

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

November 2, 2020 – VIRTUAL SENATE MEETING

**ZOOM LINK:** <https://udel.zoom.us/j/95356378267>

**4:00 PM**

October 26, 2020

TO: Senators and Executives

FROM: Amy Hagstrom, Vice President  
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting November 2, 2020

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, November 2 at 4:00 p.m..

The Agenda will be as follows:

## AGENDA

- I. Adoption of the Agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes: [October 5, 2020](#)
- III. Remarks: President Dennis Assanis  
Provost Robin Morgan
- IV. Announcements: Senate President Charles Boncelet
- V. Consent Agenda: None
- VI. Regular Agenda:
  - A. Unfinished Business: None
  - B. New Business:

## 1. Regular Resolutions:

1. Recommendation from the Executive Committee Senators: Hagstrom, Hanson, Boncelet, Karpyn, Williams and Robinson for the **approval of a resolution to Allow Faculty Choice for Course Modality in Winter and Spring 2021**

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Policy on "Extreme Weather and Emergency Conditions", states "The University does not expect employees or students to take unnecessary risks to meet their work or learning obligations during adverse weather or emergency conditions.", and

WHEREAS, predicting the trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic through the winter of 2021 is not possible, and worldwide trends in transmission are not encouraging at this time, and

WHEREAS, potential COVID-19 transmission could put faculty members at unnecessary risks, and

WHEREAS, recognizing that we have no present evidence that classroom and laboratory settings are epicenters of COVID19 transmission, and we acknowledge that some faculty members want to teach in face-to-face settings, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that for the Winter and Spring Semesters, if a faculty member believes they would be taking an unnecessary risk by teaching a course in an in-person setting, then the faculty member may opt to teach that course in an online format, and simultaneously, the University will make every effort possible to allow faculty who wish to teach face-to-face to do so.

2. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Budget Committee (James Butkiewicz, Chair) with the concurrence of the Committee on Committees and Nominations (Allison Karpyn, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **revision to the Faculty Handbook Section 1.3 Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate – Budget Committee** ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEARAS, The Faculty Senate Approved the Biden School of Public Policy and Administration as a “stand alone school” April 2020, and

WHEREAS, Several Faculty Senate Standing Committees require faculty representation from the various colleges, including the Budget Committee, and

WHEREAS, the designee of the Provost serves to facilitate interactions between the committee and relevant administrative offices but is a non-voting member of the committee; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Handbook section 1,3 Standing Committee of the Faculty and its Senate – Budget Committee - be revised to reflect the increase in faculty representation and clarification of voting rights as in [Attachment 1](#).

3. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Diversity and Inclusion Committee (Megan McInnis, Chair) with the concurrence of the Committee on Committees and Nominations (Allison Karpyn, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **revision to the Faculty Handbook Section 1.3 Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate – Diversity and Inclusion** ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, The Faculty Senate Approved the Biden School of Public Policy and Administration as a “stand alone school” April 2020, and

WHEREAS, Several Faculty Senate Standing Committees require faculty representation from the various colleges, including the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and

WHEREAS, New efforts to address diversity and inclusion at the University are underway, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Handbook section 1,3 Standing Committee of the Faculty and its Senate – Diversity and Inclusions Committee - be revised to reflect the increase in faculty representation as in [Attachment 1](#).

4. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on General Education (Christine Cucciarre, Chair) with the concurrence of the Committee on Committees and Nominations (Allison Karpyn, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **revision to the Faculty Handbook Section 1.3 Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate – General Education** ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, The Faculty Senate Approved the Biden School of Public Policy and Administration as a “stand alone school” April 2020, and

WHEREAS, Several Faculty Senate Standing Committees require faculty representation from the various colleges, including the General Education Committee, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Handbook section 1,3 Standing Committee of the Faculty and its Senate – General Education Committee - be revised to reflect the increase in faculty representation as in [Attachment 1](#)

**VII. Presentations:** None

**VIII. Introduction of New Business:**

Such items as may come before the Senate. (No motion introduced under new business, except a motion to refer to committee, shall be acted upon until the next meeting of the Senate.)