

University Senate Chair Report
September 14, 2026

Hi Folks,

I hope everyone is doing well and your semester is running smoothly. We have some first readings on the agenda this semester, and I hope we can engage in a productive, collegial discussion. We rarely introduce Sense of the Senate Resolutions as first readings, and we are doing so today in hopes that it will be a collaborative effort.

At the last meeting, I highlighted some of the work being done on the Policy Modernization Project and was asked to identify some specific policies that were never signed by the appropriate executive. I put together a list, which you may view [here](#). The list is not exhaustive, and as I considered adding more, it felt like I was just re-creating the massive list we already have, which you may view [here](#). The cells that are slightly tan in color are those for which the various metadata is missing. As you can see, there is a good number of entries with missing information. I should also point out that these are active policies that appear on our website only. There are several policies that a body of the Senate ratified; however, they were (pocket) vetoed by the executive at the time. We have not tracked these in our project; however, we have received feedback that we should be compiling a list of those policies as well.

Moving on to the roster, Ara Pachmayer has graciously agreed to serve as UPC chair for the spring. Thanks, Ara! We'll need to vote her in and will likely do so at the next meeting. I have arranged to meet with the UPC members to get the ball rolling with the committee and will be tasking them to assist with PolicyStat implementation as well as tracking down some of this missing information in our various policies.

We still need to find a CBC chair, and I have not had a chance to reach out to that committee. More on that to come soon.

Eden Donahue has graciously agreed to serve the remainder of Jayne McGuire's term, faculty at large, and we are still looking for a one year replacement for Cindy Moyer's CAHSS seat. Thanks, Eden!

We are currently considering a student for the Parliamentarian and have a good candidate in mind. If you recall, last year Eduardo Cruz, AS President, served as Parliamentarian, so we have precedent. I think this could be a great opportunity for a student and, after all, we are in the business of education, so I like this idea of giving students some real hands-on opportunity in parliamentary procedure.

Okay folks, enjoy the rest of your week and stay cool out there!

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