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News from Faculty Senate

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Faculty Senate Executive Committee

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Senate Restructuring Approved

At its meeting on October 14, Faculty Senate voted unanimously to approve proposed revisions to its committee structure. Following approval of the minutes and acceptance by President Marrero, the changes will be presented to the General Faculty for an electronic vote, since all modifications to senate by-laws must be approved by the faculty at large. This vote will likely occur toward the end of the semester. Elections for senate, including the newly created committees, will take place in the spring, and the new committee structure will take effect in the fall of 2017.

News from the Budget Committee

The Budget Committee has a number of tasks on its plate for this year, including discussion of a tier system for merit pay for full professors who have undergone successful post-tenure review. The committee also continues to discuss issues related to merit and equity adjustments more broadly. To learn more about these discussions or to offer input, please contact your college's representative on the committee. (The list of committee members is available [here](#).)

Faculty Handbook Updates

The Rules committee is making progress on much-needed updates to the faculty handbook. So far this year the senate has approved updates to sections on reporting grades, class rosters, and withdrawals. The handbook will be updated with these changes once minutes are approved and accepted by President Marrero. The Faculty Development Committee also continues to discuss updates to the grievance policy as outlined in the handbook.

Upcoming Senate Meeting Dates

November 11, 2016

Emily McKendry-Smith,
Academic Policies

December 9, 2016

David Boldt, Faculty
Development

January 27, 2017

Heather Mbaye,
Strategic Planning

February 24, 2017

Judy Butler, Student
Affairs

March 17, 2017

Craig Schroer,
Technology

April 21, 2017

Molly McCullers,
Facilities and Services

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

Salvador López,
University Relations

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

Michelle Frazier Trotman
Scott, Intercollegiate
Athletics

Brad Yates, Budget

Susan Welch, Rules