

University Senate Chair Report
October 13, 2026

Hi Folks,

I hope you enjoyed Lumberjack Weekend and were able to attend some of the events. I hope you also made it to College Colors Day. How about that Advancement kickball team? Congratulations to 2 Legit 2 Kick for winning four years in a row.

Moving on, I'll keep this brief.

We still need to find a Senator willing to serve on the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) as well as a Senator willing to serve as the Constitution and Bylaws Committee/Committee on Committees (CBC/CoC) Chair. We have important work for the CoC, a subcommittee of the CBC chaired by the same person, and I think it's important to find someone dedicated to this type of work. If you recall, at the last meeting, it was suggested during the open forum that we reactivate the Campus Safety and Police Committee, which is tasked with providing oversight for the University Police. The committee was started in 2020 via Senate Resolution and has not been active since 2021, as far as I can tell. The membership is quite large, at +20 members, with 9 subcommittees, making it on par with the size of our University Senate. This is quite unwieldy, and I have suggested (amongst others) that we pare down the membership and subcommittees to make it more manageable. A small group of interested folks is working on those bylaws/membership, and I have reached out to the existing CoC (not a full rostered committee, unfortunately) to inform them of this work. Once we have a good working draft of the revised bylaws, I will send that over to CoC and task them to follow our new policy on committee governance and oversight. Following their review and suggestions, we'll bring it forward to the Senate for approval via resolution. I am dedicated to getting this done in time for our first round of nominations in the spring, so that we may get this committee populated and active. I fully support the original charge and purpose of this committee, and I apologize that we did not get it activated sooner. It was brought to my attention last year that we need to do this, and I let it slip through the cracks.

I hope you have a great week, folks.

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