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Development

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Andrea Stanfield, Budget

Susan Welch, Rules

The Faculty Development Committee, chaired by David Boldt (RCOB), has a number of items on its plate. Two of these include revising the language in the Faculty Handbook related to the tenure and promotion process, and making revisions to the grievance process. If you are interested in learning more about the committee's work on these issues, or in offering suggestions, please contact David (dboldt@westga.edu) or a member of the Faculty Development Committee.

Executive Secretary Nominees Requested

Our Executive Secretary, Shelley Rogers, is nearing the end of her term. We are looking for individuals who might be interested in taking her place. The Senate will confirm a slate of nominees in March. If you are interested, have questions, or have a suggestion for someone you think would serve well in this role, please contact Faculty Senate Chair Julia Farmer (jfarmer@westga.edu).

Upcoming Faculty Senate Meeting Dates

February 26, 2016

March 25, 2016

April 22, 2016

All meetings take place in TLC 1203. Faculty Senate meetings are open to all.

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

