

What's Happening in Faculty Senate – May 2018

Announcements and actions at the **May** Faculty Senate meeting included the following:

- Information and initial discussion about the Confucius Institute at PSU. This discussion, which evidently encompasses a wide range of views and opinions, will be continued in June
- Information about proposed revisions to the University's information security policy
- Creation of a Task Force to Address Advancement for Non-Tenure-Track Faculty (to look at guidelines for promotion for instructional NTTF)
- A resolution calling for use and analysis of student ratings of instruction (“course evaluations”) to follow best practices and standards of validity such as outlined in the recent [EPC report](#)
- Two new academic programs in CUPA:
 - Master of Nonprofit Leadership
 - Graduate Certificate in Econometric and Data Analysis
- Revision in the list of courses approved to fulfill the undergraduate writing requirements, following from changes in the English Dept. curriculum
- Introduction of a set of proposed amendments to the Faculty Constitution and Senate Bylaws, to remove outdated language, resolve inconsistencies, and bring the wording into accord with current de facto practices
- Annual reports from the following committees: Academic Advising Council, General Student Affairs Committee, Honors Council, Institutional Assessment Council, Intercollegiate Athletics Board, Library Committee, Scholastic Standards Committee, University Studies Council

Anticipated at the **June 4th** meeting (subject to change):

- Continued discussion of the Confucius Institute at PSU
- Discussion of the University's upcoming transition to a new website design
- Information about a proposed (draft) building access control policy
- Information about a (draft) postdoc mentoring plan (something which has now been mandated by the Oregon state legislature)
- Voting on the proposed constitutional and bylaws amendments. Versions of the [Constitution](#) and the [Bylaws](#) with markup showing the effect of the proposed amendments have been posted to the [Faculty Senate](#) website (under Discussion Resources).
- Consideration of two new academic programs:
 - Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Analytics (SB)
 - Undergraduate Minor in American Sign Language (CLAS)
- Nominations and election of Presiding Officer Elect for 2018-19 and two members of Steering Committee; divisional caucuses to choose members of the Committee on Committees
- Annual reports of the following committees: Academic Requirements Committee, Advisory Council, Budget Committee, Educational Policy Committee, Faculty Development Committee, Graduate Council, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee